



Northeast Dominicans Structures Committee  
7/11/05

Based on the input from the Membership Meetings of May/June 2005, the Structures Committee listed the following values held by our sisters regarding governance. The committee will attempt to use these values as criteria for evaluating each of the options/models offered.

### **Values Underlying Models**

- Full participation
- Collegiality
- Subsidiarity
- Organic – capable of/open to evolving
- Structures that enable life and mission
- Honoring the best of our experiences/learnings in governance
- Intentional discernment – openness to assessing models
- Honoring women's ways of learning/knowing; experience based; communal
- Built in –good lines of communication
- Acknowledging & celebrating diversity
- Avoidance of duplication/bureaucracy
- Mission directed, freeing us to go beyond ourselves
- Inviting collaboration of others in ministry efforts:  
Associates, OP Volunteers,  
colleagues, Board members
- Sensitivity to where members are now