

Evaluate the year to progress¹

At the beginning or end of the year, together or as a coordination team, let us take the time to evaluate the life of the community. On that day, let us invite the vice coordinator who accompanies us. The small booklet "Day for a renewal" can help us¹.

Here are some tips that have been taken from it. Each person answers these questions:

- What have I liked the most this year in the community?
- What I have like least?
- How do we pray together as a community?
- How do we celebrate together as a community?
- How do we get to know one another and share our faith when we meet?
- How do we deepen our friendship between our meetings?
- Do we have almost equal numbers of persons with intellectual disabilities, family members and friends?
Do we have a chaplain who participates in our community?
- Do we have a coordinating team that prepares and evaluate our meetings?
- How much importance do we give to using the Guidelines?
- How can we be more creative in our coordinating team?
- How do we pray for/contribute to the unity of all Christians? How do we try to get to know people from different denominations?
- How do we experience our belonging to the international family of Faith and Light and how do we express this belonging?
- How would we describe the atmosphere of our community?
- How is our community a part of the parish/local church?
- How often do we meet as a whole community?
- How open and welcoming is our community to new members?
- How many members do we have?
- If we are more than forty, are we praying and considering about giving birth to a new community?

If we choose to do this evaluation as a community, we form small groups. The leaders will note what each person has said. The evaluations will be looked at in the coordination team meeting with a view to preparing for the next year.

Some communities take a weekend, or a day outside, often in the religious community with which they are twinned, in order to have the whole time for reflecting together in relaxation and friendship.

¹ Available for free from the International Secretariat.

