

DSI and member Congregations

The mission of Dominican congregations throughout the world is strengthened by means of:

***collaboration
communication
networking***

This is fostered among Dominican sisters through *DSI assemblies, newsletters, websites, e-communications* across and beyond national borders. The proper allocation of the *DSI Solidarity Fund* is a financial support for collaborative programs and projects of the Dominican congregations in developing countries.

If you would like to make a contribution to the *DSI Solidarity Fund* or communicate with a Dominican Sister in another country, please contact the *DSI* office at dsi@curia.op.org

www.dsiop.org



How Dominican sisters see DSI:

"*DSI* is an open space of the Dominican women, an intercongregational space... I also think of it as a theological space."
Sr. Antonietta Potente

"The experience we share in *DSI* brings richness to our poverty."
A participant in a DSI course

"I truly value the existence of *DSI* and its way of animating... I think that it has to continue to create networks, and mission projects in collaboration."
A participant in a DSI course

"I am happy to be in connection with the international community through *DSI*."
Sr. Patricia Simpson

"*DSI* is a community, it is like a family."
Sr. Cecilia Espenilla

"I think that it will help all the members of the Dominican Family to learn more about the apostolic sisters."
Sr. Geneviève Larcher

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What is DSI

Do you know that there are about 27,000 Dominican Sisters throughout 100 countries in the world?

Each Dominican Sister is represented in a movement that began in 1995 called Dominican Sisters International.

DSI is an international movement among Dominican Sisters of apostolic life, founded in Rome by 80 Prioresses General, in order to support one another in living out the Dominican charism and to promote the identity as women preachers.

Releasing the Fullness of our Preaching Another World is Possible by:

MAKING the Dominican charism more relevant in today's world by promoting the formation of the identity of women preachers, by discovering different forms of preaching and by engaging in common study projects.

STRENGTHENING the communication, networking and formation in technology.

CULTIVATING a concrete commitment to the Millennium Development Goals, particularly to promote gender equality and to empower women (3), reduce child mortality (4), achieve universal primary education (2), improve maternal health (5), ensure environmental sustainability (7), and develop a global partnership for development (8).

STRENGTHENING Dominican Volunteers International (DVI), collaborating with the International Commission on Preaching and promoting intercongregational experiences among Dominican Sisters and among different members of the Dominican Family.

Structure

Representatives of 160 congregations of Dominican Sisters gather every three years for the **DSI General Assembly** to set the goals and directions for the following triennial and to select the **DSI Coordinating Council**. The implementation of these goals is the work of the Coordinating Council which is composed of the **International Coordinator** (elected every six years) and five **Regional Coordinators** representing the five regions of Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and North America.

Will you join in promoting the goals of DSI?

Sr. Maria Fabiola Velásquez Maya
International Coordinator



Coordinating Council (from left to right):
Sr. Cecilia Espenilla, Sr. Irene Díaz,
Sr. Patricia Simpson, Sr. M. Fabiola Velásquez M.,
Sr. Sara Böhmer, Sr. Michael Mdluli

To contact the coordinator for your region, please e-mail dsi@curia.op.org

DSI Collaboration

To promote the purpose and goals of DSI, sisters are appointed to collaborative positions by the International Coordinator with the approval of the Coordinating Council. One sister currently serves as co-director, along with a friar, of **Dominican Volunteers International (DVI)**, and is a member of the Commission for the **International Dominican Youth Movement (IDYM)** - <http://idym.op.org>. A sister serves as International Co-promoter, along with a friar, of **Justice and Peace** for the Dominican family. Five sisters serve as co-promoters for Justice and Peace in the five regions.



Sr. Rose Ann Schlitt
(www.dviop.org)



Sr. Toni Harris
(<http://jp.op.org>)

Dominican sisters also serve as members of two standing Commissions of the Order: **Preaching Commission** and **Inter-religious dialogue**.



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