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Christian Life Communities

NEWSLETTER

My Lord,

all thanks and praise to You
for Your countless gifts to me!
How seldom do I stop to appreciate them,
in me, in others -
or even believe that I have them...

Yet something within me longs to have
that "mutual sharing of goods":
with my relatives, friends,
and even "strangers".

I know You've planted that longing there, my Lord.
Am I letting it happen?
With whom do I truly share my talents?
time?
energy?
From whom do I receive help from day to day
and in times of need?

Is community a real and vital experience for me -
of Your life and love?

...What I can answer today is already better
than where I was one year ago -
Right, Lord?
And who's to say what will have been done in me
by next year?
That's pretty exciting, come to think about it...

My Lord, Our Lord,

All thanks and praise to You for community.
For all communities in Your name.
And special thanks for our own community.
Please unfold to us more and more
how we can show Your love in deeds, more than
in words,
and how we can give and receive each others'
good somehow -
with all men and women, near and far...
Teach us to need You in each other, Lord.

Below you will find the STATEMENT OF INTENT for the CLC mission committee. We hope you will take time to read it and reflect on its contents before our annual Assembly in September, 1989. If you feel called to do so, there will be an opportunity at the Assembly to join this committee. We are also hoping to hold the first meeting of the committee at the Assembly, at which time we will develop committee activities for the coming year.

VISION:

"In the day of the Lord we will put our hands together, every tear will be wiped away. We believe it will come when we put our hands together; we believe we can find a way." The mission needs to be done together.

GOAL:

We (the members of the committee) will act as facilitators of mission discernment for the English Canadian CLC and beyond it.

OBJECTIVES:

PRAXIS CYCLE	OBJECTIVES	OUR ROLE	IMPLEMENTATION
Experience	Distribute and request info.; gather and file it	Seekers of information Communicators File managers	1.send info to newsletter 2.write for info. 3.networking techniques 4.communicate with ExCo and world body 5.arrange speakers 6.give talks 7.write articles
Analysis	Analyse info	We identify and recruit experts as appropriate	1.call seminars and workshops 2.identify and prioritize tasks 3.develop budget
Theological reflection	Prayer and discernment	We gather a group with a faith perspective to link mission hopes with CLC's willed future (= Mission Committee)	1.form Mission Committee 2.call meeting and retreat 3.view mission in light of Spiritual Exercises and GP's 4.propagate our process to any appropriate group. 5.develop vision and goal statements.
Decision-making	Decide, advise for action	same committee as above	1.delegate responsibility. 2.organize steps for plans of action. 3.organize immersion experiences 4.network with ecumenical groups

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