

Update

Christian Life Community Canada



National Address: Jesuits of Upper Canada, 1325 Bay St. Toronto, ON, M5R 2C4.

April, 2004

Message from the Presidents

I have the privilege of sending you this message on behalf of Kati and I. We have just celebrated the Glorious Resurrection of Jesus. We are full of hope, expectation and love. This takes us to our journey to Lethbridge where we will gather for our National Assembly.

Our delegates have been preparing and praying for their participation in our gathering. Our Theme is "One Apostolic Body: Our Way Of Life" and we will be sharing how our CLCers are fulfilling our Mission and Vocation. We have prayed together as a national community on March 25th to sustain the solidarity that makes us followers of Jesus.

The following quote from St Theresa of Avila:

"Yours are the only hands with which GOD can do his work... Yours are the only eyes through which God's compassion can shine upon a troubled world",

reminds us of the responsibilities that each of us faces on a daily basis to share the love of the Trinity with others. We live in a privileged country. We can easily take for granted the rights and gifts that our Creator has given to us.

The planning for our Assembly has been evolving since last September when our General Council gathered in Toronto. There have been conference calls, e-mails and other communications to prepare for May 27 -30. Our hosts in Lethbridge are eagerly awaiting our arrival, presence and meeting of new friends. We know that not all of our CLCs will have a delegate present. However, the chosen few will reflect the direction that our national leadership is being discerned to follow. This gift of discernment is what is unique to CLC. We have been sent, supported and remembered by our communities as we discern together with the guidance of the Spirit.

We will share prayer, songs, rituals, Eucharist, meals, stories and laughter on a collective basis. We will listen to one another. There will be prophetic voices. There will be challenges as we make real "what our daily walk is with Jesus". People who attended the World CLC in Nairobi will share their enthusiasm, desire and passion to ignite our own fires to return to our local CLCs and share our experience with them.

This National Assembly will also be the first when Father John English, SJ, the "Father of CLC Canada", will not be with us due to his illness. Many of us were brought under the spell of CLC through his workshops, writings and prayers. He helped us to relate to the loving Trinity as "loved sinners", "co-creators", and "contemplatives in action". He rescued us when we lost energy by teaching us the POWER CYCLE. He taught us about Group Guides, Formation and Retreats. This loving man from Saskatchewan continues to influence us.

Our National Community Coordinator, Linda Blackmore, has resigned due to her loving commitment to raise foster twins that needed her energy. We will miss her sparkling personality. However, someone else will be graced by the Spirit and come forth to succeed her. We should all be grateful for those who have responded to the Spirit and accepted the responsibility of leadership at our local, regional, national and international levels.

Many of us have watched the movie, The Passion of the Christ, and left with profound images of the “suffering servant” as found in the passages of Isaiah. We know that “this had to be” as that phrase is found in Mary’s Way of the Cross. Let us keep in mind this message from an unknown author:

“It wasn’t the nails that held Jesus on the cross but his love for us.”

We will gather as members of a “resurrected community”. Let us continue to pray because on May 30th we will celebrate Pentecost together. We look forward to meeting you and being nourished by your love of the Trinity and one another.

Blessings from Kati and Graydon

GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP 2004

Presidents:	Kati Gumbmann	Winnipeg, MB
	Graydon Nicholas	Fredericton, NB
Past Presidents:	Fran Morrison	Waterloo, ON
	Elaine Regan-Nightingale	Toronto, ON
National Community Coordinator:	Vacant	
Atlantic Region Rep:	John Sumarah	Wolfville, NS
Central Region Rep:	Maria Brown	Waterloo, ON
Prairies Region Rep:	Ruth Chipman	Winnipeg, MB
Rockies Region Rep:	Dan Clarke	Coaldale, AB
National Eccles. Asst:	Earl Smith SJ	Winnipeg, MB
National Eccles. Asst. Emeritus:	John English SJ	Winnipeg, MB

WANTED

National Community Coordinator

Role of NCC is a **Key** position on General Council

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NCC is often the **first** “face and voice” of **CLC Canada**

Through telephone, e-mail and personal interaction

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A strong **commitment** to the **CLC Way of Life**

Is, therefore, absolutely vital

CLC Canada provides:

an hourly wage

answering service to monitor telephone calls

transportation costs to and from General Council/ExCo meetings

For a complete list of the tasks undertaken by the National Community Coordinator
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**We ask all communities to take this national need to prayer
and to call forth those members who have the required skills**

A Message from our Ecclesial Assistant

Dear Friends;

This has been a very long-short winter. It has been weather-harsh. Our beloved CLC friend, John English, S.J., continues to battle the 'good fight' with prostate cancer and he sometimes speaks words of anticipation for that day when he will be united to God, John's great love, forever. Another positive in life is the work of various planning committees for the much anticipated Lethbridge National Assembly who are inspired in their organization under the able direction of Marilyn Heaton. God is good. God is very good indeed!

