

MINUTES

*Catholic Biblical Federation
10th Plenary Assembly
Mar Del Plata, Argentina*



PROCLAIMING
THE WORD

Gift of Life for
a Fragile World

(Rom 8:22-23)

Day 6

April 20, 2023

M01/20/04/23 ELECTION OF THE NEW CBF EXECUTIVE COMEETEE

The majority of the morning session was dedicated to electing the new executive committee of the CBF, which consists of ten members. The election process commenced at 9:15 am and concluded at 12:10 pm. The committee is comprised of seven members from each of the CBF regions and three members representing associate members. A total of 118 delegates participated in the election, and the new executive committee was successfully elected. A comprehensive protocol of this election will be available in the Assembly Documents.

M02/20/04/23 CONFIRMATORY VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE NEW CBF CONSTITUTION

In February 2022, the new CBF constitution was voted on and approved through an e-mail ballot. As per German Law, the approval of the Plenary Assembly is mandatory for such votes. Accordingly, a vote to ratify the new constitution was conducted at 11:30 am. Out of the 46 full members eligible to vote, 44 members voted in favor of the new constitution, while two abstained. The new constitution of CBF has been thus approved.

M03/20/04/23 REGIONAL REPORTS

The latter half of the morning session was allocated to the remaining regional and sub-regional reports. These presentations were given to the Secretary General, and included reports from the North America Region, Middle East Region, Africa, Oceania, South Asia, and South-East Asia.

M04/20/04/23 ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT (PART I)

The afternoon session commenced with a group activity that focused on deliberating the action plans for different regions and sub-regions. These specific action plans will be developed and added to the documentation of the Assembly.

M05/20/04/23 GROUP PHOTO

The Plenary Assembly group photo was taken at 5.30 p.m.

M06/20/04/23 ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT (PART II)

The delegates gathered at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the action plan for the Federation. The session was divided into two parts. During the first part, representatives from different regions and sub-regions shared their plans and objectives for the next six years. The secretary of the assembly explained that the action plan would consist of two parts: local plans, which would be developed and written by each region/sub-region for the sake of consistency and accountability, and a general plan consisting of principles that would apply to the entire CBF. All of these plans would be published as part of the Assembly's documents.

The day ended with the Eucharist, starting at 7 p.m. animated by the Europe Region.