

Update

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Greetings CLC Canada!

Here we are once again at the end of January, yearning for a bit more sunshine to lift our spirits, but always grateful to the Lord for his blessings to us. We hope everyone has had a great Christmas. Not to rush the season, but Lent will be here before we know it. Just where does the time go?

Once again we hope to bring you up to date with what is happening in CLC across Canada.

WELCOME – “Friends on the Journey”

We take great pleasure in welcoming a new CLC Community in formation as part of our National Community. This new group “Friends on the Journey” consists of 7 members and is from Waterloo, Ontario. We invite all CLC communities across Canada to remember these new members in your prayers as they continue their journey in Christian Life Community. Once again welcome!

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

Just a reminder to all communities that all nominations must be submitted to National Office by mid March 98 for the General Council Meeting March 27/98. As a National Community it is important that we all take this consideration seriously. Each community should respond to this election process sent out from the National Office. This election is the responsibility of each person and community in CLC Canada. Everyone should be praying for those who perhaps are being called to respond to this call of service, that they would be graced into accepting and responding by contacting our National Office as soon as possible.
(More information attached)

NATIONAL COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR

To date there has been no one responding to the position of National Community Co-Ordinator. This is another position of great value to our National Community. Jean Floyd has served us so generously over the past years. She has discerned that it is her time to retire from this position. I cannot believe that the good Lord would say to one person “Well done good and faithful servant”, and not be planting the seed in another’s heart to respond to this call to serve our National Community. Are we really listening in our prayer? If CLC is as wonderful as we all keep telling each other, where are the workers? By our willingness to offer ourselves in the various areas of leadership in CLC, we are also showing that we believe they are important. Let us never forget to affirm one another in their efforts of service!

ANOTHER AREA OF RESONSIBILITY – The Newsletter “FIRE”

Thanks to Tom Lussier for the great job he has done during his time of editor of CLC FIRE. Everyone appreciated getting this great resource. Once again it is time to share the responsibility. We are looking for another person or community to take on this job. This newsletter is a great service to our National Community. Communication is one of the major need and concern that surfaced in all regions. Our newsletter compensates for this. We are always looking for ways to promote CLC to the larger church; maybe we should start at home first – the newsletter being one of the primary means of communication for our National Community. Many hands make for light work! Let’s show our appreciation for the many gifts given to us

through our involvement in CLC by offering our own gift(s). Please respond by contacting Jean Floyd at our National Office as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT OBSERVATION!

Just in case you have not noticed, you have just read three areas of need that we are not getting any action on. We cannot always be on the receiving end. Are these not a call to take responsibility and a challenge to take action?

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Thanks to the Regional Reps Susan Tomenson, Pat Hartman and Beulah Costain for their efforts in gathering people together in their regions to start looking at the individual needs and concerns in each area. The General Council on March 27/98 looks forward to hear about their gatherings. May God continue to bless and sustain our generous leaders.

FORMATION LEADERS MANUAL

The Formation Working Committee has been working hard at trying to complete ASAP a leaders manual which would assist CLC leaders in their dealings with the formation of communities. We are at the pre-final stage. A complete outline will be ready to present to General Council in March 98 for their approval. We ask for your prayers for the speedy completion of the great manual.

ALL CLC COMMUNITIES

A reminder to send any information/news to your Regional Reps as this will be of great assistance to them in preparing their reports for the General Council Meeting.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - March 25/98 - Start preparing!

(See attached information.)

NEED FOR PRAYERS

- Continued prayers for the ice and snow victims in the East
- For the upcoming EXCO meeting March 4/98 and General Council Mtg. March 27-29/98.
- For the leadership of CLC Canada and the World

ENRICHMENT

A great opportunity for anyone able to attend:

March 6/98 - Ignatian Lecture: ENCOUNTERING GOD: Scripture and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Presenter: Bishop Terrance Prendergast S.J.
Place: Siegfried Hall, University of St. Jerome's College
Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION - ALL ARE WELCOME!

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NOMINATION FOR POSITION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT/S ELECT

By now everyone has received information on the nomination procedure for National President/s Elect. It is hoped that every community is now discerning this nomination and will return it by **March 15, 1998**.

In the information package sent to each contact person, the Standard Operating Procedures for National President/s have been outlined. Please note that the office may be fulfilled by one or two CLC members a) an individual, b) a married couple or two members acting as a team.

The delegates at the last National Assembly in Halifax will recall that there was a lively discussion regarding the advantages and the disadvantages of having two unrelated CLC members as presidents. This issue was referred back to the General Council which requested the Working Committee to probe deeper into this matter.

The Spirit was certainly leading CLC Canada to look deeper into the office of the National Leader itself. There was a great appreciation for the excellent leadership in the past. But the committee realized there must be safeguards to ensure such excellent leadership in the future regardless of who fills the office. The key for responsible leadership lies in having effective Standard Operating Procedures for the nomination of President/s Elect.

Knowing that the constitution did not require changes and that the SOP's with fine-tuning would ensure responsible leadership, the General Council unanimously supported the proposal that the position of National Leader be a) an individual, b) a married couple or two members acting as a team.

The General Council felt confident that the nominating committee and the electorate will weight the advantages/disadvantages as they prayerfully discern the nomination of the national leadership for the next term of the office.

In looking back to the initial proposal presented at the last National Assembly, the General Council was thankful that the Spirit had led CLC Canada in an Ignatian process to look deeply into the office of National Leader and be moved to make necessary changes in procedures to ensure excellent leadership in the future.