

THE GENERAL CHAPTER 2018



PREPARATION - SHARING- DISCERNMENT

YOUNG MENNAISIANS.

***(Young people of 20-30 years old,
engaged with the Brothers as animators, teachers, etc.)***

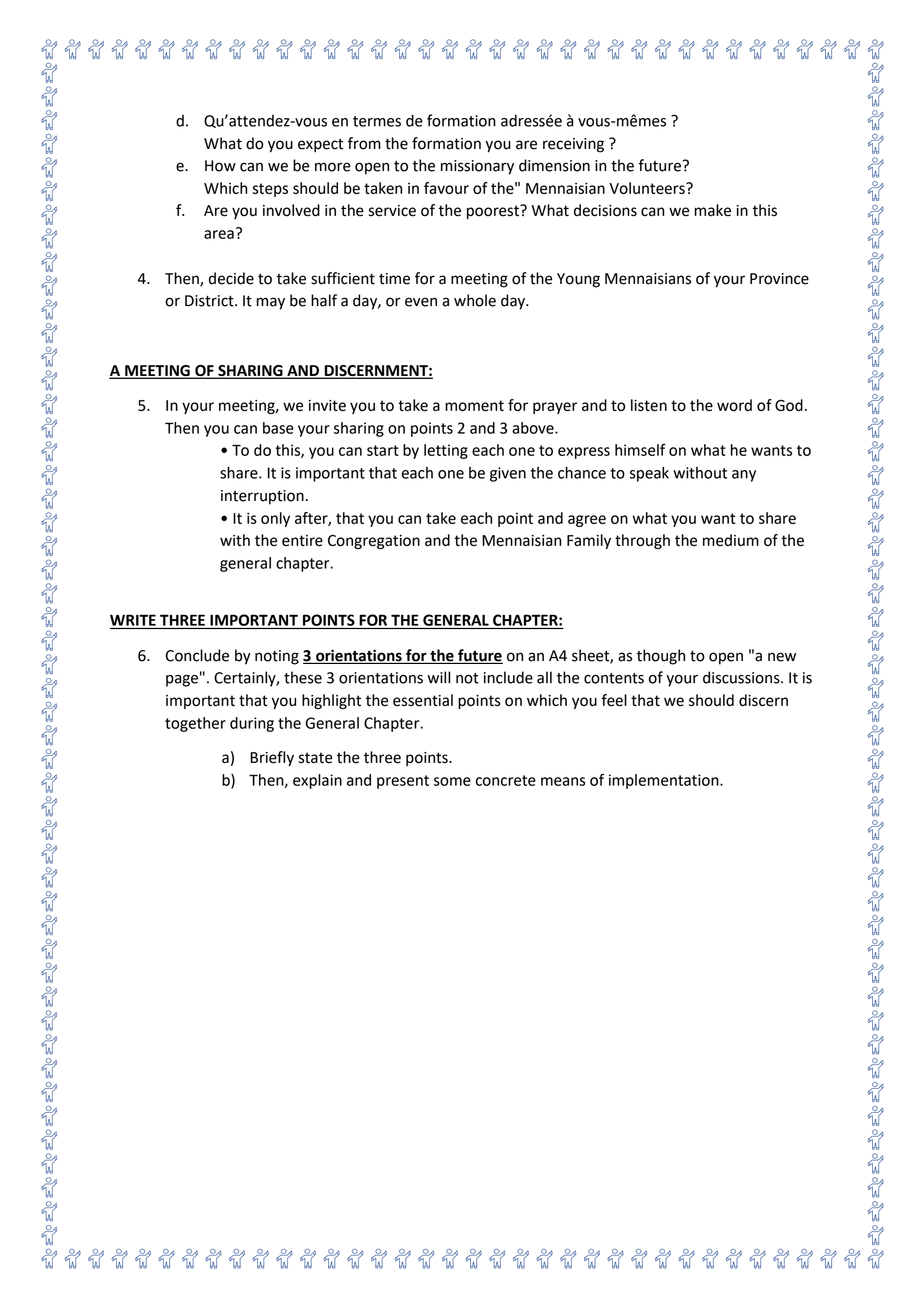
To prepare for the General Chapter, the general Council decided to invite the Young Mennaisians to make their contribution.

We therefore propose that you enter into this process in a spirit of community discernment with the Brothers and the Laity of the Mennaisian Family. You will carry out this discernment, of course, by sharing your own identity, as young people. You will also try not to halt there, but to open up to the Mennaisian Family as a whole.

We invite you to scrutinize the horizon beyond your own borders: As a way of helping you, here is the action that we invite you to take.

SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE MEETING TOGETHER TAKE TIME FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. Personally read the two texts attached to this letter:
 - I. A brief presentation of the Congregation and of the Mennaisian family, today.
 - II. The PRAYER VIGIL OF POPE FRANCIS at the WORLD YOUTH DAY - KRAKOW – on Saturday, 30 July 2016.
2. Note what these two texts should inspire you in the following areas: the Mennaisian Family; the educational mission; our openness to the most disadvantaged, interculturality; the pastoral care of vocations; etc.
3. Then try to respond individually to the following questions, by going beyond your own area, and thus taking into account the entire Mennaisian Family.
 - a. What do you expect, and what do you propose so that the Mennaisian Family in your locality pays more attention to Young Mennaisians?
 - b. Is it possible to form an Association of Young Mennaisians at the international level? What do you propose?
 - c. What types of commitments are you prepared to make in connection with the Mennaisian Family or with the Brothers?

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- d. Qu'attendez-vous en termes de formation adressée à vous-mêmes ?
What do you expect from the formation you are receiving ?
 - e. How can we be more open to the missionary dimension in the future?
Which steps should be taken in favour of the" Mennaisian Volunteers?
 - f. Are you involved in the service of the poorest? What decisions can we make in this area?

4. Then, decide to take sufficient time for a meeting of the Young Mennaisians of your Province or District. It may be half a day, or even a whole day.

A MEETING OF SHARING AND DISCERNMENT:

5. In your meeting, we invite you to take a moment for prayer and to listen to the word of God. Then you can base your sharing on points 2 and 3 above.
 - To do this, you can start by letting each one to express himself on what he wants to share. It is important that each one be given the chance to speak without any interruption.
 - It is only after, that you can take each point and agree on what you want to share with the entire Congregation and the Mennaisian Family through the medium of the general chapter.

WRITE THREE IMPORTANT POINTS FOR THE GENERAL CHAPTER:

6. Conclude by noting **3 orientations for the future** on an A4 sheet, as though to open "a new page". Certainly, these 3 orientations will not include all the contents of your discussions. It is important that you highlight the essential points on which you feel that we should discern together during the General Chapter.
 - a) Briefly state the three points.
 - b) Then, explain and present some concrete means of implementation.