

### Survey of Membership IFC-TOR

The current listed membership in IFC-TOR is 224 congregations, in the last 5 years the number of members who have either paid dues, come to meetings or have had any communication with IFC-TOR is about 144. Since no communication is received from the others, it is impossible to know: 1) if they still exist; 2) who composes the current administration team; 3) if they want to continue to be members.

		Yes	No
1.	The current statutes state that a member congregation stays a member until the minister general sends a letter to disenroll. Should this be changed at the next assembly to place these non-participating members into an inactive listing and only use the active listing for communications?		
	Comments:		
2.	The IFC-TOR website contains a large amount of resources from past years. These resources can be accessed by anyone using the website	/	/
	Were you aware of these resources on the website?		
	Do you and/or your sisters utilize these resources?		
	Do you feel that these resources are useful?		
	Comments:		
3.	At the last assembly, there was a great emphasis on wanting the IFC-TOR to provide for formation. However, no specifics were given.	/	/
	Do you feel that there are already adequate resources available for formation from sources other than IFC-TOR? If so from where are they available (answer in comments below).		
	Do you feel that there is a need for IFC-TOR to develop additional resources?		
	Comments:		
	If you feel there is a need for additional resources, please rank the <b>two</b> most important areas and ones that you would like to see developed by IFC-TOR	/	/
		<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>
	Initial formation – information on vows as lived today as a Franciscan		
	Initial formation on Third Order Rule – history		
	Initial formation on Third Order Rule – meaning and interpretation		

	On-going formation – living the third order rule in light of the present reality		
	On-going formation – Keeping balance in religious life as a Franciscan		
	On-going formation – Franciscan discernment		
	Leadership – how can the qualities of Francis guide leadership within congregations in today’s world		
	Leadership – Upholding Franciscan values in our complex society while balancing the duties of leadership		
	Leadership – forum for sharing ideas and concerns – an open resource sharing platform		
	Comments:		

4. It was obvious at the last meeting that there is a need to rewrite sections of the by-laws since a few items are no longer feasible given the numbers in the conference and the availability of leadership to serve. We will need to **establish a committee to propose new statutes** that will be distributed to the members and voted on at the next assembly.

5. With fewer numbers of congregations registered in the conference and fewer still who support it through dues or donations on a regular basis, it is important to **set up an investment committee to review the investments** and to research means of obtaining additional funding through fundraising and development.

6. Since many communities have not responded for many years, there is a need to seek out ways to reach these communities to see if they would like to remain members. There are also many third order regular communities who may never have heard of IFC-TOR and may appreciate sharing the resources of the conference. Therefore, we would also like to **set up a recruitment committee to find new ways to reach out to these congregations for active participation in the conference.**

In order for us to move forward on the above- mentioned areas, we need people to work on committees to plan and formulate the programs. Please name a sister/brother or brothers/sisters from your congregation who would be willing to help by being on a committee. The committee members need not present the material but will make suggestions and contact people who could present the material for the resources.

Meetings would be held by ZOOM or, if possible, in person.

Congregation Name \_\_\_\_\_ IFC-TOR # \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Email	Language(s) Spoken	Willing to serve on Committee for:					
			Initial Formation	On-Going Formation	Leadership	Statutes	Investment	Recruitment

The survey should be returned via email to: [secretary@ifc-tor.org](mailto:secretary@ifc-tor.org)

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