

**CLC World Day of Prayer: on March 21, 2011 – Winnipeg, MB
Theme: Financial Co- Responsibility for the Mission-Project 147**

Preparation:

The Group Guides & Coordinators Peer Group met and developed the preparation plan and outline for the regional meeting. Members from all groups supported communication, preparation and hospitality.

6 pm: Common Grace and Lenten Potluck Supper-simple menu featured dishes from Haiti, Peru, Africa. Hospitality coordinated by Viola Mirochnick & Tere Hajzler. Feast of the Annunciation Icon provided by Fr. Charles and pictures taken by Lorraine Mueller from her Holy Lands trip, of The Church of the Annunciation-



"Also known as the Basilica of the Annunciation, is the church that is erected, according to Roman Catholic tradition, over the cave in which the archangel Gabriel appeared (eventually in its female form) to the Virgin Mary. The church was destroyed several times during history and rebuilt several times. In 1620, the Franciscans were able to acquire the ruins of the Crusader cathedral and the Grotto. In 1730 a church was built, which was enlarged in 1877 and replaced in 1955 by a new building."

6:45 pm Welcome-Mariette Ternowski. Check-in on how are we coming. Brief explanation of why we celebrate CLC World Day of Prayer - Celebration of the General Principles that were approved on the Feast of the Annunciation celebrated on March 25th 1968.

Hymn: Holy Mary Full of Grace

Grace: We ask that we may be compassionate to the needs of those who are financially poor in our own Region and in our world.

Goals: Love for One Another-Concrete Solidarity

- In a common meeting day all communities or groups are invited to deepen and reflect the meaning of co-responsibility and especially financial co-responsibility in CLC with special emphasis on the questions found in this Projects 147.

- For the Eucharist for the celebration of the World CLC Day, we would ask for a collection to support one fund of the World CLC⁴ offered as a sign of Co-responsibility in the mission in the Eucharist for the world day.

Opening Prayer: Lorraine Mueller-Facilitator

Scripture: John 13:35; Acts 2: 44-45; Acts 4:34-35; Matthew 6:21-Readers from Diakonia CLC.

Round I Process: Share from your reflections after having read Projects 147 (and the suggested Scripture texts). Following questions over the past few weeks; come prepared to share the “nugget” of your prayer. [In small groups]

- 1) *How do I contribute - be it through my time and support, be it with money – in the apostolate of my community?*
- 2) *How could stronger Financial Co-responsibility improve the mission in my community?*
- 3) *How could my community contribute to improving the mission ability of the larger CLC*
- 4) *Which Fund would I like the Regional community to donate to?*

Round I Input:

- Everyone has contributed to the Drop In. Community support of all different types was really helpful during the initial stages of this mission.
- We struggle to connect the “primitive community” with Project 147. Its a leap to engage concrete examples of sharing in community. When we take action, even a little one its like dropping a stone in a pond. The ripples can affect all.
- We need to participate with all our resources not just some of our gifts but time and economic resources too.
- Its important to become more aware of the needs-we feel the pull from many directions on our resources. We need to undertake action with a great deal of thought considering ramifications.
- In CLC World wide there is a lack of understanding of financial responsibility. This leads to conflict-how do we resolve this.
- We have a desire for good stewardship of resources. How do we put the 1st century Church into our context?
- We need to develop a deeper appreciation for planning...stewardship is a great need in CLC.
- Deeper sense that when we have a heart felt awareness of human need we respond more openly.
- The giver is enriched by generous action. (e.g. teachers learn from students.)
- We need to deepen our practice of community supported discernment for formation.
- We are doing good things...are we doing the best things? Its a challenge to discern.
- Even putting resources into small things can have a big impact.

Second Round Process: (In large group). What did we hear from each other; was there a thread that connects what we heard? How was I affected by what I heard?

