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Fédération internationale

**Newsletter of  
the General Assembly  
of April 15 & 16, 2016  
held in Gagny, France**

**April 20, 2016**

**The international Federation of the Little brothers of the Poor brings its decision-making bodies twice a year, spring and fall. With the president, the delegates from the eight member countries form the Board and the General Assembly and ensure decision-making on a set of issues of mutual interest to the mission of the little brothers. They plan all the actions found to be relevant and useful to all.**

The last General Assembly was held in April 15 and 16, in Gagny, France. Among the issues that were the subject of the work and decisions of the Assembly, here are some highlights:

- After consulting all member countries and meet getting their approval, the General Assembly proceeded to the final adoption of the mission and vision of the Federation. These official documents will be available on the Federation website.
- The Assembly agreed that these official documents, which require the support of its members, will be adopted in French, which will be the official version. The Board/GA will acknowledge the translations into other languages (English, Spanish and possibly others).
- With regard to the International Charter, the Assembly adopted a version that must be ratified by each country. Delegates, members of the GA, have a mandate to come back to the next GA meeting in November with the confirmation of member countries.
- The mandate of the Commission on the future of the Federation has been revised and the Commission has accelerated its work. More meetings will be held to propose recommendations faster.
- Delegates received the representatives of Romania and Mexico, who wish to become members of the International Federation. They received the various elements of their applications and have listened attentively to their excellent presentations. A decision will be taken at the General Assembly in November. The continuous and valuable support of France who sponsors them, allows them to consider this new phase of their development.
- The Assembly adopted an internal policy on crisis management for the benefit of its members. It is now in place to enable the Federation to respond rapidly to particularly difficult situations that might live its members and establish a process of assistance in different situations.
- The financial statements of the Federation are healthy despite the exceptional deficit generated by the 2015 International Conference. However, because some funds were reserved for this Conference, the deficit was easily covered.

- To enrich the participation of member countries in our bodies (Board and General Assembly), it was decided, on an exceptional basis, to reimburse the expenses of a second representative per country for these meetings in addition to the delegate. The results of the Commission's work on the future of the Federation will enable us to reassess the representation of the member countries
- Finally, there will be elections for president and treasurer positions in November for a new term of two years. Their mandate will be subject to a call for applications. In due time, the information will be passed to the members on all aspects related to these elections.

## **Pierre Asselin** **President**

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The International Federation of the Little brothers of the Poor is a non profit international organization established in eight countries, with thousands of volunteers throughout the world. It was established in 1979, so as to promote the action of the Little brothers of the Poor globally by helping member organizations to develop their action, by encouraging and allowing communications between member countries and by helping in the development of establishments in other countries of the world.

**President: Pierre Asselin**

### **Countries**

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Delegate : Luc Villeneuve



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