



Lay Claretian Movement. General Secretary
IX General Assembly of the Lay Claretian Movement
2nd letter. March 5th, 2015

Dear sisters and brothers:

I send you the second the second letter of the IX General Assembly that will take place in Granada (Spain) from 16th to 25th July.

Place of the assembly

We remind that the IX GA will be celebrated in:

Casa de Espiritualidad Sierra Nevada (Old Hotel del Duque)

<http://www.casadeespiritualidadsierranevada.es/>.

Participation Criteria (Statutes num. 18)

Persons with voice and vote rights

- The members of the General Council
- 1 elected delegate of each Regional Council.
- 1 elected delegate of each admitted community¹, 2 if the community has 20 or more members.

Persons with voice right but no vote.

- The regional religious advisors.
- 1 delegate per group under discernment.

Guests²

- Delegates' spouses.
- Advisors of groups without region.
- Other members of the regional councils.
- Other Lay Claretian people who wish to attend, but may be previously applied for and accepted by the General Council³. The appliance needs to be backed by their original region or, in other case, by their community.
- Members of the Claretian Family who wish to attend, but may be previously applied for and accepted by the General Council. The appliance needs to be backed by their original community.
- Other people determined by the General Council.
- **All of the invited people have to fulfill the appliance form and send to the Movement General Secretariat before April 15th except those invited specifically by the General Council.**
- **Although the house has a huge accommodation capacity, the limit of the plenary hall is 70 people. That's why the invited people appliance needs to be under the availability of vacancies after assembly delegates inscription process.**

Registration

- In relation with the participation criteria registration forms have been attached to the present letter.
- They must be sent to the next email address ixasambleageneral@seglaresclaretianos.org or 9ga@seglaresclaretianos.org
- In the different regions, the correspondent councils must send altogether the registration forms. **There will not admitted individual registration for individual lay claretian persons who belong to a region.**

¹If any admitted group cannot send any participant to the General Assembly, they can delegate their vote on other admitted lay claretian, according to applicable standards 18.1.; 18.2; 18.3. That delegation have to be communicated to the IX Assembly Secretariat at least one month in advance to the start

²All of the guests have to pay for the established fee, except in those cases of guests from General Council initiative.



Visa

In case you need a visa to enter in Spain we recommend you to send the registration form as soon as possible, including all of the necessary data to be in the invitation letter, if needed.

Languages

We remind that Spanish and English will be the official languages of the Assembly. All of the documents will be released in both languages. Simultaneous translation will be available. For any specific needs in other languages, please contact the Assembly Secretariat: ixasambleageneral@seglaresclaretianos.org o 9ga@seglaresclaretianos.org

Assembly price

After the strong economical difficulties detected in the last months, the General Council hold in the United States in November 2014 decided to reduce the prices of the IX General Assembly. The cost difference will be defrayed by the Movement general.

- Europe: 450 € per participant.
- Rest of the world: 350 € per participant.

This price does not include transportation expenses, which must be paid by each participant.

Despite this price reduction any delegate have economic difficulties to attend, please contact straight to the economical secretary (secretaria.economia@seglaresclaretianos.org) and each particular situation will be studied.

Additional information about transportation and accomodation.

Extended information about different airports and transportation alternatives are attached to the current letter.

If anyone needs accommodation in the previous or later dates to the assembly it needs to be communicated in the registration mail, indicating the exact dates.

Children participation.

There will be spaces and activities prepared for the participants' children. It's necessary to write the age to address appropriated activities to them.

Previous Works

Deepening process

As we wrote in the previous letter, the VII General Assembly celebrated in Aparecida (Brazil) in 2011, proposed to start a deepening process in the identity and the movement organization. As a fruit of it, a designated team by the General Council has been working for several months and has released a document that will be delivered to all of the regions and groups as reference and work frame for the next letter. As a result a questionnaire about identity and organization will be distributed not only to all of the members of the movement but also to the whole claretian family and also to close laypeople.

IX General Assembly Regulations.

Please find attached regulations draft for the IX GA to be revised and possible improvement proposals that need to be sent before May 30th. The final regulations will be approved at the beginning of the assembly.

A warm regard in Mary's Heart in the name of the General Council,

Constantino Rodríguez
General Secretary.