

Commission of Elected Leaders

The Commission of Elected Leaders provides a forum for leaders to deepen their TOR charism in light of their role as minister-leader.

Responsibilities of the Commission of Elected Leaders (CEL)

- Meet the particular needs of elected leaders in their role as congregational guardians and animators of the charism as determined by the Commission;
- Assist the National Office in keeping current the membership roster of each Congregation;
- Ensure that congregational leaders appoint one of its congregational members to the Steering Committees of appropriate regions;
- Assure Federation communication within their respective congregation;
- Approve the annual report of the President;
- Carry out the reserved powers stated in Bylaws.

Executive Committee of the Commission of Elected Leaders (ECCEL)

- The Executive Committee coordinates CEL work and animates the Commission.
- They communicate with the members of the CEL and the National Board.
- Establish a Nomination and Election Process.
- Keep Membership Roster current.
- Review the Financial Report with the Treasurer.
- Review Bylaws annually.

Current members of the Executive Committee are: Sr. Theresa Darga OSF (Chairperson), Sr. Marie Puleo MFIC, Sr. Margaret Mary Kimmins OSF, Sr. Mary Jo Mattes OSF and Fr. Frank Scornaienchi TOR, Sr Dianne Kaimann OSF (Interim Executive Director), Sr. Peggy Quinn OSF (Liaison from Dare to Image).

The Commission of Elected Leaders calls on all of their congregations to support the following Franciscan Federation Resolution for 2015.

Be it resolved that we, as persons of faith in relationship with all of Creation, and in a privileged position of faith leadership within our society as members of the Franciscan Federation, are called to personal and communal reflection that leads to action to sustain our one planet Earth, so that all persons may share in the generous gifts of Earth provided by our Creator and Sustainer God. Climate change, especially those changes caused by human ignorance, indifference and greed, calls us to be prophets of change – to act in prophetic ways to halt human-induced abuse of Earth's resources that are given to be shared by all. As followers of St. Francis of Assisi we are called to right relationship with our Sister Mother Earth, our home.