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Chapter Commissions



The Chapter opened this week in a spirit of prayerful discernment, continuing its reflection on the realities of our world and the life of the Church in these challenging times.

The guiding question before the capitulants was both simple and profound: What is the Spirit asking of the Society of Mary today — in fidelity to its charism and mission, and in response to the urgent and prophetic needs of our world?

Building on last week's times of prayer and the reports — on education, formation, finance, legislation,

governance, the integrated commissions, the unit reports, and the Superior General's report — the assembly worked to identify the Society's key priorities for the years ahead. Inspired by the model of the first disciples, this synodal process seeks to discern how Marists can continue to serve the Church with renewed vision and generosity.

After time for personal prayer and group dialogue, five central areas emerged as the focus of the Chapter: *Governance and Leadership, Marist Mission Today, Communion for Mission, Lay Partners and Formation*

To bring these priorities to life, commissions were established. Their members are entrusted with the task of study, dialogue, and proposing pathways that will inspire and guide the future direction of the Society. The members of the commissions are:

Marist Mission Today: Gerard Hall, Joe Hurtuk, Mervyn Duffy, Lionel Mechavez, Donato Kivi, Kevin Medilo, Pat Breeze, Jim Duffy.

Formation: Thilo Saft, Martin Simna, Kevin Duffy, Albert Kabala, Renivaldo de Souza, Kevin Redmond, Ben McKenna, Setefano Mataele.

Communion for Mission: John Larsen, Jacques Arguin, Jean-Marie Bloqueau, Joe Hindelang, Aisake Vaisima, Mario Béland, Kevin Mowbray, Petero Matairatu.

Lay Partners: Martin McAnaney, Serenia Madigibuli, Tim Duckworth, Juan Carlos Piña, Saúl González, Milikiade Rayalu, Daniel Fernandez, Anne-Marie Salgo, John Hannan.

Governance and Leadership: Pat Brophy, José Maria da Silva, Declan Marmion, John Harhager, Tony Kennedy, David Sánchez, 'Ekuasi Manu.

These commissions carry a mandate of hope: to bring fresh insight, creative energy, and faithful courage that will help orient the Society of Mary in the years to come. Their work will offer inspiration and direction to the new General Administration, and encouragement for everyone.

