



Christian Life Communities

NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Since our last publication I have visited many of our communities and witnessed the life of the body of our national community. It was both a humbling and energizing experience for me as I witnessed how the Lord continues to bless and nurture us in our chosen vocation as evidenced in these faith-filled, spirit-motivated members who are taking their vocation into their church, their workplace and the larger community. I look forward to visiting more of you during my last year as president.

"Releasing Energies For Mission" was the theme of this year's Assembly. I believe this truly happened! (See Assembly Report in this issue)

Fr. John English and Jack Milan conducted a very successful Guide Course at the Guelph Centre of Spirituality from June 15th to 18th. An average of 30 people attended each session. The Saturday session included the children who were simultaneously given a program and joined the adults for the potluck and closing liturgy.

We are at an exciting and challenging time in our history as we move into the structure visioned best to serve our growing National Community in this vast nation. The regional/area grouping experiment at the Assembly was a huge success and many have already met and organized. The Atlantic Provinces are planning an Assembly next summer.

The first General Council meeting will be held on December 9th. This will consist of members of the ExCo, chairpersons of the various committees, at present Formation, Newsletter, Finance, Assembly, Willed Future and Mission, along with the area/regional representatives.

Let us continue to pray for one another that we may continue to be "Discerners of the Word and the Call"!

May your Christmas be filled with Peace and Happiness and your New Year rich in the Lord's Blessing!

Jean Floyd

the editors.) Jean Floyd then reported on the activities of the ExCo over the past year. The nominees for co-presidents elect, Chris and John Sullivan, then addressed the members on their reasons for accepting the nomination. They were acclaimed by the assembly.

Four communities and three individuals asked for acceptance into the federation. A representative from each community, as well as each individual presented their history and discerning process for requesting federation. The four new communities are: River of Life CLC, St. John, N.B., Ichtus CLC in Summerside, PEI, Fidelis CLC in Waterloo, Ont. and Emmaus CLC in Comox, B.C. presented by Fr. John English through a letter signed by all members. The individuals were Pat Ellis and John and Eleanor Morris. We welcome with love and prayers these new communities and individuals into our federation!

After the business meeting we enjoyed much hilarity and frivolity as all were treated to new gifts of members when each community presented skits. Actors Guild look out!!

Sunday again began with the Liturgy of the Hours and continued the same process for exploring mission. The plenary session included a brainstorming of various concerns and possible areas of mission. Jack gave a presentation on "Networking" which concretized and clarified the input of the week-end. An experiment on regional/area groupings over lunch was a huge success.

The ExCo was mandated by the assembly to operationalize the mission committee. After a verbal evaluation the assembly came to a close with a beautiful liturgy prepared by Paul and Theresa Tratynk who also provided the music and the Liturgy of the Hours for the weekend.

Throughout the weekend a children's program was conducted by specialists from Toronto. The children joined their parents for meals, morning prayer and the closing liturgy.

Many thanks and appreciation to the Brantford Community for all their hard work handling all the registrations and arrangements, and to the Tratynks for the beautiful music and liturgical celebrations as well as our Co-Ordinator, Jack Milan and our Process Guide, Remi Limoges.

BOOK REVIEW... "The Different Drum" by M. Scott Peck
In the "Road Less Travelled" Dr. Peck led millions of readers on a rewarding journey of psychological and spiritual development. Now, in his profound and powerful new book he challenges us to take another journey in self-awareness: to achieve through the creative experience of community, a new "connectedness" and wholeness.

WORLD CLC DAY... "Opus solidaritatis pax: peace as the fruit of solidarity" is the theme for the 1989 World CLC Day. Full details will be in the next issue.