

# CCA Proposal Form

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**SUBJECT: CCA Election Process**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

At our sisterly visits, there was a general consensus that the CCA election process was dissatisfactory. The overall complaint indicated that after nominating sisters to serve by written ballot before the meeting, most scratched their names off the list as soon as it was posted at the CCA meeting. In response to the request from several communities to come up with a new election process before the 2018 meeting, the Leadership Team sent out a questionnaire suggesting two alternatives to the present election process while welcoming their own suggestions. Based upon the input we received from 9 of our 12 communities, the Leadership Team initiated a new process FOR THE 2018 ELECTION PROCESS ONLY with the understanding that we could review/change/improve it following discussion at the 2018 meeting.

**RATIONALE:**

The Leadership Team agrees that the nomination process needs updating. By the time of the 2018 assembly, our communities will have experienced an alternative 3-step process. We welcome an evaluation of our proposed election process at the 2018 meeting.

**PROPOSAL: 3 – Step Election Process**

**Step #1:** (see attached form)

The communities submit the name(s) of 1 or 2 sisters **from their own community** willing to stand for election to the Leadership Team by a set date. There is a box on the form to check if you can't submit a name. No particular limitation should prevent a sister from standing for election since each team decides how to delegate their roles and responsibilities according to the gifts of the sisters on the LT.

**Step #2:** The Leadership Team and 1 or 2 other experienced sisters plan a ZOOM meeting ASAP after the deadline to review the names that have been submitted. If there are sisters who they want to encourage further whose names does not appear on the list, they will decide who will contact them and do so immediately.

**Step #3:** The Leadership Team submits the full nomination list by email to each member Carmel 1 month prior to our assembly...with the understanding that other names can be submitted at the assembly if the sister has agreed to stand for election.

**Step #4:** As part of the nomination process each nominee for the Leadership Team will be given the opportunity to speak about their commitment to and hopes for CCA and its role in the Order.

**SUBMITTED BY:** The Leadership Team: Sisters Monika Bies, Claire Sokol, Hilary Case, Michaelene Devine

**PRESENTER:**