This Lenten Season in the Old Testament reading, Exodus 3 we find Moses having an encounter with the Living God who is, "I am who am" God who is "I AM" sends Moses to the people Israel. They require the grace of liberation from bondage. We require the same gift, given by 'our same God', "I AM".

We are bound to our images of God. These images of God who works miracles, who inspires us with words of wisdom, who cares enough to send his Son, Jesus, as our Messiah, and who brings creation to life must be allowed to liberate us from the bondage of certain limited images of God.

Why would I say such a strange thing? God is Absolute Mystery and yet revealed to us in 'the most sublime way' as the fully God-Human, the Lord Jesus. We need to allow God to be God in a new and, as yet, undiscovered way. We must allow God to be God. God is too often limited

and restricted by our finite image of Him. Sometimes even our scriptural images of God, ready made after years of prayer and perhaps emphasized by religious art, need to be expanded. Scripture holds this potential for us, why else do we participate in the year long cycle of readings that describes to us the scenes and chapters of Jesus' life.

The grace of an encounter with "I AM WHO AM" is critical for we who choose to live our CLC way of life. Only by letting God be God we will be ready to receive and later discern a holy apostolic response to God who sends us. God wants to send us on a vision quest. It is a quest whose seed first sputtered and is being watered by the inspiration of 'our' Nairobi, Kenya encounter with "I AM WHO AM". It is a seed that needs to be watered in each of our nuclear CLC groups and individual lives to become the '*kernel of possible apostolate service*'.

It is my hope that we want this grace and continue to ask for it. Kernels of possible apostolate service are today being envisioned and inspired by our Living God, "I AM WHO AM". Let us listen to those desires deep within our lives that give focus and provide concrete images to our common mission here in Canada; recognized, discerned, evaluated, and supported by one and all members of nuclear CLC communities across our great country.

Truly,
Fr. Earl Smith, S.J.
Ecclesial Assistant,
CLC Canada

Please Pray For

All who are sick
especially *Fr. John English*

All family and community members
who have died during the past year

"The Mysticism of Earth"

An Ignatian Ecology Retreat

August 14-22, 2004

*This is a personally directed retreat with
guided input.*

Loyola House, Guelph, Ontario

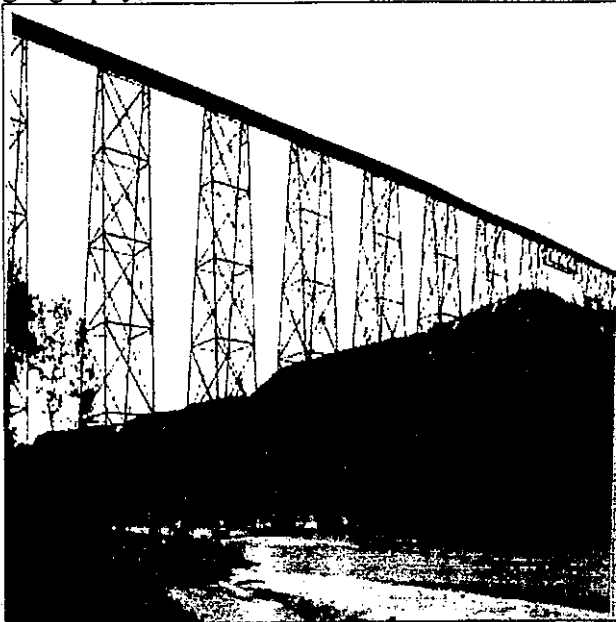
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2004 CLC NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MAY 27-30
LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA
PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR DELEGATES AND FOR THE SUCCESS OF
THE ASSEMBLY

By Geri Hartman

Lethbridge, situated in the SW corner of the Province of Alberta, enjoys a diverse geology, geography, climate and history.



