

## **Missionary Families of Christ**

### **SENIORS ASSEMBLY**

Seniors<sup>1</sup> are the following:

- 1) The Servant General, Country Servants,<sup>2</sup> Area Servants and Chapter Servants
- 2) Members of the Int'l Body of Counselors (IBC)
- 3) Members of the Servant Council and Area Councils
- 4) Region Coordinators and Country Coordinators
- 5) Zone Coordinators and Area Coordinators
- 6) MFC Section<sup>3</sup> Coordinators
- 7) Overall heads of functional groups<sup>4</sup>

In MFC areas,<sup>5</sup> the seniors come together in a monthly<sup>6</sup> prayer assembly involving all the above plus the following:<sup>7</sup>

- Spouses of seniors
- Full-time pastoral workers
- Former seniors<sup>8</sup>
- Strategic individuals<sup>9</sup>
  - Major parish leaders (PPC head, BEC head, etc.)
  - Heads or major leaders of parish religious groups

Attendance at the Seniors Assembly is a must for all the above. The purpose of the Seniors Assembly is the following:

- 1) To provide a communal support environment for seniors.<sup>10</sup>
- 2) To help strengthen our overall life and mission.
- 3) To provide a venue for fellowship and networking among seniors.<sup>11</sup>

The following, not formally a part of the Seniors Assembly, can attend as guests.

- Members coming from outside the territory, both local and from abroad.
- Diocesan Liaisons and Parish Liaisons.

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<sup>1</sup> Formerly called "elders."

<sup>2</sup> The Country Servant is the overall head of a country.

<sup>3</sup> MFC Sections are Couples, Young Couples, Handmaids, Servants, Singles, Youth and Kids.

<sup>4</sup> Home Office, PFO, etc.

<sup>5</sup> In Metro Manila there are 4 areas but only one Seniors Assembly.

<sup>6</sup> It may be less frequent than monthly at the discretion of the Servant Council.

<sup>7</sup> These persons are not considered "seniors" though they are included in the Seniors Assembly.

<sup>8</sup> Those who are no longer serving as seniors not because of their own transgression. Such former seniors may opt not to be a part of the Seniors Assembly.

<sup>9</sup> These individuals may opt not to be a part of the Seniors Assembly.

<sup>10</sup> The Seniors Assembly is normally a regular prayer assembly. However, its content and format may be adapted to whatever will be helpful at that time for the seniors. For example, there could be an extended teaching, or a video presentation, or a "town hall" type of interactive meeting, etc.

<sup>11</sup> It is up to individuals to fellowship and network before and after the assembly itself.

Heads of our parish MFC groups.<sup>12</sup>

Others as cleared by the Chapter Servant or Area Servant.

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<sup>12</sup> This is the top leader, not yet a senior, of MFC in a parish. If we have just one household, then it is the Household Servant. If one unit, it is the Unit Servant.