

# CLC Canada



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## **Guelph National Assembly Recommendations-2010 UPDATE**

*Its been a year since we met in Guelph, hosted so generously by Central Region and we welcome the opportunity to review and update members on General Council's and ExCo's work with the Guelph National Assembly recommendations.*

### **Activities & Events 2009-10**

Since the April 2009 Assembly in Guelph, General Council has met face to face in Winnipeg and had two SKYPE conference calls. In her capacity as CLC President, Ruth attended Graydon Nicolas' Investiture as Governor General of New Brunswick as well as meeting informally with CLC members in Toronto.

Adrienne de Schuter was sent and supported as CLC's representative to the December 2009 CCCB Conference in Ottawa. Vivian Kwok of Newman Young Adults community represented CLC at the University Ministries Round Table Discussions, Toronto December 2009.

Julie Dwyer Young attended the CLC USA 2009 National Assembly in Washington.

### **World CLC Communication 2009-2010**

New Appointments; Franklin Ibanez Executive Secretary World CLC, Guy Magnizi CLC International Apostolate & Advocacy Project, Fr. Luke Rodriques SJ, Vice-Ecclesial Assistant

CLC UN Working Group Report

Project 144

Project 145

Apostolic Networking/Advocacy Survey

THE PROCESS OF GROWTH IN CLC Guidelines for formation

2010 World Dues & Financial Update

## **Communication**

A simple communication strategy has been implemented at the National level. CLC's national newsletter has focussed on National Assembly recommendations and highlighted regional and individual responses. The UPDATE has included articles and other inputs that support specific Assembly recommendations. The UPDATE is shared with CLC Nationals around the World. Communication initiatives have also included reaching out to Young Adults as well as Past Presidents and Elders. National Communication is further supported by including editors of regional newsletters as well as CLC's web master.

Communication with members around Assembly recommendations began with the national newsletter UPDATE in June 2009. The Spring newsletter focussed on sharing the experience, actions and decisions made at the Assembly. In July 2009, on the occasion of the Feast of St. Ignatius, members received a newsletter highlighting Ignatian mission. The Fall newsletter further developed the mission theme by highlighting CLC members' apostolic initiatives and drew attention to the DSSE component of mission.

A financial co responsibility document was sent to members in November along with the 2010 budget. The current reality of our financial health was shared.

The Spring 2010 newsletter highlights the Spiritual Exercises across Canada. In this year following the National Assembly communication as focussed and furthered conversation around Ignatian Mission, Apostolic Actions and Initiatives, Financial Co Responsibility and the Spiritual Exercises.

In January, 2010, we received, from World ExCo, the revised Process of Growth in CLC Guidelines for formation. "This document challenges us to see our responsibilities seriously and clearly, to respond generously without deferment and to seek, constantly, the answers to the need of our times" (Daniela Frank) We've begun reviewing this document, at all levels throughout Canada. This document will specifically inform National communication around Formation, Membership and Commitment. General Council will begin to gather National experience this Fall

**Web site** - Nationally we are working with our web master Martin Prince to update and improve the National site. Regions have been encouraged to include events, group and individual apostolic initiatives on the Regional sections of the National site.

## **Formation, Leadership & The Spiritual Exercises**

**Formation** - Manual I revision project. Corrections completed by Spring 2010. Manual II survey is in process.

**Leadership** - Starting with the National Assembly we have followed a process of inviting members to visibly co ordinate or lead CLC activities. Members will recall that many members were invited to share their gifts as coordinators of assembly organizing committees. At the Assembly members served as small group facilitators, plenary facilitators, presenters, writing team members, Liturgy and hospitality co ordinators. Our national communication network was expanded to include regional newsletter editors. Broadening a consistent sharing of national information is an effective approach to including potential leaders.

Members have been asked to discern attending events on behalf of CLC. Using DSSE members were sent to the CLC USA Assembly in Washington, the CCCB conference in Ottawa and the Round Table discussions in Toronto, furthering support of leadership experience. Skype conference calls were used to support member participation

Following the introduction of the dynamics of **Communal Apostolic Discernment** at the Guelph Assembly, at our meeting in Winnipeg General Council began using this tool consistently and recommends it's use throughout CLC.

