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Prot. MG 39/21

Re: creation of two regional Delegations for the missions.

Communication to all Little Missionary Sisters of Charity

Dearest Sisters!

“Love also impels us towards universal communion. No one can mature or find fulfilment by withdrawing from others. By its very nature, love calls for growth in openness and the ability to accept others as part of a continuing adventure that makes every periphery converge in a greater sense of mutual belonging” (FT 95).

The words of Pope Francis are very inspiring in this historical moment in which we are walking more and more in the "globalization". Nevertheless, at the same time and almost paradoxically, the individualities and the strengthening of local ethnic groups and cultures are also strongly highlighted... But still remains essential the evangelical principle that strength is in unity, in communion and in bringing together the richness of diversities in order to make a beautiful, meaningful and incisive body, overcoming one's own borders and the tendency to isolation.

The *“need to transcend our own limitations also applies to different regions and countries.... In the dynamics of history, and in the diversity of ethnic groups, societies and cultures, we see the seeds of a vocation to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another” (FT 96).* This is valid especially for religious Communities and Congregations, who are permanently enriched by internationality and interculturality.

Today the prophecy is that of communion and the integration of diversity.

With this spirit, after reflecting and praying, after evaluating the realities, the experiences and the growth, the development and even the difficulties, of the three missionary Vice-Delegations created *“ad experimentum”* in 2016, the General Council approved unanimously the reorganization of these missions, in accordance with the following indications present in the **Constitutions Art. 140 - Regional Delegation:**

A group of Communities outside the Province can form a Regional Delegation, led by a Regional Superior who immediately depends on the Superior general and her Council.

Therefore, in the Council gathering of 9-10 July 2021, the **creation of two regional missionary Delegations** was unanimously approved:

- **Regional Delegation “Our Lady of Hope”**, including all the Communities present in Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Togo and Mozambique.
- **The English-speaking Regional Delegation “Mother of the Divine Providence”** including all the Communities present in Kenya, Tanzania and Philippines.

The Council will appoint the respective Regional Superiors and Councils which will be regulated according to the Constitutions Art. 222 (Erection of a Delegation), Art. 223 (Regional Superior and Council), Art. 224 (Faculties and duties), Art. 225 (Delegation Assembly) and Art. 226 (Right to participate in the General Chapter).

The Regional Delegation will come into force

on December 8th, 2021.

The appointment of the respective Regional Superiors and Councils will be published at the right moment.

The English-speaking **Regional Delegation** will have a specific organization and governance structure that will safeguard, on one side, unity and belonging to the only regional Delegation "*Mother of Divine Providence*". On the other side, it will respect and implement the cultural diversities present in Africa and Asia.



We thank the Lord who, in his Divine Providence, keeps carrying forward the little "*boat*" of our Congregation, and we entrust these new realities to the intercession of St. Luigi Orione. May this new step of growth help us in witnessing the charism and spirituality of the LMSC with more and more coherence, maturity and apostolic enthusiasm, in the bosom of the Church and in the midst of the poor.

May Mary, Our Lord of Hope and Mother of Divine Providence, look upon us with love and bless us.

Together with the General Councillors, I greet you and let us remain united in prayer.



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Rome, Generalate House, September 13th, 2021.