

## **Update on information from Zoom Council Conference on Saturday 23 May**

Good afternoon good people

I am writing to inform you about some of the decisions taken at Saturday's Zoom Council meeting which will affect all of us.

The Spiritual Assistants reported back on the outcome of their Zoom Meeting.

Br John writes on behalf of all three Spiritual Assistants

'We have decided that there should be **no further Elections or Professions** for the remainder of this year. The main reason is the situation created by COVID 19 and its effects and consequences, especially in relation to our members we believe it would be imprudent and unwise to continue as planned.

The second reason is personal to the three individual orders and relates to increased workload and impending changes necessitated by a Provincial chapter in September. There will be a review of this in the Autumn.'

The Northern Regional Gathering July 10/11/12 has been cancelled and members who had applied will be contacted by Michael Martin, National Treasurer.

This will be re-scheduled as a National Chapter 7 – 9 May 2021. More details will be given when the booking has been finalised.

There will be a Zoom Regional Chapter on Saturday 20 June at 10.00 British Summer Time. This is scheduled to last 2 hours but it may be necessary to have a follow up meeting

The Agenda for the Zoom Conference meeting will be sent out early next week when it has been approved by the National Council.

There are two new Facebook groups

OFSGB on-going Formation (which includes a daily reflection on the reading of the day and its application to the Rule)

This is hosted by Terry Mortimer National Council Formation Minister

OFSGB JPIC group (which gives a Forum for members to discuss their particular responses to how they are remaining active in the world and caring for each other and creation during this period of isolation)

This is hosted by Dorothy Harte National Council JPIC Minister