Second Round Input:

- We belong to a World Community... “come & help us” - Acts.
- We want to be a strong community with a common focussed mission. (Regional Assembly)
- The experience of being supported on mission is important
- We need to be a discerning community..what is the need? Check for deception.
- Discernment includes intelligent engagement through social analysis and theological reflection in our community
- Formation is a strong desire in Prairie Region.
- CLC Canada has a long history of supporting formation..manuals..conferences.
- Some groups take a collection at every meeting as a way of planning to cover group expenses such as the National Assembly
- Clearly identify the need and we will discern support

Third Round Process: Discussion around Co- Financial Co - Responsibility and to focus on the Question: *“As a Region, to which Fund would we like to contribute?”*

Can we have a consensus for this? As a Region, we do have some money set aside for apostolic works. (As well, is there anyone who has desire to contribute towards mission projects in our National CLC?)

Third Round Discussion and Action: Which of the funds resonate with you?

- Do we have enough data on the funds?
- Wish we had more concrete information on specific projects supported by the funds.
- Trust the World ExCo on how it discerns and how it proceeds with the dispersing of the donations towards the particular needs as in the Society of Jesus.
- Its helpful if requests connect to our hearts which can see even further than our eyes.
- Reminder about the “3 ways of making a decision” from the Spiritual Exercises.
- What about supporting mission here?
- Doesn't seem that we are contributing very much. Can we contribute more?
- The story of Stephen's pocket at the Fatima World Assembly.

Members were then invited to verbally indicate which fund attracted them.

- Three themes emerged; Formation Fund, World ExCo decides, Advocacy Fund.

We paused for a few moments of prayer and reflection. Members were invited to vote. Eight members felt a preference for the Formation Fund, several members felt World ExCo could decide support, one member favored the

Advocacy Fund. In confirming the consensus the members who favored leaving the choice to World ExCo or the Advocacy Fund were asked if we could move forward together with the stronger preference for Formation. There was generous agreement. Further two members proposed a collection from the "Change in our Prairie Pockets" and an additional \$115 was collected to be added to the \$150 for Apostolic initiatives.

Meeting Awareness-Sheila Sturley, (Evaluation & Appropriation)

- Pot luck supper meetings build up our life together as a Region.
- Especially for those who meet on Monday evenings.
- The pattern is effective; good preparation, simple meal- the more serious part flowed well. The prayer and sharing in small groups and the Third Round was effective..I'm very hopeful.
- The small group sharing was especially good-as a larger group we are now better formed.
- The readings and the meeting was really in sync.
- Nicely paced.
- Meeting flowed so well, thank you for the bread, the baking and the simple meal. Thanks for the good preparation. The discernment lifted us up.
- Thank you for the process, for the time taken meeting before hand to gather up the plan, good delegation and sharing of responsibilities, great meal.
- Room set up so nicely, ambiance, lovely faces.
- Atmosphere was relaxed, accepting, easy to share in this environment. Great meal..so simple.
- The Round III comments from Howard and Fr. Charles especially helpful in bringing us to a good finish.

Appropriation (what are we taking away tonight and how do we sustain this in CLC?)

- Usually anxious around money issues, often divisive, this process gave me hope.
- Deep gratitude, sense of community, our discussion deepened our sense of community and mission.
- Christians together sharing is Agape, CLC together is Formation.
- Anything worthwhile takes time.
- Deep appreciation, hope, gratitude...our hearts see further than our eyes.
- Warmth, blessing, hope, strength.
- Image of concentric circles, our selves & sense of community, our actions, our hearts seeing beyond limits, moving...
- Awareness that our community is growing in its awareness of CLC.
- Compassion for those less fortunate than we.
- We are increasingly aware of CLC the World as we become stronger as a group.
- We send our donation cheques to Oakville...I used to live close by...the new treasurer could have been my neighbor. We are all in this together.

- We'll be interested to see how CLC Canada as a whole responds to this World CLC request.
- Hopefully World ExCo will provide specific details on the projects supported with these funds.
- This was a confirmation of our workshop with Peter Bisson that discernment includes the "quality of our interactions."
- Generosity supported the challenges experienced in our process. This was gentle-like water on a sponge.
- Sorry I missed the meal-it was appropriate for this event. I appreciated the popcorn style in the discussion round. I am a and popper would encourage others to "pop." Popping didn't get out of hand.



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Summary-Ruth Chipman, March 23, 2011.