



Christian Life
Community
CANADA

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Dear CLC Brothers and Sisters,

In June, 2014, members from four regions of CLC Canada gathered for a National Assembly. The input of the four regions to the revision of the Common Mission Statement was rich and prolific. In order to try to capture all of the essence of this input, it was unanimously decided to finalize the statement post- Assembly through the appointment of a working group (WG).

The WG was comprised of Coordinator Mary Balfe, Mary Stevens (Central Region), Jocelyn Worster (Atlantic), Delma Lobo (Rockies) and Howard Engle/Sharon Arsenault (Prairies).

After many hours of input between General Council (GC) and the WG, a final statement has emerged that GC believes invokes the Spirit of the Assembly. It 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."

The General Council is most grateful to the Working Group for their time, due diligence, patience and strength of heart for such a complex undertaking. We now invite all members of CLC Canada to prayerfully read and welcome the fruit of over a two yearlong undertaking by the National Community. It is a time to rejoice, with gratitude, for the Spirit's ongoing faithfulness and presence with us as we accomplished the task of articulating what has been stirring in our hearts as the way forward towards the frontiers for CLC Canada.

In grateful appreciation for your participation and prayers,

Leah Michaud, CLC President
CLC Canada General Council and the Common Mission Statement Working Group