

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY- PHASE I PREPARATION MATERIAL

AN OVERVIEW:

The following offers guidelines to those who will help CLC groups *evaluate* CLC Canada's 1999 Common Mission as a first phase preparation for our 8th National Assembly in Saint John, NB, May 29-June 1, 2014. These comments are related to two accompanying attachments:

1. National Assembly Preparation, Phase I: Background Material

This background material is for guides and coordinators and offers an understanding of terms and approaches plus a *suggested* feedback chart to be sent to the Regional Rep by April 30, 2014.

2. 1999 Common Mission Evaluation - National Assembly Preparation Material

This includes suggestions for personal prayer/reflection and communal ways of proceeding for conversation and evaluation. (see feedback charts)

It is designed for three (3) CLC meetings. However, each CLC group, in collaboration with its leader(s), may choose options which better suit who they are in their stage of development and the time available to them. For example, a CLC may prefer to work through this preparatory material ...

- During Part II of *more* than 3 CLC meetings
- By setting aside a Day of Reflection or a Retreat to move through all three sections
- Through a combination of any of the above

The material itself is very **focused and detailed** ... you are simply asked to have your group(s) do the best they can with it. Some considerations

- A more mature CLC may find the material useful as is.
- A younger CLC may not have sufficient CLC experience to evaluate and offer feedback except in terms of a general response to the 'resonance' of the goals for CLC Canada *now*.
- Other CLCs may find the 'critical thinking' questions and approach overwhelming. In this case, the Local CLC leaders need to adapt the material or the approach. **For example:** Use the three common mission goals, the scripture, G.P. 8 and SE [53] and offer more general questions to help groups reflect on how Canada has lived out its 1999 common mission. In this situation, it is up to the CLC leaders how to use some of the more in-depth questions to 'evoke' good community discussions.
- Not *all* sections may be applicable to each CLC for reflection, nor may *all* questions be needed to evaluate effectively. Leaders of local CLCs are responsible for using this preparatory material accordingly.

However the preparatory material is used, leaders of local CLCs are asked to see that their group's feedback, sent to their Regional Reps, reflects the focus of the feedback charts as much as possible.