

Dear CLC Brothers and Sisters,

By now, you have all received the newly revised Common Mission Statement circulated by your Regional Representative. The completion of this work took longer than anticipated but the desire to achieve a level of excellence necessitated taking extra time. We now reap the benefit of a task undertaken with such care and thoroughness.

The Common Mission Statement reads as follows:

"Rooted in the Trinity, and formed in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Christian Life Community Canada is called, as a body of lay apostolic leaders, to read the signs of the times and prayerfully discern prophetic action to set hearts on fire with Christ's transformative love and compassion.

Through the grace of God, in solidarity with World CLC priorities, CLC collaborates with the Society of Jesus, the universal church and all people of good will, to work for justice on behalf of the environment, the marginalized, the oppressed and for people living in poverty."

Members representing the four Regions of CLC Canada, together with a coordinator, were invited to commit their time, prayer and energy to this priority task in service to the National Community. The Working Group included Mary Balfe (Co-ordinator), Mary Stevens (Central Region), Jocelyn Worster (Atlantic), Delma Lobo (Rockies) and Howard Engle/Sharon Arsenault (Prairies).

Now, an invitation is extended to all members of CLC Canada to join the General Council in offering prayers of gratitude to God for the contribution of the Working Group. They worked their way through hundreds of words, dozens of pages and frequent Skype calls with generosity, enthusiasm and sensitivity.

Let us all, as CLC Canada, rejoice with the fruit of our discernment – the completion of a new Common Mission Statement. May we all familiarize ourselves and pray with the Mission Statement as we continue our journey to the Frontiers.

In gratitude to God for the work of many hands,

Leah Michaud
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