Marist District of West Africa

District Mariste de l'Afrique de l'Ouest

Distrito Marista de Africa del Oeste

DISCOVER (Part 1)

WHERE ARE WE?

The data that appears in this document are from June 2018.
We propose two moments to work this document:

1. Personal work. Read, underline what catches your attention, and reflect about it.
2. Share your impressions with the brothers of your community.

1. Previous considerations

The Marist District of West Africa was created in 2000 under the tutelage of the Province of Levante, and since 2003 is linked to the Mediterranean Province.

Initially it was composed of Cameroon, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire. Liberia and Chad joined later. These countries belonged respectively to the Marist provinces of Great Britain and Quebec, Nigeria, Levante, Esopus and North.

Since 2010, the Provincial Council has begun to consider the possibility of moving towards the creation of the Marist Province of West Africa. They do not propose to completely disassociate the District from the Province, but to continue growing in responsibility and autonomy by helping each other.

2. Province and District in our Contitutions

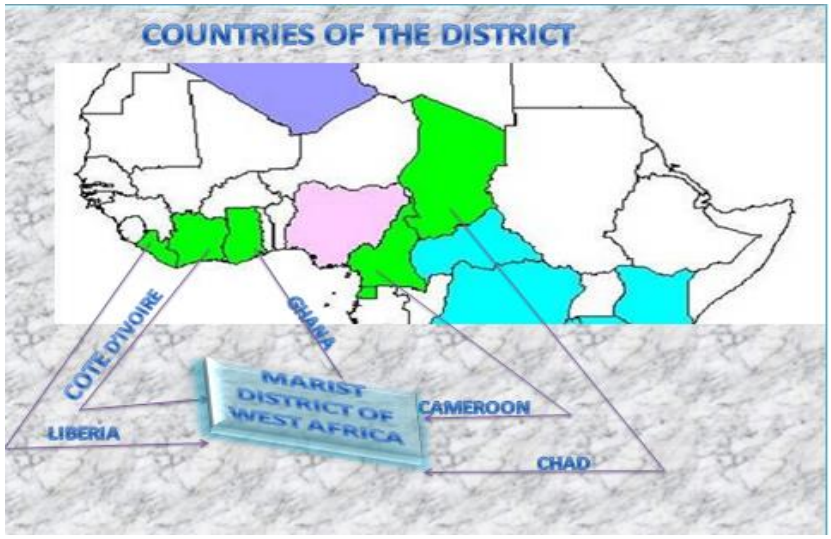
Our Constitutions thus define Province and District:

"507 The Province is the administrative unit constituted by a set of houses, with personnel and sufficient material resources to lead autonomous life. It is governed by a provincial superior.

508 The District is the administrative unit constituted by a group of houses with common interests, but which does not meet the conditions required to be a Province. It depends directly on the Brother Superior General or on the Brother Provincial and is governed by a District Superior. "

This is the challenge: to grow in personnel and sufficient material resources to lead autonomous life. The reflection of the Provincial Council of the Mediterranean Province, already for years, starts from this definition. They have seen the District of West Africa and its brothers and educational works grow, and that is why they proposed this process in the Chapter of the West African District of 2015.

3. Starting point: the District today



DISTRICT CHAPTERS

List	Date	Venue
1st	August 25-28, 2000	Paul VI Pastoral Centre, Bamenda, Cameroon
2nd	July 24-27, 2003	Good Shepherd Home, Accra, Ghana
3rd	August 11-15, 2006	District House, Accra, Ghana
4th	August 3-8, 2009	District House, Accra, Ghana
5th	August 10-15, 2012	District House, Accra, Ghana
6th	August 10 - 14, 2015	District House, Accra, Ghana
7th	August 13 – 17, 2018	District House, Accra, Ghana

District Councils since 2000 included;

First Mandate: 2000-2003
Br. José Antonio Ruiz Abeijón (DS)
Br. SylvainYao (Vice DS)
Br. Francis Lukong (Secretary.)
Br. Damian Romero (District Bursar)
Br. Philip Ninfaasie