High Level Bridge, Lethbridge, AB

The Oldman and Bow Rivers rise on the eastern slopes of the nearby Rocky Mountains, to traverse the prairies Northeast to the Hudson Bay. Along their route, water is diverted for some 1.5 million acres of irrigation located in a large triangle between Calgary, Cardston and Medicine Hat. The per acre crop production of this area is five times the adjacent rain fed area.

To the west lie two of our country's largest aboriginal reserves, the Blood and the Peigan, part of the Blackfoot Nation. The Oldman River waters flow through the Peigan Reserve where a coffer dam diverts water east to the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District. Upstream of the reserve, a dam was recently constructed to hold water back for flood control, irrigation, power generation, municipal and many other interrelated uses. On the St. Mary River, adjacent to the Blood Reserve, is the older St. Mary Dam to store and divert water to four of thirteen irrigation districts.

Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park straddles the Canada-USA border in the SW corner of the province. Waterton Lake, the centerpiece of Waterton National Park (the Canadian portion), straddles the border and forms the headwaters of the Waterton River, a tributary of the Oldman system, and a partial source of water for the St. Mary River Project, the four districts referred to above. Waterton National Park boasts a rich history with stories back to before 1900, and is a favorite haunt of naturalists, hikers and ordinary families looking for inner refreshment or closeness to God's creation.



Prince of Wales Hotel, Waterton, AB

Generation of electrical power by wind and water has become significant in south west Alberta since the inception of the Small Power Act some 11 years ago. Pincher Creek and Fort Macleod, towns along the Oldman River, host a number of wind turbines (called wind mills by our ancestors) which are tied into the provincial power grid. The City of Calgary buys a significant part of this generation to power its rapid transit system.



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY CANADA
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APRIL 2004

Dear Community Member,

It is this time of year again when we are asking our members to consider financially supporting the needs of our National (and World Community). We are enclosing the donation form, this year's budget and last year's contribution record by region September 1, 2003 – March 31, 2004. Many thanks for your continued generosity!

While attending the World Assembly in Nairobi, the delegates were reminded *that financial awareness and its responsibilities are an integral part of the CLC vocation and that all members are to support the financial obligations of the CLC mission (GN 33)*. As an Ignatian layperson we are following a special vocation from our Creator. In answering this call there is a commitment to a WAY OF LIFE, which includes certain responsibilities on the part of each member. And if your situation permits, we hope you will be able to honour the decision of the delegates at the last National Assembly to contribute a minimum of \$25 a year to support CLC. Yes, "we are a lay world community responsible for our own organization and well being meaning that we have only what we ourselves contribute whether in time, resources or money. There is no pot of gold, no bottomless purse, mysterious rich benefactor or a faceless bureaucracy who are forever entrenched in a job. It is you and I – WE – called by God to be engaged in mission with the Son. For this we need time, resources, money that will sustain that mission" (*Gilles and Leah Michaud – World CLC Executive Secretary Report Nairobi 2003*)

For the fiscal year 2003–04, most of our CLC members have responded with full payment of donation (and many have given a very generous donation above \$25) while others, after prayerful discernment had difficulty in paying their annual donation but have sent an amount within their present capacity. Again, thank you!

Your donations have been used in a very responsible way (please see the enclosed financial statement, September 1, 2003 – February 29, 2004 and proposed budget for the upcoming year).

- As regularly noted in reports from the World Secretariat the formation materials of CLC Canada are recognized as a unique resource for English speaking CLC communities throughout the world.
- To keep the CLC myth alive in Canada requires much creativity. Although we are constantly using modern technology (e-mail, conference calls, ...) it is also important for members of General Council to meet at least once a year face to face. This is a costly endeavour but be assured that all CLC representatives either drive or fly economy, and often use personal air miles. And if we do meet personally once a year we are always welcomed by members of a local CLC community – again this further saves dollars. But because of this many CLC members are able to experience a direct link with CLC Canada whether nationally or regionally.
- CLC Canada is part of an international community endeavouring to proliferate and support CLC around the globe. We financially support the World Secretariat which is a networking source to some 60 countries. This office, among many other initiatives, supports CLC formation in less affluent countries. It is inspiring to recognize our relationship in a global network of Spirit led CLC.

On behalf of our National Community, I thank you for your support. May God bless you as you continue your spiritual journey.

