

VISION

We Dominican Preachers of Adrian
impelled by the Gospel and
outraged by the injustices of our day
seek truth; make peace; reverence life.

Stirred by the Wisdom of God
and rooted in our contemplative prayer,
communal study and life in community,
we challenge heresies of local and global
domination, exploitation, and greed
that privilege some, dehumanize others,
and ravage Earth.

We confront our racist attitudes
and root out racist practices
in our lives and systems.

We confront systems
where women are denied freedom,
equality, and full personhood.

We walk in solidarity with people
who are poor
and challenge structures
that impoverish them.

We practice non-violent peacemaking.

We promote lay leadership
and shared decision-making
for a renewed Church.

We live right relationships with
Earth community.

We claim the communal authority
and responsibility of our
Dominican heritage.

We commit ourselves to live this Vision.

*Adopted at General Chapter of 2004, reaffirmed at
General Chapters of 2010, 2016, and 2022.*



Adrian Dominican Sisters

MISSION

In the mission of Jesus
we Adrian Dominican Sisters
discover and identify ourselves
as women called together
to share faith and life
with one another
and sent into our world
to be with others
bearers and recipients of his love
co-creators of his justice and peace.

Adrian Dominican Constitution and Statutes, 1.6



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GENERAL CHAPTER 2022

Enactments



DOMINICAN VOWED LIFE

We are passionately committed to vowed Dominican life. Trusting in the Spirit and embracing the gift of our charism, we invite women to join us in our call to preach the Gospel.

Strategies:

1. We commit to creating intentional communities of hospitality and mission that can welcome seekers, discerners, and newer members, who are striving to respond to God's call.
2. We will work collaboratively with other Dominican congregations in vocation outreach, formation, ministry, and community living.
3. We will engage in contemplative dialogue with U.S.-based and international Dominican congregations to explore our preferred future of vowed Dominican life.

DIVERSITY

Challenged by the Gospel and outraged by systems that oppress, dehumanize and deny the image of God in each of us and Earth community, we commit to: acknowledge and repent of our complicity in the divisions prevalent in our Church and our world; act to dismantle unjust systems; and build the beloved community in which everyone is cared for, absent of poverty, hunger, and hate.

Strategies:

1. Racism and white supremacy are evils that underlie colonialism, classism, and regionalism, which are systems that oppress and fracture the beloved community. We women of the Gospel/Dominican Preachers call ourselves to be an anti-racist community.
2. As a Congregation, we will walk with vulnerable people on the move in their struggle, working toward systemic change in immigration policy and committing our resources to their needs in various ways including prayer, witness, advocacy, direct service, presence, and education.
3. As a Congregation, we will promote a "new itinerancy" by placing ourselves physically and/or virtually in intercultural communities on the margins where we can live and do mission together.

SUSTAINABILITY

Affirming the urgent need to live in right relationship with Earth community, we commit to address the cry of Earth and the cry of those who are poor by joining the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform.

Strategies:

1. Engage membership in a one-year educational process of the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform focusing on the understanding of integral ecology.
2. Develop and implement a year-to-year plan for the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform.

WOMEN

Valuing human dignity and aware of the injustice of patriarchy which maintains the subordinate status of women and girls throughout the world, we strive to attain gender equality and women's full and equal participation and decision making in Church and society.

Strategies:

1. Awakened to our own complicity in patriarchy, we call one another to engage in study and practices to develop strategies and actions to dismantle this system.
2. Establish a process to engage in collaboration with existing groups and agencies involved in bringing about gender equality and freeing women and girls from patriarchy.
3. Commit to promote and implement the use of inclusive language in our thinking, speaking, writing, preaching, advocating, and praying.

SPIRITUALITY

Living in a time of global chaos and Paschal hope, and rooted in our Dominican tradition, we recognize our spiritual longings and those of the world. We commit to deepening our spirituality, attending to the evolutionary awakening of human consciousness, and living into the transformation to which we are called both personally and communally.

Strategies:

1. Engage in study to grow in our awareness of God's presence in the evolutionary process, expanding our understanding and experience of God.
2. Engage in conversation, such as Awakening Circles, sharing the fruits of the dialogue between theology and science, and our diverse experiences of spirituality with one another and those we encounter.
3. Create and celebrate rituals, common prayer, and liturgical worship, drawing upon the insights of theology, cosmology, the arts, and diverse cultures.

Recommendation of the General Chapter:

*We propose that the General Council
conduct a comprehensive study of
resident life at the Motherhouse campus.*