Second Mandate: 2003-2006
Br. José Antonio Ruiz Abeijón (DS)
Br. SylvainYao (Vice DS)
Br. Francis Lukong
Br. Philip Ninfaasie
Br. Ivo Njongai
Secretary:
Br. Jose Maria Ferre

Third Mandate: 2006-2009
Br. Yao Kouassi Kan Sylvain (DS)
Br. Francis Lukong (Vice DS)
Br. Oliver Tata (Secretary)
Br. Etienne Balma
Br. Aureliano Garcia

Fourth Mandate: 2009-2012
Br. Yao Kouassi Kan Sylvain (DS)
Br. Francis Lukong (Vice DS)
Br. Oliver Tata (Secretary)
Br. Vincent de Paul
Br. Daniel Taylor

Fifth Mandate: 2012-2015
Br. Lukong Francis Yufenyuy (DS)
Br. Daniel Taylor (Vice DS)
Br. Vincent de Paul
Br. John Kusi
Br. Isaac Kwame
Secretary:
Br. Pascal Birkem

Sixth Mandate: 2015-2018
Br. Lukong Francis Yufenyuy (DS)
Br. Daniel Taylor (Vice DS)
Br. Simon Kanjam
Br. Vincent Konan Me
Br. Sabastian Erong Kanguuri
Secretary:
Br. Pascal Birkem

STATISTICS

BROTHERS OF THE MARIST DISTRICT OF WEST AFRICA SINCE 2000

DESCRIPTION	2000	2003	2006	2009	2012	2015	2018	PP	TP	Ave. Age
Cameroon	20	20	21	27	32	33	40	28	*12*	37.2
Ghana	9	11	11	13	15	16	15	14	*1*	49.1
Ivory Coast	12	10	9	9	11	13	17	9	*8*	38.6
Liberia	0	4	5	9	8	7	6	4	2	32.6
Chad	0	2	2	4	5	4	5	3	2	32.7
Total	**41**	**47**	**48**	**62**	**71**	**73**	**83**	**58**	**25**	**37.74**

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF BROTHERS January 2018

RANGE	NUMBER	A. Age
60-65	6	61.8
50-59	8	53.8
40-49	20	45.7
30-39	32	34.6
20-29	17	26.9
Total	**83**	**37.7**

MARIST VOCATION, 2017/2018

COUNTRIES	POSTULANTS,	NOVICES	SCHOLASTICS
Cameroon	5	**4**	10
Ghana	0	1	1
Ivory Coast	0	1	6
Liberia	2	0	1
Chad	0	0	2
TOTAL	**7**	**8**	**20**

List	Cameroon	Age	Ghana	Age	Ivory Coast	Age	Liberia	Age	Chad	Age	Mean
1	Francis Verye	60.0	Gilbert Asong Dakora	67.0	Sylvain Yao	60.0	Daniel Taylor	47.9	Frederic Nadji	37.9	
2	Francis Lukong	55.0	Philip Ninfaasie	62.9	Joachim Doua	48.9	WashingtonTekay	47.9	Samedi	35.9	
3	Kevin Ngoran	52.9	John Kusi Mensah	60.9	De Souza Theddy Gilles	48.0	Samuel Stephens	40.0	Nandoumangar	33.9	
4	Ivo Njongai	51.9	Daniel Osei	59.9	Germain Beda	48.9	Anthony Doe	31.0	François Mantobaye	28.9	
5	Linus Ngam	50.9	Francis Attah	60.0	Balma Etienne	45.0	Doe Lawrence W	28.9	Gueradi Destin	27.0	
6	Martin Mbeng	50.0	Cyprian Gandeebo	57.0	Vincent Mé	43.9	Harry Nyanti				
7	Tata Oliver Tunka	47.9	Paul Adu	52.9	Vincent De Paul	42.9					
8	Stephen Kpunsa	47.0	Joseph Mammah	49.0	Pascal Koffi	47.0					
9	John Lavnge	46.9	Isaac Kwame	45.9	Pokou Komenan Tano	37.9					
10	Simon Kanjam	47.0	Sebastian Erong	44.9	Adou Evariste	36.0					
11	Peter Awoh	43.9	Augustine Teye Naatey	41.9	Kone Bruno	32.9					
12	Stanislaus Nsotaka	38.9	Eric Kramo	38.9	Kouakou Jean Alex Bertrand	31.9					
13	Ndim Gilbert Ndzichia	39.0	Emmanuel Dorbin	34.0	Yao Aristide Ghislain	26.9					
14	Pascal Birkem	38.9	Michael Kwabena Telewah	32.9	Banagnana Paulin	27.0					
15	Mbang Abel Nkwain	36.9	Joseph Kwaku Asante	27.9	Marius Kouassi	27.9					
16	Hans Berinyuy	36.0			Jean Paul Koffi	27.9					
17	Therence Wiykiynyuy	34.9			Eric Konate	23.0					
18	ElvisTomla	35.0									
19	EyongYves	35.0									
20	Brendane Tombir Sunjo	35.0									
21	Evaristus Mbiydzenyuy	34.9									
22	Blaise Lawir	33.9									
23	Divine Sebe-ey Kfeban	33.9									
24	Brendan Ghakanyuy	33.9									

