

Update

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OCTOBER, 1998.

Greetings to CLC Canada,

Here we are again experiencing another beautiful fall season, full of many colourful shades of God's glory! This Update is also full of many colourful, interesting and challenging articles. We encourage everyone to take time to read and reflect on these inspiring articles.

CENTRAL REGION

The Central Region has just had their Regional Assembly – “Celebrating our oneness out of our oneness”, the weekend of Oct. 3rd in Hamilton, Ont. This assembly was hosted by the “Diaspora Community”. It was a great weekend, offering renewal, enrichment and many challenges to those who attended. We cannot give enough praise and thanks to the members of Diaspora for all their planning and generosity. The Central Region is already looking forward to our one day gathering in the early spring or fall of '99.

THUNDER BAY

John English went to Thunder Bay to give a Guide Course for the Thunder Bay community “Rooted in Christ”. Since then, we hear Thunder Bay is on fire to start new CLC communities. Way to go Thunder Bay!

GROUP GUIDES

A Group Guide Coordinating Committee met on the weekend of Sept. 19/98 with Fr. John English and established a Group Guides Training Program. The first Group Guide Training Program will be offered in the Central Region in Feb./March of 1999. It is intended that these Group Guide Training Programs will be offered in the other regions in the near future. John English is in the process of personally, gathering and developing these Group Guide Coordinating Committees in the three regions. *We thank God for John English's dedication and generosity to CLC Canada, and pray that the Lord continues to bless him with the health, energy and availability to do this work.*

ARTICLES INCLUDED

Attached you will find an article of introduction from Presidents-Elect Fran Morrison and Elaine Regan who prepare to assume their duties at the General Council Meeting Oct. 23-25/98. Fran and Elaine will spend one year as Presidents-Elect and at the 1999 National Assembly in Winnipeg, will take their office as Co-Presidents of CLC Canada. We welcome Fran and Elaine aboard!

REPORT FROM THE 1998 WORLD ASSEMBLY IN BRAZIL

The report from Elaine Regan and Fr. Earl Smith on the World Assembly is greatly appreciated, and again we thank both of them for representing us at the World Assembly.

COMMON MISSION

Included in the report from World Assembly you will find a copy of the COMMON MISSION. It is of great importance that you prayerfully read and reflect on this document, which is so important to each of us individually and communally. We encourage each community to look at this document, asking yourselves, "How are we in our present reality responding to this mission?"

FR. PETER-HANS KOLVENBACH S.J. Superior General of the Society of Jesus, gave a speech at the CLC World Assembly which also is attached for your reading.

FOR YOUR INTEREST!

A public lecture on Social Justice and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius will be given at Our Lady of Lourdes Church – 11 Earl Street, Toronto, Ont. Sunday, Nov. 1/98 at 4:00 p.m. given by Fr. Kolvenbach – see attached flyer.

WE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY!

We ask for your continued prayers for CLC leadership at all levels: – World, National, Regional and Local Communities.

At this particular time in our Canadian history, a time of change, great challenge and renewal; we ask the Lord to give us open minds and hearts, so that we might be able to hear and respond to the call of the Holy Spirit at all levels of leadership in CLC Canada.

CLC IS A WAY OF LIFE

IMAGES FROM ITAICI - the site of the thirteenth General Assembly

...a brief examine of graces...by Canadian delegates Earl Smith S.J. and Elaine Regan.

