**OUTLINE OF DISCERNMENT AND ELECTION PROCESS - CHAPTER 2020**

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The process outlined below was presented and affirmed at our recent Assemblies. This process keeps the reflection and discernment of election within the Communal Discernment Process and provides for honest and respectful dialogue among the vowed members for the Chapter.

**STEPS IN THE PROCESS**

1. Calling forth of names to be placed in nomination
2. First calling during March, April, May Assemblies
3. No lists posted until all Assemblies have been completed
4. A compiled list from all assemblies sent to congregation after the last assembly in May 2020
5. Second calling during the Chapter of Affairs
6. Names from second calling added to existing list
7. Those nominated may not withdraw their names at this time
8. Nominee Presentations at the beginning of the Chapter of Election
9. Each nominee speaks briefly to the Chapter Body including her availability for leadership and position(s) for which she may be considered.
10. A sister may withdraw her name at this time.
11. Home Table Conversation
12. Home tables discuss the nominees sharing the names of those they would like to consider along with the gifts, competencies and qualities they see in them.
13. Each table affirms the names of those they wish to take forward to the Consensus Table
14. After names are affirmed, concerns, if any, may be raised regarding them.
15. Consensus Table Conversation
16. Each sister at the Consensus Table shares the list of names from her Home Table, together with gifts, competencies, qualities and concerns
17. After all have shared, the Consensus Table develops a list of 5 to 8 sisters they wish to be considered for elected leadership
18. Those names receiving total consensus are written individually on Green Post-it and placed on a public wall
19. Those names receiving a majority are written individually on a Purple Post-it and placed on a public wall
20. Names will remain on the public wall for a short time allowing the Chapter Body to view the names
21. The purpose of the wall posting is to provide a sense of the movement of the Whole—that is, what names seem to be rising from the Whole. Note – **this process does not eliminate anyone on the nominee list.**
22. The Election
23. In the event that there is not a sufficient slate to proceed with the election, all those who have been nominated will be asked to reconsider their availability in order to increase the number of nominees
24. Each sister is elected individually by secret ballot beginning with the Congregational Minister
25. The Associate Minister is elected second, followed by each Councilor
26. Those elected are asked if they will accept the election results
27. If a sister elected does not accept the election results, another election will take place.