

2000 General Chapter Commitment Statement

**We commit ourselves to active nonviolence as a way of life
and to the promotion of nonviolence in society.**

**As members of a global community, we witness our Franciscan spirituality of contemplation, compassion, celebration, courage,
and connectedness with all creation.**

We make all decisions, both personal and corporate, in light of the following:

What will this choice do to and for poor and marginalized persons, the earth, and the feminine?

**WE CHOOSE TO -
strengthen relationships of mutuality with the earth
and with poor and marginalized persons**

- by advocating particularly for families, women and children, and persons denied human / civil rights because of sexual orientation.
- by exploring and intensifying our connectedness with the Clinton, Iowa, and the Chulucanas, Peru communities.
- by tithing our time and resources, both personal and corporate.
- by working for systemic change through greater involvement in the political process.

**WE CHOOSE TO -
nurture the feminine in ourselves, in all women and men,
and in all creation**

- by expanding our images of God.
- by acknowledging sexism in the Church and society and by working toward its elimination.
- by educating ourselves about all aspects of human sexuality.

**WE CHOOSE TO -
expand our circles and share the fire of the vision
of Francis and Clare with all people**

- by continuing conversation to deepen our vowed life.
- by trusting and supporting one another as we invite others to share our life.
- by further developing our Associate Program.
- by initiating a temporary commitment program.