- relief and gratitude when met at Sao Paulo Airport at 5:45 a.m. on July 19/98
- Sao Paulo's immense concrete buildings
- El Nino "winter warmth", still blue skies and blossoms – white, pink, red, purple and yellow
- mountainside beauty of Sao Paulo State
- the welcoming loving presence of Marco N.S.J. of Brazil who so graciously introduced Elaine and Earl to Vila Kostka, the site of the assembly. Marco who had lived in Chicago for two years as a boy was very proud to share his knowledge and thoughts in English. He symbolizes the hopes of our Ignatian family for our common mission which includes the preferential option for the margined persons in our society
- a flock of noisy green parrots
- the flora and the fauna beauty of the courtyards – "Birds of Paradise", "hybiscus" and many of our fragile houseplants in Canada are trees in Brazil
- excitement of meeting delegates from India, Korea, Egypt and Lebannon who have CLC friends in Canada
- oh great joy! – the assurance that delegates can safely drink tap water and enjoy all the fresh vegetables and fruit from the gardens
- the never ending hospitality and generosity of the Brazilian support team
- ONE NATIONAL FLAG – TWO SIDES – a red maple leaf and a fleur de lis bleu – what pride and joy!!
- the inspirational heart-felt "State of World CLC" speech delivered by Roswitha Cooper
- colourful national costumes (especially Africa, India) music, and dances
- Leah Michaud – joyfully co-ordinating liturgy for English-speaking countries
- a dinner hall filled with an echo – of joyous sounds/conversations and flying birds chirping
- Andreja, physician from Slovenia a victim of the flue, gently cared for by her new friends
- the long (short) days of intense small group deliberation which struggled to articulate a list of prioritized needs for CLC worldwide and responses
- the many awe inspiring icons of the Brazilian artist C. Pastro especially "the watching eyes" of Christ in the wall mural of Satissima Trindada
- the Brazilian fiesta – visitors' day plus a break for the tired delegates who have finished the preparatory work but await the commission's report – How proud the Canadian delegation is... Gilles Michaud chairs the commission!
- Père Patrice Proulx, S.J. (Canada Français) with his cup of Canadian flag pins
- the food continues to be delicious and such a variety!
- the crazy antics of Ma Koala V. Marake, delegate Lesotho
- welcomed e-mail from Canada

- a social evening – talent from around the world including Earl Smith singing the anthem of his home province, Nova Scotia
- welcoming new member Communities – Korea, Cameroon and Lebanon
- the homily at the Eucharist sponsored by North America – delivered by two of the Assembly’s younger members – Chris Schroeder (U.S.) in English and Christine Duong (French Canada) in French
- the Lord’s Prayer, signed by Elaine Regan in a visible language, American Sign Language, in solidarity with the “voiceless” in the world
- the prayer “We thank you Lord that we are united in our diversity” spoken in the Assembly’s 55 languages
- a birthday party and liturgy for our dear St. Ignatius
- the final document – nine pages in length – indeed “a letter of Christ, written by the Holy Spirit, sent to today’s world” unanimously accepted with joy and peace
- election of new exco members – such excitement when Mary Nolan of Australia was elected vice-president on the first ballot
- fond and tearful farewells as all delegations return home to implement this letter from Christ

WORLD EXCO 1998-2003

President: Jose Maria Riera, Spain
Vice President: Mary Nolan, Australia
Eccl. Assistant: Fernando Salas Cruchaga S.J., Chile
Secretary: Brigitte Minier, France

No treasurer was elected

Consultors:

1. Victor Kachaka, Zambia
2. Anna Maria Aguirre, Chile
3. Daniela Frank, Germany
4. Ronnie Villegas, Phillipines

Secretariat: Gilles Michaud, Canada

Note: Because no treasurer was elected, the assembly voted to elect four consultors rather than three, hoping that a Treasurer might emerge from that group.

SHORT STORY

There once was a small village and a Rabbi who lived there who impressed all of its inhabitants by his life of great understanding and compassion. He was a model of Christian charity to everyone until that day when he died. He was, of course, greatly mourned and much missed by the villagers. However, soon people in the village began to notice something quite extraordinary. A small boy could be observed as performing similar random acts of kindness once so typical of their beloved Rabbi. Everyone began to wonder how this could be until such time that someone asked the boy why he chooses to be so motivated and giving in this way and that. The boy answered without hesitation and his reply has not been forgotten. He said simply that ‘he listened to the heart of the Rabbi’. ...as CLC members of Canada let us listen to the heart of Jesus.

OUR COMMON MISSION

(a summary from the U.S. from World Assembly Brazil '98)

CLC: A LETTER FROM CHRIST, WRITTEN BY THE SPIRIT, SENT TO TODAY'S WORLD.

Christ, through the enlightenment of the Spiritual Exercises, is sending CLC into the 21st century with the mission:

1. To bring Christ to our social reality;
2. To find Christ in the various cultures of the world;
3. To live Christ in every aspect of daily life.

The means CLC will use to carry out this mission are:

1. Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius;
2. Formation;
3. Collaboration in mission;
4. Financial support.