### **Spiritual Exercises-**

The Spiritual Exercises remain at the heart of Christian Life Community dynamics. The Exercises are offered across Canada in many different ways. CLC Canada has more than 20 trained Spiritual Directors. Over the coming months National will encourage regions to strengthen support for the Spiritual Exercises and Directors. The Spring UPDATE highlights the Spiritual Exercises

## **Membership, Commitment & Financial CoResponsibility**

**Commitment** - General Council is taking time to reflect on the newly revised Process of Growth in CLC and will support a national dialogue on commitment this Fall.

**Financial Co Responsibility** - General Council recommended an increase to the suggested donation from \$30 to \$70 as a starting point and encouraged members to discern in communities what resources can be shared. (the November 2009 financial letter suggested a donation spectrum based on a day's income from Students to Seniors)"

The 2010 budget was included with the financial update. General Council estimates that our expenses will be around \$19,000 and based on donation past history we estimate donation income will be about \$10,000. The revenue shortfall will severely affect CLC's capacity to support member formation and development of apostolic initiatives.

## **National Apostolic Initiative & North American Collaboration**

CLC Nationally and Regionally has begun the process of discerning long term support for Haiti. In conjunction with CVX, CLC USA and the Society of Jesus, CLC Canada is committed to working through a communal apostolic discernment process to support Haiti. CVX at their October Assembly will further dialogue around this initiative. General Council will support regional discernment following its March 6th conference call and the CLC World Day of Prayer.

## **Relationship CLC and Society of Jesus- National Ecclesial Assistant Summary 2009-10**

National Ecclesial Assistant Term for Fr. Charles Pottie Paté confirmed by James Webb SJ, Provincial for another 4 years.

August 2009: number of NB and NS CLC people attended my 50th Jubilee celebration in Halifax. I visited CLC some local communities in NS – in Enfield and in Lower Sackville. An encouraging visit.

September 2009: Gave a weekend retreat to Rockies CLC groups at Martha Centre in Lethbridge, AB. Theme: General Principles. Well attended and fruitful weekend.

October 2009: Participated in General Council Meeting Oct 2-4 in Winnipeg, MB

October to December: worked on corrections to the Revised Manual 1. Worked with Prairie ExCo and Regional Council for various events.

December 4-6: attended the Forum on Lay associations and movements with Canadian Bishops in Ottawa. Visited our bi-provincial novitiate in Montreal and spoke to the novices about CLC.

February 23-28, 2010 - visited some CLC members in NS and in NB, after funeral celebrations for my brother, Ken.

March 5-7, 2010: gave a weekend Lenten retreat at Martha Retreat Centre in Lethbridge, AB. Met with some CLC people. Also gathered with local spiritual directors to talk about spiritual direction and doing some peer support.

March 20, 2010 – worked on Prairie Region World Day of Prayer – Project 144 and Haiti outreach. March-April - finishing up corrections in Manual I revision.

This summer 2010: plan to attend Atlantic Regional Assembly in August 20-22, 2010; to attend CVX Assembly in October 2010 (near Montreal); to attend Central Regional Assembly in September.

## **Constitution Working Group**

2 members have been identified and discerned participation in the Constitution Group. Ruth has met Pam Nowina from Central and Michael Radcliffe from Prairie Region, who have offered to take on this work. General Council will formally mandate this working group at the Fall General Council meeting.

**Governance** - The President Elect process was initiated in accordance with SOP 003 in January 2010. Ten member names were forwarded for nomination.

## **Regions**

**Prairie;** Mariette Ternowski begins her term as Prairie Region Representative in October 2010, as Sharon Baker completes her term in October 2010.

**Central;** Andrée Richard begins her term as Central Regional Representative in January 2011, as Mary Balfe completes her term in October 2010.

## **Financial Update**

Use of Graphics - Donations, Income & Expenses vertical bar graphs provide a quick view of CLC Canada's financial health.

### **Upcoming Events**

John English Memorial

Feast of St. Ignatius

Regional events/assemblies

- Atlantic-August 2010

Central-September 2010

CVX Assembly-October 2010