1. Hello join message or null message

Message Type
1 byte
JOIN or NULL

Example,

Message Type	
1 byte	
1	

2. Hello periodic message

Message Type
1 byte
PERIODIC

Example,

Message Type	
1 byte	
2	

3. VID Advertisement

Message Type	OPERATION	NUMBER OF VIDS	Path Cost	VID+Egress port
1 byte	1 byte	1 byte	1 byte	12 bytes
VID_ADV	ADD/ DELETE	<number></number>	<path_cost></path_cost>	Derived VID

Operation, ADD - 1 DEL - 2

Example for ADD, with one VID advertisement.

Message Type	OPERATION	NUMBER OF VIDS	Path Cost	VID+Egress port
1 byte	1 byte	1 byte	1 byte	12 bytes
3	1	1	<path_cost></path_cost>	Derived VID

Example for ADD, with 'n' VID advertisements

Message Type	OPERATION	NUMBER OF VIDS	Path Cost	VID +Egress port	 Path Cost	VID +Egress port
1 byte	1 byte	1 byte	1 byte	12 bytes	 1byte	12 bytes
3	1	n	1st path_cost	1st Derived VID	 n path_cost	nth Derived VID

Example for DEL, with one VID advertisement.

Message Type	OPERATION	NUMBER OF VIDS	Path Cost	VID+Egress port
1 byte	1 byte	1 byte	1 byte	12 bytes
3	2	1	<path_cost></path_cost>	Derived VID

Example for DEL, with 'n' VID advertisements

Message Type	OPERATION	NUMBER OF VIDS	Path Cost	VID +Egress port	 Path Cost	VID +Egress port
1 byte	1 byte	1 byte	1 byte	12 bytes	 1byte	12 bytes
3	1	n	1st path_cost	1st Derived VID	 n path_cost	nth Derived VID