

**TO REGIONAL PRESIDENTS, ALL LOCAL
LEADERS AND ALL LAY VERNIAN PEOPLE.**

5TH LAY VERNIAN ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

Dear association responsible people and all vernian people,

We are very near the great quadrennial appointment which will happen at the end of 2019: the 5th General Assembly of our association.

The 5th October 2018 General Council is already working to face the logistic and organizational aspects of such a relevant event.

The *Association Statute*, in art. 4.4 and the *Regulations of the General Assembly*, at p.1.1, our guidelines posted on the “laiciverniani.net” site, remind us that the Assembly has the task of

- **to choose the General president and four Counsellors, the first of which will be Vice President.**
- **Examine the association life.**
- **Elaborate the quadriennial programme.**

So said, according to the Regulations (point 3.2) and to the Statute (Art 8) and with the General Council itself,

**I ANNOUNCE
THE LAICI VERNIANI ASSOCIATION 5TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

WHICH WILL START ON OCTOBER 24TH, THURSDAY AT NOON, IN ROME, AT THE “CASA DI SPIRITUALITA” IN VIA DI VALCANNUTA 200, AND WILL FINISH ON OCTOBER 27TH, SUNDAY, AFTER LUNCH.

The leitmotiv which will animate these days will be:

“ To make the seed of hope and faith grow in the times in which we live”.

A similar subject has guided the Congregation in their recent General Chapter (July-August 2018)

As is already known, “**members with right**” will participate (President, General Counsellors and Regional Presidents) and “**elected members**”, chosen at the Regional Assemblies, and “**listeners**”. (ST Art 4.4 and Regulations p2.1 and 2.2)

Every Vernian Region has the right to have **one** elected member.

The **Piamonte, Calabria and Argentina** regions have the right to have **two** elected members, based on the dispositions of the Regulations:

2.1 Vernian Lay elected members are chosen in each region through regular elections. Each region has the right to have at least one elected member, who undertakes participation at the General Assembly. The region which has more than 50 lay people will be able to have a second member assigned, with the approval of the President and the Council. The elected members can't be more than two per each Region.

The regional delegate/s election must occur at least three months before the Assembly. In the lay vernian person renounces, the member who has obtained the highest number in relation to the others will be elected.

When voting, que majority is counted based on the number of assisting electors. The names of those chosen must be communicated immediately to the General President.

2.2 Listeners. *People admitted as listeners may be present at the Plenary Assembly, at study groups, according to what the General Assembly determines. They cannot be present at the time of elections.*

They can speak out their opinions. They have no voice, neither active nor passive.

The main actors in this preparatory phase are the Regional presidents (who have received a separate letter).

Due to operativity (e.g., the sending of summoning letters to elected members abroad), the General Council vividly urges the election of regional delegates AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, before and not after April 15th, 2019.

At the same time, it is very important that the **questionnaire**, compiled by all vernian groups be sent to the Regional President, from him to the General President or to the General Secretary or Sister Maria Mori(for those in swahili), at the established date of March 15th, 2019.

Regional Presidents will communicate the names of the Listeners expected (companions or other lay vernians interested in participating) to the General President or the General Secretary, in order to make booking arrangements for rooms in Valcannuta.

The general Assembly is “sovereign” and will have, first and foremost, the difficult task of formulating an operative programme, for four years, adequate to present times.

Past experience reminds us that the best prepared Assemblies have been those which have had best fruits. Thus, we we are committed in this ponderous organizative phase, from the ones responsible to ALL LAY PEOPLE in each group.

Adequate spiritual preparation and prayer must accompany us during the previous months in order to have a good result from the Assembly.

With the hope that the “seed of hope and faith” guide our labours and animate and revive our future Association, I greet you on the name of the Council.

For the General Council
Mario V.Trombetta

All Regional Presidents and Group Leaders are asked to acknowlede the present document receipt.