25	*Emmanuel Bongben*	*34.0*									
26	*Tansam Younji Elvis*	*33.0*									
27	*Celestine Tayu*	*31.9*									
28	*Meyanui Valentine Kongnyuy*	*31.9*									
29	*Cho Nchang*	*31.9*									
30	Julius Kango Bongkisheri	*32.0*									
31	Norbert Ndilon	*31.9*									
32	*Conrad Tameh*	*30.9*									
33	*Tiburtius Kewaiy*	*29.9*									
34	Deric Ngong	*29.0*									
35	Sullivanus Ndze	*26.9*									
36	Mbuh Primus	27.0									
37	Ignatius Wirngo	25.9									
38	Cylas Mbivnjo	24.9									
39	Habib suyven	25.0									
40	Augustine Njuakom	23.9									
	Average Age/Country	**37.2**		**49.1**		**38.6**		**32.6**		**32.7**	**38.0**

LIST OF BROTHERS, 2018 (NB: PP =Perpetual Profession and TP =Temporary Profession)

List	*SURNAME*	*FIRST NAMES*	*Date of Birth(YMD)*	*Age*	*NATIONALITY*	*Date of Final Vows (DFV)*	*Years of Final Vows (YFV)*	*PP/TP*
1	*Verye*	*Francis*	*1958.0220*	*59.99*	*Cameroonian*	1987.0725	*30.94*	PP
2	*Yao*	*Sylvain Kouassi Kan*	*1958.0204*	*59.99*	*Ivorien*	1991.1229	*26.89*	PP
3	*Kusi Mensah*	*John*	*1957.1124*	*60.90*	*Ghanaian*	1993.0207	*24.99*	PP