Yours in Christ, Kati

CLC CANADA

Budget for the Year September 1, 2004 – August 31, 2005

		Actual 2002-2003	Budget 2003-2004	Feb 29, 04 Actual	Projected Year End	Budget 2004 - 2005
Balance on Hand Beginning of Year						
	Current Account	14,914.63	5,719	3,364.17	3,364.17	1,448
	GIC NAC			1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400
	GIC			7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000
Total Balance on Hand		14,914.63	5,719	11,764.17	11,764.17	9,848
INCOME						
Donations	Atlantic					
	Central					
	Prairies					
	Rockies	8,055.00	1,700	1,322.23	1,500	1,000
Dues	Atlantic					
	Central					
	Prairies					
	Rockies	3,520.00	8,200	525.00	3,500.00	4,250
Manuals	Atlantic					
	Central					
	Prairies					
	Rockies					
	World	1,598.02	800	1,837.39	1,900	500
Formation	Atlantic					
	Central					
	Prairies					
	Rockies	0	0	0	0	1,500
Spiritual	Direction at a Glance	8.00	0	16.00	16	16
	John English Fund	0	0	350.00	500	1,000
Interest GICs		0	250	0	0	360
GST Refund		0	400	0	300	250
Solidarity	Fund Canada	1,340.00	0	0	0	500
Solidarity F.	World Assembly	800.00	1,600	0	0	2,000
Other	Branch to branch	10.13		131.88	150	
	Nairobi		0	1,230.62	1,231	0
TOTAL INCOME		15,331.15	12,950	5,413.12	9,097	11,376
		30,245.78	18,669	17,177.29	20,861.17	21,224
EXPENSES						
Presidents	General	0	500	0	0	500
	Travel	0	1,500	0	0	1,500
Nairobi	Travel			234.96		
	Registration			0		
	Vaccination	9,442.14	0	0		0
World	Solidarity Fund	1,800.00	0	0	0	0
NCC		800.00	1,200	480.00	960	1,200
GC Meetings	Travel			763.32	763	
	Food & Drink	2,589.00	3,000	71.67	200	2,000
ExCo Meetings		0	0	0	0	0
National Assembly	Ongoing	0	500	1,000.00	1,000	
	Travel GC	0	5,000	0	4,500	0
Central	Assembly	354.26	0	0	0	0
World Youth	Day	0	0	0	0	0
"Update"		570.61	800	443.77	800	800
Office	Supplies	402.16	400	13.46	50	50
	Telephone	121.09	0	0	0	100
	Internet	35.00	60	30.00	100	100
Formation	Material (Manuals)	1,327.91	100	736.50	800	800
Postage		650.03	550	160.88	300	300
Brochures		34.30	400	32.20	40	40
Dues to Rome		181.76	1,148	1,364.90	1,400	1,400
GIC Investments		8,400.00	0	0	0	0
Bank Charges		90.35	0	23.75	50	50
Other Expenses		0	0	36.00	50	50
TOTAL EXPENSES		26,881.61	15,158	5,391.41	11,013	8,890
Net		-11,550.46	-2,208	21.71	-1,916	2,486
Balance Budget Year End						
	Current Account	3,364.17	3,511	3,385.88	1,448.17	2,934
	GIC NAC	1,400.00	1,400	1,400	1,400.00	2,400
	GIC	7,000.00	7,000	7,000	7,000.00	7,000
Total Balance on Hand		11,764.17	11,911	11,785.88	9,848.17	12,334

