

Sister Julie Hyer, OP, former president and CEO of Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, California, was elected as the next Administrator and as a member of the General Council of the Adrian Dominican Sisters during the Congregation's 2010 General Chapter.

"I want to thank you for all the support you've given me," Sister Julie told the delegates. "I promise to work hard for you and with you."

Originally from Connecticut, Sister Julie met the Adrian Dominican Sisters while she was a student at Rosarian Academy in West Palm Beach. She entered the Congregation in 1966. She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Siena Heights College (now University) and an Master's in Business Administration, with a concentration in finance, from the University of Detroit.

After teaching second grade for a year, Sister Julie began 15 years of progressively more responsible administrative and management positions at Mercy Hospital in Detroit. She served as president and CEO of Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz for 22 years, frequently inviting other sisters in the Congregation to join her in her ministry. Currently, Sister Julie is president and CEO of Salud Para La Gente, a network of community health clinics headquartered in Watsonville, California. In this position, she ministers with migrant farm workers and their families. In addition to her formal ministry, Sister Julie serves on numerous Boards in California and for the Congregation.

Sister Julie said she looks forward to her years on the General Council, to working as part of a "collaborative team, calling on our women for input, insights, and participating in creating our future."