

## **Missionary Families of Christ SENIORS ASSEMBLY**

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

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

In MFC areas,<sup>6</sup> the seniors come together regularly<sup>7</sup> in a Seniors Assembly involving all the above plus the following:<sup>8</sup>

- \* Spouses of seniors
- \* Full-time pastoral workers
- \* Former seniors<sup>9</sup>
- \* Strategic individuals<sup>10</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.<sup>11</sup> The purpose of the Seniors Assembly is the following:

- 1) To provide an added communal support environment for seniors.<sup>12</sup>
- 2) To help inspire seniors and so strengthen our overall life and mission.

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

<sup>2</sup> The IBC includes Continent Coordinators and Diaspora Coordinators.

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

<sup>4</sup> Both national and area.

<sup>5</sup> Home Office, PFO, etc.

<sup>6</sup> In Metro Manila there are 4 areas but only one Seniors Assembly.

<sup>7</sup> The prayer assembly may be monthly or less frequent, at the discretion of the Servant Council or Area Council.

<sup>8</sup> These persons are not considered seniors though they are included in the Seniors Assembly.

<sup>9</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>10</sup> These are MFC members who have key top Church services. They may opt not to be a part of the Seniors Assembly.

<sup>11</sup> Except for those of #10 who opt not to join.

<sup>12</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.

3) To provide a venue for fellowship and networking among seniors.<sup>13</sup>

The following, not formally a part of the Seniors Assembly, can be invited to attend as guests.<sup>14</sup>

- \* MFC leaders coming from outside the territory, both local and from abroad.
- \* MFC diocesan Liaisons.
- \* LCSC diocesan coordinators.
- \* Others as cleared by the Chapter Servant or Area Servant.

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<sup>13</sup> It is up to individuals to fellowship and network before and after the assembly itself.

<sup>14</sup> There might be times when the Seniors Assembly is restricted only to members, as when sensitive community matters are to be taken up.