CLC CANADA
Budget Notes for the Year 2004 – 05

	Projected Year End	Budget 2004-05
INCOME		
Donations	Rounded off	Low – to be on safe side
Dues	According to our records only 21 members have paid their annual dues We have about 377 members I hope that by the end of our fiscal year 119 more members will send in their dues (= 140 paid members)	My hope is that after Lethbridge our membership will look at their financial responsibility: 170 paid members
Manuals	rounded off	\$830 was sold in Canada due to many new communities starting up in the Central Region balance: Nairobi
Formation		I was counting on 150 members to contribute \$10: business item for Lethbridge (suggestion to collect the contributions made in the first year – start distributing in the second year according to discernment made at NA?)
Spiritual Direction at a Glance	No requests	
John English Fund	Rounded off	There might be some interest after announcement in Lethbridge. We should discern to change this into a restricted contribution fund (GIC maybe)
Interest GIC + GST Refund	As of March 20, 04 I do not have a current bank statement \$179.02 actual refund claimed	Our GICs mature January + February 2005 Estimate based on passed years No claim was done 2001-02
Solidarity Fund Canada		Would be great if we could start this in time for our next NA (Emergency fund? ... discerned by GC)
Solidarity Fund for next World Assembly		We were not able to contribute this year (according to our budget). If we can set aside \$2000/year from now on we could still make up a good portion of what we had planned on saving for the next delegates
EXPENSES		
Presidents	No money was used	Same as budget last year
NCC	Estimate	\$120/month x 10 months
GC Meetings	Lesser \$ were used as we only meet once a year face to face	Less than last year – but on the safe side
Formation Material (Manuals)	Over budget: we had no stock left Needed for new communities and Nairobi I will have an accurate account of manuals in stock for you at the GC meeting	
Dues to Rome		Based on last year
GIC NAC		Suggestion to have an additional \$1,000 (from cash) available

I arrived at "Actual" by financial information passed on to me. No audit was done. (Kati)

IN ADDITION TO ABOVE ACCOUNTS:

Account # 950105475 is a GIC issued by RBC (Maturity is January 30, 2005) \$2,750.00 – anticipated interest is \$45.38

This is a restricted contribution subject to external stipulations that specify the purpose for which the contributed asset is to be used: refugee couple from Iran currently living in Germany

DONATIONS BY REGIONS

September 1, 2003 – March 31, 2004

ATLANTIC	CENTRAL	PRAIRIES	ROCKIES
\$ 375.00	\$ 562.23	\$ 210.00	\$ 700.00

A REMINDER...

Our annual **Membership Donation Letter Request** is enclosed with this issue of **UPDATE** along with an addressed return envelope.

*Please, return your donation before
October 15, 2004*

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



HOLY GROUND CLLC
 Formation Resource Team for Central Region
 L-R: John Morris, Eleanor Morris, Elaine Regan-Nightingale, Barbara Peloso,
 "Sammy", Peter Nightingale, Peter Peloso

**Welcome to new CLC communities
 in Rockies Region:**

Sharing Circle (Lethbridge, AB):
 Edward (Ted) & Darlene LeBel
 Gerald & Theresa Vanden Dungen

Son Seekers (Coaldale, AB):
 Chris Adamiak Robert & Joanne Kubik
 Miles & Janice Pavka Al & Pat Theroux
 Filomena LaPorte-Packer

Crowsnest Pass, AB (unnamed):
 Mitzi Callihoo Sharon Groat
 Mary Anna Dawydiuk Lew & Carol Johnson
 Monica Grainger Cheryl Walsh

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Greetings from the President,

Dear CLC brothers and sisters across Canada

I extend warm and sincere greetings to each and everyone of you.

Ironically, the fall of the year becomes the spring of a new year. We reap the harvest of our summer experiences as we begin afresh to meet with our communities. As we savour the balmy days of Indian summer with their bright light and long, ominous shadows, we prepare to move indoors to pursue the quieter activities of winter.

On September 9 your General Council met via telephone for an exciting 8 hour conference call. We were happy to welcome back John Sumarah as the Regional Rep for the Atlantic Region after his sabbatical and Dan Clarke for one more year as the Representative for the Rockies Region. Fr. Charles Pottie, SJ was warmly greeted as the new National Ecclesial Assistant and the Regional Ecclesial Assistant for the Prairies and Rockies.

We expressed our thanks and gratitude for the contributions Peter Chouinard and Fr. Earl Smith, SJ have made to CLC Canada and shared on how much we will miss their wisdom and energy on General Council.

With gratitude we listened to the happenings and activities in our four Regions. There are many signs of the Spirit in our national body.

The Leadership Formation Working Group has established a Revision Team for our CLC Manual Phase I. The basic editing of the Manual has been done. After adding updated resource material, the Phase I Manual should be completed by next year.

Fr. Charles reported about his meeting with Fr. Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ (SJ Provincial). We acknowledge with gratitude Fr. Laporte's support of CLC Canada and his openness for collaboration between CLC and the Society of Jesus.

After taking a break over the summer we are again spending time and energy on revising our SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) with the help of our working group, to whom we are grateful.

Thanks also to our National Executive Assistant for consolidating material for this issue of UPDATE and to our webmaster who updates our web site with never ending energy!

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