

# Study Questions for Dominican Laity Candidates

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## Meeting 2 October

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1. Did the statutes of these early groups of Lay Dominicans bind under pain of sin? (Tugwell)
  
2. What are some of the similarities and differences of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic from the earliest days to today? (Tugwell)
  
3. Selections from the constitutions of two early groups of Lay Dominicans are given. (Tugwell)
  - a. Why were these groups founded?
  
  - b. How does it compare with the present circumstances in your chapter/group or with other chapters with which you are familiar?



