

2019 CIB CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7-14
CUERNAVACA, MEXICO

AGENDA

1. **September 7th Evening:** Welcome by S. Lynn McKenzie, CIB Moderator.
2. **Introductions** of the Administrative Council, Delegates, and Substitutes.
3. **September 8th Morning:** Report from Abbot Primate Gregory Polan on happenings in the Benedictine Confederation
4. **September 8th –Afternoon:** Reports from the CIB Regions.
5. **September 8th- Evening: Social and welcome to Abbot Jeremias Schroeder**, President of Sankt Ottilien Congregation.
6. **September 9th-Morning: Abbot Jeremias** will share his insights based on his experience of working with Benedictine women in Africa on matters of independence from bishops- Informative educational session. If time permits, he will share any experiences he has had in India-what has been the purpose of his involvement and what learnings he can share with us. Followed by **Mother Caritas Swai**, Region 16 Delegate and CIB Administrative Council Member who will deliver a presentation on the development of the OSB women’s congregations in Africa. She will share with us any insights about the directions in which they are growing and any issues or problems that they are facing.
7. **September 9th-Afternoon: S. Lynn** will provide a brief review of the content of the evaluations of the 2018 CIB Symposium in Rome followed by a discussion of the future of the CIB and seeking more participation with each of the 19 Regions.
8. **September 10-Morning and afternoon: S. Esther Fangman** (Atchison, Kansas, USA) will discuss the topic of sexual abuse followed by a presentation by **S. Maricarmen Bracamontes** (Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico) on living monastic life in the Latin American context.
9. **September 11-** After Morning Prayer and breakfast: A short session for a report from **S. Christine Conrath**, the executive Secretary of AIM International.
10. **September 11- 10:30 A.M:** We will leave by bus for Tepeyac near Mexico City for our joint meeting with the Synod of Abbot Presidents of the Benedictine Confederation. The topic will be the Vatican Synod on Young People held in 2018. There will be 2 speakers, a CIB participant and one of the abbot presidents.
We will join the abbot presidents for the mid-day meal and an approximate 4 hour session for the presentations and table discussions in language groups. We will then join the monks for Vespers and the evening meal. Then we will travel back by bus to Cuernavaca.
11. **September 12:** Update on *Cor Orans* what has happened since 2018 Symposium; **S. Patty Fawkner**, Region 15 Delegate and CIB Administrative Council member will report on the recent UISG meeting in Rome; continue discussion of future of the CIB especially regarding involvement of regions (see number 7 above)
12. **September 13:** Visit the Basilica of our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City and the Pyramids of Teotihuacan and other sites of interest.
13. **September 14:** Departures.