

# Assemblies for the Lasallian Educational Mission

A letter from the Superior General

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**To: Brother Visitors, Auxiliary Visitors, Presidents of Delegations.**

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Dear Brother Visitor,

In the past months, many Districts have organized a Mission Assembly. We encourage you in your effort to adapt your District structures to this new reality of our educational mission. Some of you have raised questions regarding the need for possible approval of the Documents of a Mission Assembly. We have noticed that Districts have different practices in this regard.

The General Council has considered this question during their session of September 17th, 2008. With this letter we want to provide you with some guidelines regarding the procedure to follow:

1. A Mission Assembly should take place BEFORE a District Chapter.
2. Similar to the process of the 44th General Chapter following the *International Assembly of the Mission and Association* of 2006, the District Chapter that follows the Mission Assembly will make its own study of the results of the Assembly and integrate them in its work.
3. After the District Chapter has taken place, the Brother Visitor sends to Brother Superior the documents of the Mission Assembly **and** of the District Chapter, with the view of obtaining approval of the acts of the District Chapter.
4. The approval, which is prepared by both Brother Superior and the Brother General Councillor for the Region, applies to the District Chapter which has integrated the work of the Mission Assembly, it does not apply to the Assembly as such.
5. Nevertheless, the Brother General Councillor for the Region will submit some remarks and comments on the mission Assembly to the Brother Visitor, after consulting with the Secretary for the Educational Mission in Rome and/or any other Secretariat concerned by themes raised at the Assembly.
6. The Regional Mission Assemblies are meetings for sharing, fostering, and giving orientations for the mission. Their final documents will be sent to the Secretariat for the Lasallian Educational Mission in Rome, for information.

This letter is an opportunity for us to strongly encourage the Districts that do not yet have a participative Mission council (a structure in which Lay partners and Brothers participate) to set it up. The 43rd General Chapter in the year 2000 already urged us to do so [1]. The International Assembly of 2006, in its turn, insisted on that. [2]

We hope this letter will allow all of us to follow clear and common procedures. Be assured that our Services and Secretariats in Rome are available to help you in the animation of your District. May the Lord bless your persons, all those who work with you in the Lasallian Educational Mission and the young who are entrusted to the care of the Lasallians of your District.

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and the Brothers of the General Council

[1] Circular 447. The Documents of the 43rd General Chapter. Proposition 5.

[2] Report on the International Assembly 2006. p. 39, n°8,1.