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A call to connect, coordinate, and collaborate (Amiens 2023)

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Introduction

For years, we have been welcoming and discerning the call to be and bear apostolic fruit as one lay, apostolic, Ignatian world community. In this journey we have been deepening the understanding and content of our mission. We feel a calling: the mission of one is the mission of all. Making this call a reality implies deepening and recovering discernments and confirmations from previous Assemblies.

In Lebanon (2013) the community deepened a look at mission which ranges in between personal and world CLC mission, including missions developed in local, national or regional communities. In addition, the Lebanon Assembly identified four areas of mission or frontiers: youth, ecology, family and globalization & poverty. The Assembly of Amiens (2023) confirmed those apostolic frontiers and added a fifth: spiritual ministries. Likewise, our mission to build a welcoming and safe Church emerged as a new dimension to our mission.

Among the means to respond as One World Community, the need to continue implementing DSSE stands out: discerning, sending, supporting, and evaluating mission. DSSE is a key tool that enables the mission of each member, even the most personal in our ordinary lives, to be effectively lived as CLC's shared mission.

The community gathered in Amiens experienced a call to look for new ways to connect, collaborate and cooperate in the mission to be able to respond to the apostolic frontiers as one community. The community is already present in these areas, responding through our ordinary life, our personal or group apostolates, even institutions that CLC created or promoted to respond to specific contexts. However, we want to go further. We aspire to connect our efforts, to deepen the DSSE to explore ways to bear more fruit in all geographical areas and to cooperate and collaborate in them as ONE global community.

For this reason, the community in Amiens confirmed the need for international apostolic teams, whether they are global, continental or according to the structures that the community finds relevant. At the same time, it recommended incorporating the role of the continental regional community¹ level more clearly in the revision of the General Principles and Standards. The community recommended reaffirming the four global international apostolic teams created by previous World Executive Councils: formation, ecology, youth and CLC in the United Nations. It is

¹ CLC has six regions: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and North America.

worth noting that, in certain regions, international apostolic teams are supporting CLC's apostolic response to specific frontiers or even more targeted mission areas².

Below, the global international apostolic teams briefly present themselves and their plans. All members have been sent to provide a voluntary service for the world community.

International Apostolic Teams

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Global Formation Team

The **Global Formation Team** (GFT) is rooted in the 2022 Manresa formation encounter, having slowly started its service at the end of the same year. The team has grown ever since and ensured a global footprint.

As CLC members, we are united by a shared mission and spirituality that transcend borders, even as we embrace the richness of our diverse cultures and contexts. As one world apostolic community, formation is a vital space for growth, discernment, and deeper communion. This space is where the GFT steps in supporting the CLC's mission at a horizontal level: fostering a world community anchored in strong foundations (history, making links and accessible formation materials, documents or formation proposals).

The GFT provides recommendations to the World Executive Council on formation issues, facilitates networking across the Ignatian family - in different ways across the globe and taking advantage of formal or informal structures that exist already worldwide at a regional level. The team is currently working on developing a global formation sharing network and a global formation directory and network. Both will serve to develop strong links and make materials available, allowing adaptability for the national communities that need them the most.

All CLC members are encouraged to share their thoughts and needs, so that the GFT can properly and efficiently map the needs and design the answers accordingly. Stories, reflections, and news can be sent to globalformationteam@cvx-clc.net. Upcoming activities on global formation offering and next steps will be shared soon with the national communities.

We believe our service involves acting, listening and connecting - to the community, the World Executive Council, national Executive Councils and the Church and the World (signs of times). We aim to empower the one Ignatian apostolic community CLC is called to become. Adaptability and openness to the Spirit have guided us. We are developing momentum as a team and with our projects. Stay tuned!