Specific areas of concern:

I Christ and Social Reality

1. For a more just world
2. Witnessing to our way of life
3. Standing as prophets in our world
4. Formation through experience and action
5. Networking and collaboration;

II Christ and Culture

1. Working in word and deed as prophets who foster the growth of all that is good and transform all that is harmful in the cultures in the world where we live.
2. Incarnating Gospel values in every situation so that every culture can realize its potential to bring humans fully alive.
3. We commit ourselves to becoming involved to find a new way of being universal Church, drawing to itself from all that makes today's reality so rich in its diversity;

III Christ in Daily Life

1. We desire to nourish the absolute value of every human person and of authentic human relationships in the community of humankind.
2. We desire to promote family life as a basic unit in building the world into the Kingdom.
3. We desire to accompany youth on the way to meaningful life and to invite them into contact with the Lord who offers them fullness of life.
4. We desire to integrate professional and other working activities into a truly human life and into our Christian faith.

September 25, 1998.

INTRODUCTION TO YOUR PRESIDENTS-ELECT:
FRAN MORRISON & ELAINE REGAN.

As we approach the second millennium there are many challenges for CLC, which require an innovative and creative response. We acknowledge that having the presidents-elect living in two different cities is a new model of leadership for CLC Canada. However, in this technological age of communication and with the sincere determination of both of us, we are confident that we can fulfil the duties of this office and look forward to serving the national community for the next five years. We would like to tell you something about ourselves....

Elaine hails from a farming community near Stratford in S.W. Ontario where she was educated and grew up loving Mother Nature and the soil. Wanting to pursue her university education and to spread her wings she moved to Toronto. She enjoyed a career in teaching, particularly teaching Religious education to deaf and hard of hearing children and founding an early intervention program for their families.

In 1986-87 Elaine travelled around the world on a search for direction, stopping in many cities such as Tokyo, Calcutta and Jerusalem where she heard about CLC for the very first time. Later, to her surprise, she found herself gathering her friends and founding the group of Companions in Toronto. In the fall of 1987 she attended her first CLC assembly in Guelph where she met Fran Morrison, who had been a member of CLC since 1977. At that gathering their friendship started with laughter, good food and sharing the treasured gift of the CLC charism.

Fran, an ex patriate Brit, was born and educated in Edinburgh, Scotland. She came to Canada for "two years" in 1965 with her husband Hugh. Now thirty years plus and three children later Fran considers Waterloo, Ontario her home.

These two CLC members come prepared to work as a team and share their common gifts of enthusiasm, zest for life, laughter, wit, hospitality, eagerness to share the CLC Way of Life, commitment and search for "the more". In their years of friendship they have discovered many common interests. Both are passionately concerned about the Church, Interfaith and Justice issues, ecology, community and Ignatian Spirituality.

Fran and Elaine have had CLC experience at the local and national levels. Both have a deep appreciation and understanding of the World community from their years of participation in the General Council as ex officio members, and from their attendance at World CLC gatherings: Fran at the World Assembly in Hong Kong in 1994, both at the World Ex Co meeting in Chicago in 1996, and Elaine at the World Assembly in Itaiçi, Brazil in 1998. A highlight of Fran's 1996 European holiday was a visit to the World CLC offices in Rome, where Canadians Gilles and Leah Michaud will soon be hard at work as World CLC community coordinators. Your presidents-elect have fostered and

developed the spirit of CLC by establishing and guiding groups in Waterloo and Toronto, and have a long history of collaboration on various CLC working groups. Through their association they discovered the benefits of a team model of leadership, both in their professional lives and in CLC.

In her teaching career Elaine worked on many committees and boards, especially for the rights of children with special needs and for Catholic education. She served at the Toronto Archdiocesan level on a pastoral team for the deaf and hard of hearing community. Now that she has retired she is looking forward to having more time to devote to promoting CLC and serving the national community.

Fran is currently working towards her Masters degree in Theological Studies at the University of Waterloo (part-time) while she continues to job-share in a busy paediatric office. Her history of parish and community involvement in action for justice and social issues, includes four years spent as a member of a parish pastoral team, collaboration with ecumenical groups in her area, and work on inter-faith initiatives to improve the plight of women and the poor. She is supported by her family and husband Hugh in all her CLC endeavours.

Your presidents-elect look forward meeting you all in the coming years and encourage you to contact us at our office: Elaine Regan & Fran Morrison, 123 Renaud Dr. Waterloo, On, N2J 3T2. (E.Mail: Hugh@retirees.uwaterloo.ca)



F.Y.I.

**Very Reverend
Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.**

**Superior General of the
Society of Jesus**

**A Public Lecture
on
Social Justice and
the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

**11 Earl Street
(corner of Earl & Sherbourne)**

Toronto, Ontario

4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 1 November 1998

*In Honour of the 450th Anniversary
of the Publication of
The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS
3rd edition

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