4	*Lukong*	*Francis Yufenyuy*	*1963.0402*	*54.97*	*Cameroonian*	1993.1120	*24.90*	PP
5	*Ninfaasie*	*Philip*	*1955.1129*	*62.90*	*Ghanaian*	1994.0702	*23.94*	PP
6	*Attah*	*Francis Amoako Attah*	*1958.0126*	*60.00*	*Ghanaian*	1994.0702	*23.94*	PP
7	*Osei*	*Daniel Osei Kwadwo*	*1958.1221*	*59.89*	*Ghanaian*	1995.0701	*22.94*	PP
8	*Njongai*	*Ivo leynyuy*	*1966.1103*	*51.90*	*Cameroonian*	1996.0329	*21.98*	PP
9	*Ngam*	*Linus*	*1967.0917*	*50.92*	*Cameroonian*	1996.0329	*21.98*	PP
10	*Dakora*	*Gilbert*	*1951.0405*	*66.97*	*Ghanaian*	1999.0613	*18.95*	PP
11	*Adu*	*Paul Kwasi*	*1965.0905*	*52.92*	*Ghanaian*	1999.0613	*18.95*	PP
12	*Ngoran*	*Kevin Njoven*	*1965.1111*	*52.90*	*Cameroonian*	2000.0531	*17.96*	PP
13	*Taylor*	*Daniel Blanyon*	*1970.1024*	*47.91*	*Liberian*	2003.1025	*14.91*	PP
14	*Gandeebo*	*Bankakuu Cyprian*	*1961.0118*	*57.00*	*Ghanaian*	2003.1025	*14.91*	PP
15	*Tata*	*Oliver Tunka*	*1970.0829*	*47.93*	*Cameroonian*	2003.1227	*14.89*	PP
16	*Tekay*	*Washington*	*1970.0607*	*47.95*	*Liberian*	2004.1211	*13.89*	PP
17	*De Souza*	*Theddy Gilles*	*1970.0528*	*47.96*	*Ivorien*	2005.0226	*12.99*	PP
18	*Bery*	*Germain Beda*	*1969.0818*	*48.93*	*Ivorien*	2005.0226	*12.99*	PP
19	*Balma*	*Etienne*	*1973.0417*	*44.97*	*Ivorien*	2005.0226	*12.99*	PP
20	*Konan*	*Vincent Mé*	*1974.1015*	*43.91*	*Ivorien*	2005.0226	*12.99*	PP
21	*Nyuydine*	*John Lavnge*	*1971.0607*	*46.95*	*Cameroonian*	2005.1228	*12.89*	PP
22	*Kpunsa*	*Stephen*	*1971.0502*	*46.96*	*Cameroonian*	2005.1228	*12.89*	PP
23	*Frimpong Amponsah*	*Isaac Kwame*	*1972.0821*	*45.93*	*Ghanaian*	2006.1021	*11.91*	PP
24	*Doua*	*Joachim*	*1969.0726*	*48.94*	*Ivorien*	2006.1104	*11.90*	PP

25	*Kouadio*	*Pascal Koffi*	*1971.0412*	*46.97*	*Ivorien*	2006.1104	*11.90*	PP
26	*Awoh*	*Peter Acho*	*1974.0702*	*43.94*	*Cameroonian*	2006.1227	*11.89*	PP
27	*Mbeng*	*Martin Nguma*	*1968.0503*	*49.96*	*Cameroonian*	2006.1227	*11.89*	PP
28	*Kanjam*	*Simon*	*1971.0313*	*46.98*	*Cameroonian*	2006.1227	*11.89*	PP
29	*Kouassi N'Guessan*	*Vincent De Paul*	*1975.0827*	*42.93*	*Ivorien*	2008.1101	*9.90*	PP
30	*Fonjo*	*Stanislaus-Mary Nsotaka*	*1979.0918*	*38.92*	*Cameroonian*	2008.1227	*9.89*	PP
31	*Funsa*	*Pascal Birkem*	*1979.1123*	*38.90*	*Cameroonian*	2008.1227	*9.89*	PP
32	*Mammah Kwame*	*Joseph*	*1969.0226*	*48.99*	*Ghanaian*	2009.1100	*8.90*	PP
33	*Erong*	*Sebastian Kangurinuuri*	*1973.1119*	*44.90*	*Ghanaian*	2011.1119	*6.90*	PP
34	*Stephens*	*Samuel Faleh*	*1978.0405*	*39.97*	*Liberian*	2011.1217	*6.89*	PP
35	*Pokou*	*Komenan Tano Stephane*	*1980.12226*	*37.89*	*Ivorien*	2012.1117	*5.90*	PP
36	*Mbiydzenyuy*	*Evaristus*	*1983.1230*	*34.89*	*Cameroonian*	2012.1219	*5.89*	PP
37	*Naatey*	*Augustine Teye*	*1976.0828*	*41.93*	*Ghanaian*	2013.1221	*4.89*	PP
38	*Siryeh*	*Anthony Doe*	*1978.0222*	*39.99*	*Liberian*	2013.1228	*4.89*	PP
39	*Sunjo*	*Brendane Tombir*	*1983.0219*	*34.99*	*Cameroonian*	2013.1228	*4.89*	PP
40	*Ngarsandje*	*Frederic Nadji*	*1980.1025*	*37.91*	*Chadian*	2014.0104	*4.00*	PP
41	*Ngaro*	*Samedi*	*1982.1123*	*35.90*	*Chadian*	2014.0104	*4.00*	PP
42	*Ngardoum*	*Succès Nandoumangar*	*1984.0629*	*33.95*	*Chadian*	2014.0104	*4.00*	PP
43	*Dinayen*	*Brendan Ghakanyuy*	*1984.1004*	*33.91*	*Cameroonian*	2014.1222	*3.89*	PP
44	*Wiykiynyuy*	*Therence Banseka*	*1983.1010*	*34.91*	*Cameroonian*	2015.1017	*2.91*	PP
45	*Tomla*	*Elvis*	*1983.0106*	*35.00*	*Cameroonian*	2015.1017	*2.91*	PP

