

**Composition of the General Chapter 2010  
as approved by Chapter 2005**

*Ex Officio* Delegates

<b>General Council</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Regional for Africa</b>	<b>1</b>

The voting areas in Europe and the Americas shall elect 7 delegates distributed as follows:

<b>Dutch Region</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>British Region</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Irish Region</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>German Speaking Region</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>North America</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>South America</b>	<b>1</b>

Voting in Africa shall elect 3 delegates as follows:

<b>East Africa</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cameroon</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sudan, South Africa and DRC will be represented by the Regional for Africa</b>	

Voting in Asia shall elect 4 delegates as follows:

<b>Philippines, Malaysia</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>India</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>New Zealand</b>	<b>1</b>

The Formation Staffs in all Formation Centres will elect 1 delegate from among themselves.

The co-opted members of the Chapter shall number 2.

2 students in temporary or Perpetual Membership will be chosen by the students in the respective 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle Centres as Observers.

2 Observers will be chosen by the General Council. (NB The General Council will ensure that one of the Observers will be a representative of the Associates.)

<b>Total</b>	<b>26 (22 delegates and 4 Observers)</b>
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## Procedure for the Election of Chapter Delegates

1. The electoral process begins on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009 and is to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009.
2. Each voting area has its electoral roll consisting of all members who on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009 have been appointed to that area and any other members who have been assigned to the voting area by the General Council because of their special missionary circumstances. The electoral roll must be verified by the General Council before it is sent out to the members of the relevant voting area. This roll holds good for each round of voting irrespective of any changes of appointments that make take place during the election.
3. “For the election of a delegate to the General Chapter, each Perpetual Member has an active and passive vote.” (C59)
4. “The election shall consist of three ballots. After the first ballot, the number of nominees is reduced on the basis of the highest number of votes obtained, to three times the number of delegates to be elected, and after the second ballot to twice the number of delegates to be elected.” (D60)
5. The election officers are appointed by the General Council for each voting unit and are bound to secrecy regarding the way individual members cast their votes.
6. “A Member exercises his active vote by sending it in a sealed envelope or by email to the election officers appointed in each Region and Area. On the ballot paper or email, he writes the name of the Mission, or the Region or Area to which he belongs and the name(s) of the Delegate(s) he chooses. The runner(s)-up shall be the substitute(s) of elected delegate(s). The ballot paper is dated and signed by the voter, except where an email is sent from a personal address.” (D61)
7. It is the responsibility of the election officers:
  - a) To see to it that each voting member is supplied with an Electoral Roll and ballot papers;
  - b) To fix a date by which all the votes should be in their possession. Any vote arriving after that date will not to be considered;
  - c) To examine the votes and determine the delegates and their substitutes according to this procedure;
  - d) To ask those receiving the highest number of votes after each round, in conformity with No. 4 above, whether they are willing to stand for the next round of voting;
  - e) To communicate the election results to the General Council and to the electorate without delay at the conclusion of the election;
  - f) To destroy the ballot papers and delete relevant emails, after allowing a reasonable amount of time for the results to be made known to the electorate and to the General Council.