Global Ecology Team

The **International Ecology Working Group (IEWG)** supports CLC's mission at the ecological frontier by accompanying national and regional communities in discernment, planning, and action for the care of our Common Home. Rooted in the vision of *Laudato Si'* and our Ignatian tradition, the group offers guidance and resources to promote ecological conversion in daily life and mission. It provides recommendations to the World Executive Council on environmental issues, facilitates

² For example, CLC in Europe has established a migration network that coordinates CLC teams and projects in different countries. In Latin America, a team works in the pastoral care of sexual diversity.

networking across the Ignatian family—including [EcoJesuit](#) and the [Laudato Si' Movement](#)—and encourages sharing of grassroots experiences and activities of CLC communities. The team also reviews proposals from national communities, fosters internal communication on ecological topics, maintains the institutional memory on ecological issues, and helps develop ecology action plans grounded in listening and discernment.

All CLC members are encouraged to participate by sharing updates on ecological activities and experiences. Stories, reflections, and news can be sent to the team's email address, or shared via our social media Facebook platform CVX-CLC Ecology Group or the CVX-CLC handles. Members are also invited to consult [Horizons 183](#) for inspiration and direction, and to offer feedback that can shape the team's evolving mission. Upcoming activities are posted on <https://cvx-clc.net/en/what-we-do/ecology/>. Through small steps and shared commitment, we continue building a global CLC response to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

I EWG email address: ecology@cvx-clc.net

World Youth Team

Youth has been a key frontier for the Christian Life Community (CLC) since the 2013 World Assembly in Lebanon. This commitment took a more structured form following the CLC World Youth Gathering in 2021, leading to the creation of the **World Youth Team** in 2022. The team was established not only to accompany young CLC members but also to engage all young adults drawn to Ignatian spirituality, offering them opportunities to grow in faith, community, and mission.

Today, the Apostolic Team is composed of ten young members from six global regions—North America, Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East—alongside two companions from the World Executive Council. Together, they reflect the cultural and spiritual diversity of the world CLC. Their mission is to serve as a bridge between youth across regions, fostering connection, collaboration, and shared initiatives that strengthen the world CLC youth community.

Our journey has included leading Ignatian prayers during MAGIS 2023 and WYD Lisbon 2023, hosting an online prayer in July 2023, and participating in the 2024 Youth Ministry Congress in Rome. Currently, we are analyzing responses from the 2024 Youth Survey to better understand the hopes and needs of young adults. We are also preparing a delegation for the 2025 Jubilee of Youth in Rome, to create a model that can be adapted in national and regional communities. Looking ahead, we aim to support youth participation in WYD Seoul 2027 and to create more spaces where young adults can grow spiritually, deepen their Ignatian identity, and engage meaningfully in their communities. The insights from our ongoing work will guide future initiatives and help us walk together with greater purpose and unity.

You can follow **our activities** on our website: <https://cvx-clc.net/en/what-we-do/youth/>

And you **can reach** us at our email address: worldyouth@cvx-clc.net

CLC TEAM at the UN

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The role of **CLC at the UN** is a multi-dimensional one. As a Catholic lay community, CLC is part of the larger Catholic presence at the UN. In addition, our presence at the UN affords us the opportunity to collaborate with other Catholic groups and, indeed, with other faith-based and

secular groups on issues of mutual importance. Our presence at the UN started in 1975. We celebrate our 50 anniversary this year. A special issue of Progressio, CLC magazine, is going to be published around our participation, learnings and future perspectives.

Currently we have a small but very active team based in New York, where UN headquarters is located. CLC belongs to four NGO Committees: 1) NGO Migration Committee – Climate Induced Migration subcommittee, 2) NGO Committee on Status of Women – Indigenous Women subcommittee, 3) NGO Mining Working Group – Indigenous subcommittee, 4) NGO Indigenous Committee

We would like to incorporate clc members working in these different areas, especially on the third since it is important to provide useful two-way communication from grassroots to reps at the UN and vice versa. Together we might discern ways to engage both at the UN and at the local level. Feel free to contact us, Ann Marie and Joan, at un@cvx-clc.net.

***We invite you to keep these teams and their mission in your prayers
and to contact them for any comments or proposals.***

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