



## CONFERENZA GENERALE

Neustadt 2012

*“Educare” the Young Generation as Dehonians*

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Rome, February 20, 2012

Dear Father,

We are happy that you are able to participate in the General Conference to be held in Neustadt, Germany from July 16 to 21, 2012 on the topic: **“Educare” the Young Generation as Dehonians.**

At this time, we want to pass on some useful information:

### **Program** (at this stage)

<b>Sunday, July 15</b>	<b>Arrival</b> 18.30 Vespers, Supper, gathering
<b>Monday, July 16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Theme introduction</li><li>✓ Presentation: Father Dehon as an Educator (<i>João Carlos Almeida</i>)</li><li>✓ Synthetic report on Dehonian values (results of the questionnaire sent to Dehonians) (<i>Olav Hamelijnck</i>)</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, July 17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Presentation: Dehonian Values (<i>John van den Hengel</i>)</li><li>✓ Presentation: Mass Media and the young generation (<i>Fausto Colombo</i>)</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, July 18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Presentation: School – University and Youth (<i>Judith King</i>)</li><li>✓ Eucharist with the Bishop of Speyer with the participation of a choir from <i>Handrup</i></li><li>✓ Presentation: Parishes and Youth (<i>Anthony-Francis Vincent</i>)</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, July 19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Testimonies</li><li>✓ Work in linguistic groups</li><li>✓ Presentations and discussion in plenary in order to arrive at pedagogical guidelines</li></ul>
<b>Friday, July 20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Work in linguistic groups</li><li>✓ Defining the profile of a Dehonian educator</li><li>✓ Presentation of the Congregation</li><li>✓ Presentation of the message and the text implementing the Conference</li></ul>
<b>Saturday July 21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Conclusion of the Conference</li><li>✓ Visit of Worms and Supper</li></ul>

<b>Sunday, July 22</b>	<b>Departure</b>
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As you can see from the schedule, the Conference begins on Sunday, July 15. However, the house welcomes you already, if you wish to come earlier, on Friday, July 13.

We also want to give you some information on how to travel to Neustadt. First of all, be aware that there are at least ten towns in Germany with the name of Neustadt. Where you will want to go is *Neustadt an der Weinstraße*, about 45 minutes by train from **Frankfurt a.M.** If you come by plane, it is best to fly to Frankfurt and take a train at the airport going via **Mannheim** to **Neustadt an der Weinstraße**. In Neustadt it is easiest to take a taxi to our house. It is only five minutes from the train station. All taxi drivers know **Herz-Jesu-Kloster, Waldstraße 145**. For your return flight on Sunday July 22 make sure you give yourself ample time to travel from Neustadt to Frankfurt by train.

#### **A Meeting of Major Superiors follows the Conference.**

The meeting of Major Superiors starts on Monday July 23 at 8 a.m. and ends on Wednesday, July 25 at 1. p.m.

A word of advice: do not plan your return flight before 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25. You must give yourself sufficient time to get to the airport. The Herz-Jesu-Kloster asks that you vacate your room by the evening of July 26 in order to make room for other guests.

Here once again are the topics for the meeting (cf. Letter of December 13, 2011):

#### **Topics for the Meeting of Major Superiors:**

- An evaluation of the work of the General Administration since the last General Chapter in light of the three priorities set for the six years: Spirituality, Formation, Internationality.
- Looking ahead at the program and activities of the next three years.
- A discussion on the practical implications of a greater internationality in the Congregation.
- The economy of the Congregation: information, solidarity and sustainability.
- Time for topics at the level of the continents.

There will also be meetings at the level of the continents. Those responsible ought to prepare their agenda in consultation with the general councilor responsible for the continent.

**Other topics?** Anyone wishing to suggest other topics should contact the General Secretary by March 15, 2012.

### **Course for Formators 2013-2014**

Having in mind the very positive experience of the previous course for formators, we have planned another course from October 2013 to June 2014. However, we want to know if there are a sufficient number of candidates for the course. Please, let us know the number of participants from your entity by March 15. We would appreciate receiving their names at the time of the meeting in July.

In the attachment you will find the registration form. Please, send it as soon as possible to the general secretary [secgen@dehon.it](mailto:secgen@dehon.it)

For any further information, contact Fr. *Heru Ismadi* - [secgen@dehon.it](mailto:secgen@dehon.it)

We end with a greeting in expectation of seeing you in Neustadt for this important time of reflection and accompaniment of our education ministry for our youth.

In Corde Jesu,

Fr. Heru Ismadi scj

Secretary General