46	*Lawir*	*Blaise*	*1984.1028*	*33.91*	*Cameroonian*	2015.1017	*2.91*	PP
47	*Bongben*	*Emmanuel*	*1984.0102*	*34.00*	*Cameroonian*	2015.1017	*2.91*	PP
48	*Meyanui*	*Valentine Kongnyuy*	*1986.1111*	*31.90*	*Cameroonian*	2015.1017	*2.91*	PP
49	*Cho Nchang*	*Atzi-nwi*	*1986.1009*	*31.91*	*Cameroonian*	2015.1017	*2.91*	PP
50	*Dorbin*	*Emmanuel Dorbin*	*1984.0414*	*33.97*	*Ghanaian*	2015.1219	*2.89*	PP
51	*Tayu*	*Celestine*	*1986.1010*	*31.91*	*Cameroonian*	2016.1200	*1.89*	PP
52	*Kramo*	*Eric*	*1979.0713*	*38.94*	*Ghanaian*	2016.1230	*1.89*	PP
53	*Mbiatem Eyong*	*Yves Andre*	*1983.0312*	*34.98*	*cameroonian*	2017.1126	*0.90*	PP
54	*Kfeban*	*Divine Sebe-ey*	*1984.0904*	*33.92*	*Cameroonian*	2017.1126	*0.90*	PP
55	*Younji*	*ElvisTansam*	*1985.0324*	*32.98*	*Cameroonian*	2017.1126	*0.90*	PP
56	*Tameh*	*Conrad*	*1987.0906*	*30.92*	*Cameroonian*	2017.1126	*0.90*	PP
57	*Nyuykighan*	*Tiburtius Kewaiy*	*1988.0809*	*29.93*	*Cameroonian*	2017.1126	*0.90*	PP
58	*Telewah*	*MichaelKwabena*	*1985.1112*	*32.90*	*Ghanaian*	2017.1209	*0.89*	PP
59	*Mbang*	*Abel Nkwain*	*1981.1005*	*36.91*	*Cameroonian*		-	TP
60	*Berinyuy*	*Hans*	*1982.0527*	*35.96*	*Cameroonian*		-	TP
61	*Kone*	*Bruno*	*1985.0727*	*32.94*	*Ivorien*		-	TP
62	*Kwaku Asante*	*Joseph*	*1990.1010*	*27.91*	*Ghanaian*		-	TP
63	*Nyanti*	*Harry*	*1989.0816*	*28.93*	*Liberian*		-	TP
64	*Yao*	*Aristide Ghislain*	*1991.0813*	*26.93*	*Ivorien*		-	TP
65	*Doe*	*Lawrence*	*1987.0313*	*30.98*	*Liberian*		-	TP
66	Ndi	Deric Ngong	1989.0209	*28.99*	Cameroonian		-	TP

