

RECOMMENDATION: CORPORATE REFLECTION GROUPS

History of the Corporate Reflection Groups

Corporate Reflection Groups were affirmed in the 1993 General Chapter and articulated in the 1993 Chapter Document in the following text:

Corporate Reflection Groups will be formed for these purposes:

1. To meet regularly in a spirit of faith in order to reflect on our life and mission, to discern and respond to Congregational issues, to encourage and challenge one another.
2. To provide linkage between individuals, local communities, and General Government.
3. To support one another in our efforts to place our ministries within the context of our mission, to discover how we are called to respond to the needs of the world.
4. To offer each member an opportunity to participate in a governance/community relationship and to facilitate involvement in the life of the Congregation.

The Chapter recommends that:

1. Corporate Reflection Groups of approximately 6-12 members be formed.
2. The formation of these groups be delegated to the General Government.
3. The possibility of these groups functioning as a unit of governance be explored.

From the 2003 Chapter Acts:

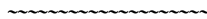
CRG's provide a governance structure that offers each member of the Congregation an opportunity to participate in the communion of the members in purposeful ways, including discernment related to congregational life and mission

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In a spirit of obedience, every sister will participate in a Corporate Reflection Group as far as her personal circumstances allow, informing her contact person on the Leadership Team of her choice of CRG.

From the 2008 Chapter Acts – Current Governance Practices - #9

The Corporate Reflection Groups will continue as a structure of governance. Every sister will participate in a Corporate Reflection Group as far as her personal circumstances allow, information her contact person on the Leadership Team of her choice of CGR.



Suggested Adaptations to be considered at the 2018 Chapter regarding Corporate Reflection Groups

As our congregational demographics shift, it serves us well to consider changing the membership of corporate reflection groups periodically so that members of the congregation have the opportunity to hear new voices and diverse thinking within the congregation. The Chapter Planning Committee suggests that every five years, the opportunity is given and encouraged for all members to change the CRG to which they belong. To simplify the process, papers will be posted at the first congregational meeting following Chapter so that all members have the opportunity to register in a new Corporate Reflection Group.