

VOLUNTAS DEI INSTITUTE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

2014-2018

The proposals unanimously approved at the 2014 District Assembly are adopted as the strategic guide and goals for the USA District-2-14-2018.

I. MISSION AND VISION

TEAM MISSION

That the United States District of the Voluntas Dei Institute live out its mission of “Creating Peace and Brotherhood in Jesus Christ” by engaging in apostolic works that offer a unique expression of its vision and spirituality in addition to ongoing individual ministries

RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS

That the United States District of the Voluntas Dei Institute expand its efforts to increase public awareness of its existence and ministries.

BUILDING VOLUNTAS DEI INSTITUTE

That the United States District of the Voluntas Dei Institute continue to seek creative ways and procedures to strengthen the Voluntas Dei Institute and develop ways and methods of inviting new members to the Institute

BUILDING INCLUSIVITY

That the United States District strive to reflect in its committees and projects the diversity of its membership with its gifts, skills, talents, and charisms

II. FORMATION

CLERICAL AND LAY FORMATION

That the USA District create and communicate a clear formation process and structures for its members, according to their status (Married couples, lay single members, persons spiritually affiliated, seminarians/clergy, and all in ongoing formation).

TEAM FORMATION

That the USA District shall develop and improve its communication and sharing of important information regarding team focused formation among its members in all stages of formation.

III. SPIRITUALITY

TEAM MEETINGS

That an effort be given to understanding and sharing of best practices so that team meetings can be spent in quality time of prayer, reflection, and relationship-building. It is proposed that team facilitators meet on a regular basis and all members meet periodically to discuss best practices of team meetings.

REGIONAL GATHERINGS AND CONGRESSES

So that the national and sector meetings be a time for spiritual growth:

- It is proposed that different types of spiritual activities be part of regional gatherings and congresses.
- In regard to prayer times, it is proposed that more time for private reflection, sharing and prayer be part of our gatherings
- In regard to management of gatherings, it is proposed that the schedule reflect a balance between talks, discussion, prayer and free time.
- In regard to liturgical prayer, it is proposed that our prayer life be very much at the center of our communal activities and be a shared responsibility

DAILY LIFE

To help members develop their personal spirituality within the Institute and better understand our witness with our daily words, actions and deeds of who we are as Voluntas Dei members, it is proposed that team meeting lessons and talks at regional gatherings address topics related to our daily life.

IV. STRUCTURES PROPOSALS

ANNUAL MEETING AND SECTOR STRUCTURES

The District continue to improve the quality and effectiveness of our annual meeting and the sector structures with and attention to increasing new membership by having the council establish a committee to: (a) clarify expectation for attendance at meetings, (b) explore contemporary means of communication, and (c) state clearly a policy to grant subsidies to members in need of assistance so that they may attend such meetings.

COMMUNICATION

The Council identify the official means of communication by which it will provide timely and comprehensive information to the membership with regard to major decision affecting the members.

RECEPTION INTO NEXT STEPS

The District follow the general norm for having people received into next steps in the Institute at the annual Congress. However, when there is good reason, a person (s) may be moved on to next steps at the level of the team meeting with the approval of the Director in consult with his council