67	Sengka	Sullivanus Ndze	1991.0707	*26.94*	Cameroonian		-	TP
68	Njini	Mbuh Primus	1991.0509	*26.96*	Cameroonian		-	TP
69	Kindia	Adou Evariste	1982.0110	*36.00*	Ivorien		-	TP
70	Tuo	Banagnana Paulin	1991.0111	*27.00*	Ivorien		-	TP
71	Mbivnjo	Cylas Yenwong	1993.0706	*24.94*	Cameroonian		-	TP
72	Wiysenyuy	Habib suyven	1993.0329	*24.98*	Cameroonian		-	TP
73	Kimingar	François Mantobaye	1989.1212	*28.89*	*Chadian*		-	TP
74	N'guettia	Kouassi Kossonou Marius	1990.0826	*27.93*	*Ivorien*		-	TP
75	Kouadio	Koffi Jean Paul	1990.1208	*27.89*	*Ivorien*		-	TP
76	Konate	Ouagnime Eric	1995.0101	*23.00*	Ivorien		-	TP
77	Ndzichia	Gilbert	1979.0128	*39.00*	*Cameroonian*		-	TP
78	Kangong	Julius	1986.0413	*31.97*	*Cameroonian*		-	TP
79	Ndilon	Norbert	1986.1222	*31.89*	*Cameroonian*		-	TP
80	Wirngo	Ignatius	1992.1022	*25.91*	*Cameroonian*		-	TP
81	Njuakom	Augustine	1994.1227	*23.89*	*Cameroonian*		-	TP
82	Tourhali Takaki	Gueradi Destin	1991.0101	*27.00*	*Chadian*		-	TP
83	Kouakou	Jean-Alex Bertrand	1986.1231	*31.89*	*Ivorien*		-	TP
		Average Age		***38.00***				

THE DISTRICTION OF BROTHERS IN AND OUT OF THE DISTRICT: 2017/2018

Ghana **Number**

Accra Community	4
Ashalaja Community	4
Buokrom community	4
Kwadaso-Odeneho Community	4
Novitiate Community	2

Ivory Coast: **Number**

Bouake Community	5
Korogho Community	5

Liberia: **Number**

Monrovia Community	5 ??

Cameroon: **Number**

Yass-Douala Community	3
Mbengwi Community	5
Bafut Community	5
Tatum Community	4

Chad: **Number**

Koumra Community	**4**

Brothers Outside the District: **Number**

MIC Formators	2
Mic Students	20
Ad Gentes	2
International communities	1
Studying in USA	1
Lebanon	3

4. Our current organization: District Statutes

In October 2015, the last modification of the Statutes governing the District and its relationship with the Mediterranean Province was approved. Previously, the changes introduced were approved in the District Chapter of August 2015.

Basically, the change introduced refers to the acceptance of candidates for religious profession, which as of this moment is approved by the District Council without the approval of the Provincial Council.

The Statutes are written as follows:

ACTA nº 103 – Octubre 2015

ANEXO 1

STATUTES OF THE MARIST DISTRICT OF WEST AFRICA

1. NAME

The name of the District is the Marist District of West Africa

2. COMPOSITION

2.1 The District is composed of the Houses and the Brothers in the following African countries: Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Liberia.

2.2 Houses and Brothers in other countries of the region could be accepted to form part of the District after a written accord between the concerned superiors with the approval of the superior General.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The Brothers who are citizens of the countries that form the District, who have not been transferred to another Administrative Unit

3.2 Brothers from other Provinces or Administrative Units who sign a permanent transfer to the Mediterranean Province for the sake of the District. This permanent transfer has to be approved by the superior General (St. 143.4)

3.3 Brothers from other Provinces or Administrative Units who have been transferred temporarily to the District. According to the statue 143.4 of the Institute, this temporary transfer is to be done by written agreement between the Provincial concerned and the District superior and approved by Brother Provincial of the Mediterranean Province. These Brothers have active and passive voice regarding the consultation for the appointment of Brother Provincial in their own home Province and for the appointment of the District Superior in the District.

4. AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIRECTION OF THE DISTRICT

4.1 The District depends on the Provincial Superior of the Mediterranean Province. His responsibilities and attributes, as well as those of his Council are expressed principally in articles 143 - 150 of the constitutions with their adjoining statutes.

4.2 There will be a District superior and Council to whom the Provincial and his Council delegate responsibilities and powers as outlined below.

5 THE DISTRICT SUPERIOR

5.1. The District superior fulfils a function similar to that of the Brother Provincial in a Province. He has a delegated authority according to the constitutions and statutes, (cf C. 143) and the Statutes of the District.

5.2. The Provincial of the Mediterranean Province delegates the following authorities and responsibilities to the District superior:

5.2.1. The spiritual and apostolic animation of the District as a whole and of each member.
5.2.2. The promotion of vocations; selection of aspirants.
5.2.3. The formation of Brothers of the District; organisation of studies.
5.2.4. The visitation of communities at least once a year
5.2.5. The preparation and accompaniment of local Superiors.
5.2.6. Giving each Brother of the District his mission. (C. 143.2)
5.2.7. The dispensation, of a Brother or a community from a disciplinary point of the Constitutions **for some time, about a particular point of disciplinary Character**
5.2.8. The admission to the Institute of a dying novice.
5.2.9. Exceptionally, and in cases of urgency, the authorisation of expenditure up to 10% of **300,000 USD (st. 143.5).**
5.2.10. The authorisation of the periods of apostolic experience determined by the Master of Novices.
5.2.11. The authorisation of first profession to be brought forward for very good reasons but not more than fifteen days.
5.2.12. The authorisation for a Brother of the District to change the administration, the usage, or the usufruct of his personal possessions.
5.2.13. The permission to the Brothers to publish anything dealing with religion or morals.
5.2.14. The authorisation of those who preach in the houses of the District.
5.2.15. The provision for the upkeep of the District Archives.
5.2.16. Beginning the process for authorising a Brother of the District to renounce his possessions.
5.2.17. To receive the vows of the Brothers of the District, on behalf of the Superior General.

5.3. The District superior is named by the Provincial of the Mediterranean Province acting collegially with his council, after consulting the Brothers of the District. For this consultation all the Brothers of the District are invited to propose to Brother Provincial three names in order of preference from those eligible for election as District superior.

5.4. All the Brothers of the District who have been finally professed for at least ten years are eligible for election as District Superior.

5.5. The District Superior is appointed for three years and may be appointed once consecutively. Exceptionally he can be appointed for a third term.

5.6. The Provincial with his Council accepts the resignation of the District Superior or decides on his deposition for grave reasons.

5.7. The District Superior is a member of the General conference.

6. THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

6.1. The District Superior is assisted by a Council and Bursar.

6.2. The Council helps the District Superior in government, in the spiritual and apostolic animation of the Brothers and in the administration of the District resources.

6.3. The District council is made up of at least four Councillors. From them, the District superior chooses one who acts in his stead as the need arises.

6.4. The members of the Council are elected by the District Chapter. They must be perpetually professed. Their term of office ceases with that of the Superior whose Council they form.

6.5. The matters in which the District Superior must consult his Council, cannot act without the consent of his Council and acts collegially with his Council, are similar to those indicated for the Provincial and his council (C. 150 and St. 150.1, 150.2, 150.3)

6.6. The Provincial of the Mediterranean Province and his Council give the District Superior and Council the authority to decide on the following matters:

6.6.1 The appointment of Brothers as Superiors and local Bursars
6.6.2 The accepting of the resignation of the superiors and local Bursars
6.6.3 The deposition of a Superior for grave reasons.
6.6.4 The replacement of a District Councillor between Chapters.
6.6.5 The selection of Brothers for ongoing formation programmes.
6.6.6 **The admission to temporal and final profession (Cf C 150.2.1)**.
6.6.7 **The admission to the Novitiate.**
6.6.8 **The appointment of the Master of Postulants**.
6.6.9 Travelling outside the District.

6.7 The District council recommends to the Provincial Council of the Mediterranean Province on the following matters:

6.7.1. **The appointment of the Master of Novices**.
6.7.2. The approval of the annual budgets and financial reports of the houses and the works.
6.7.3. The approval of expenditure beyond the ceiling determined by the Provincial and his Council.

6.8 The decisions retained by the Brother Provincial and Council of the Mediterranean Province in accordance with the Constitutions are:

6.8.1 The matters listed on 6.7
6.8.2 The founding and suppressing of schools and communities
6.8.3 The approval of sale and purchase of real state
6.8.4 The establishment of the expenditure ceiling for the District
6.8.5 The overall policy in regard to the formation program
6.8.6 The commitments entered into by the District with other Administrative Units of the Institute

6.9. The deliberations of the District Council are addressed to the Provincial Council. They will be redirected by the Provincial and Council to the Brother Superior General and Council in those cases prescribed in the Constitutions.

7. THE DISTRICT CHAPTER

7.1 The District Chapter corresponds to the Provincial Chapter. It is an assembly which represents the entire District and expresses the participation of all the Brothers in the government of the District. For the elections to the Chapter they have active and passive voice all the Brothers who belong to the District and those for whom it is foreseen in their contract of transfer.

7.2 The District Chapter meets at the time of the installation of the District Superior. It is convoked and presided over by the District Superior. If Brother Provincial is present at the District Chapter he may choose to preside over it.

7.3 The way of functioning of the District Chapter is similar to that of the Provincial Chapter (Const. 151.1 - 151.8)

7.4 The role of the District Chapter is consultative or deliberative, as determined by the statutes of the Institute

7.4.1 It has a *consultative* role when it examines the general matters concerning the District, taking into account the District situation, the calls of the local churches, the directives of the General Chapter and of the Provincial Council.

7.4.2 It has a *deliberative* role when there is question of:

- drawing up its own rules of procedure;
- deciding the number of District Councillors, the manner of their election and electing them
- drawing up the Norms of the District which must be approved by Brother Provincial with the consent of his Council
- deciding how assistant superiors and local councillors are to be appointed

7.5 The reports of the District Chapter, including the Norms of the District, are sent to Brother Provincial and his Council for approval. Final approval of the Norms belongs to Bro. Superior general and his Council.

8. THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The District Superior, after consultation with his Council, may call for a District Assembly of all the Brothers of the District in the same conditions as those established for a Provincial Assembly. (cf C. 151.8)

9. ADMINISTRATION OF TEMPORAL GOODS

9.1. The temporal goods of the District are administered in a similar way to those of a Province as defined in article 161 of the Marist Constitutions and Statutes.

9.2. The superior of the District and his Councillors are responsible for the ordinary expenditure following similar modalities as a Province in what concerns the budget, the financial report

and the accounts to be kept. All these reports will be presented annually to the Provincial council for approval.

9.3. The District Bursar administers the goods of the District under the authority of the District Superior and his Council. In general, his duties correspond to those of a Provincial Bursar.

9.4. The Provincial Council, after consultation with the District Council, prepares an Economic Plan of the District, in which there will be specified the contribution of the Province and other donors in order to balance the District budget.

9.5. The District Council needs the approval of the Provincial Council before requesting funds from international organisations whenever the amount requested exceeds the ceiling approved by the Provincial Council. Furthermore, individual Brothers and communities need the approval of the District Council before applying for this type of funds.

9.6. The District Bursar is appointed by the Provincial Council after consultation with the District Council. He must be perpetually professed. He is appointed for three years. He may be appointed consecutively twice. The Provincial with his council accepts the resignation of the District Bursar or decides on his deposition for grave reasons

10. GENERAL CHAPTER

The representation of the District at the General Chapter is determined by art. 140.2 of our Constitutions and Statutes

11. APPROVAL AND MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES

11.1 The statutes of the District are prepared by the District Chapter and presented by the Provincial Council to Brother superior General for approval.

11.2 Articles of these statutes may be modified by agreement between the District Council and the Provincial Council. Such modifications must be approved by Brother Superior General and his Council.