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Here We Are Lord, Show Us Your Way

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Dear sisters and brothers in the Lord,

We write to you as we return home from our annual in-person meeting for 2026. This year we were hosted by the Community in Hong Kong. As we return home, our hearts remain in the Asia Pacific region, savouring the friendship, companionship, reflection and true listening with the heart that we experienced.

Moreover, this year's in-person meeting marked our mid-term point from the last World Assembly in Amiens 2023 to the next World Assembly in 2028. This was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm, as we continue to remain at the service of the one world community we were sent to serve in Amiens.

Again, our way of proceeding was a lived experience of our CLC way of proceeding, that of Discern, Send, Support and Evaluate (DSSE), or to be more exact the cycle was a EDSS. This lived experience of our core way of proceeding is a hallmark of this leadership team because, as you will read later in these few pages, we had a number of key decisions that needed to be taken and these were all taken in a true spirit of communal discernment, beautifully leading to a shared consensus. It was a true experience of "Lord show us your way".

The Process of Evaluation

As we did in the past two meetings, our evaluation process began with meeting the regional teams and apostolic teams. This year we experimented with two practical points. The first was meeting all the teams together. The other experiment was to hold two identical meetings one week before our in-person meeting. These meetings helped us share with one another so that we could deepen our sense of belonging to the same world community.

In each of these meetings we had approximately 30 people attending. That means at least 60 people elected and sent so that together we can serve the Lord in our community! Sit for a while and reflect on this fact: more than 60 people, all sent to serve the community in various ways, all seeking the path of God: “Here we are Lord, show us your way”.

We reached our meeting place, high up on the hill in Cheung Chau Island, at Xavier House, after travelling across the harbour and walking (indeed, climbing) up the hill. Our luggage, physical and emotional, was well overweight, filled with all of your reflections, prayers, presence and the support we feel from you, the members of our one world community.



We spent the first day in prayer. A true communal discernment and an authentic Ignatian evaluation must begin in prayer. We Evaluated our personal lives during 2025, focusing on our Spiritual life, Professional life, Family life and Community life. This day of prayer and sharing highlighted that we are a group of CLC members, called and sent by the Community to serve in its leadership. Rooted in our shared vocation, we strive to live out and develop the service entrusted to us by the Community through communal discernment. As in any small CLC group (or CLC sharing group), we share our lives and

connect with one another on a very deep human and spiritual level.

We encourage all leadership teams to live their service in a CLC way, fostering the conditions for a genuine experience of community within their mission. Being sent to serve is truly a grace.



Our evaluation process concluded in the joy of Chinese New Year; Kung Hei Fat Choy!

Our Discernment

Our evaluation process naturally unfolded into a deeper process of discernment. This year, we entered our meeting aware that several pressing issues required our careful attention. Having listened to the voices and experiences shared across the Community, it became clear that 2026 would be a defining year—one that would shape the second half of our journey toward the next World Assembly and beyond.

A striking detail accompanied this moment: our discernment began on Ash Wednesday. The coincidence did not go unnoticed. We embraced the afternoon as an invitation to pause, pray, and re-centre ourselves, grounding the next steps of our journey in the words of Jeremiah 29:11. We sensed a call to deeper listening and reflection—two qualities essential to any authentic discernment.

The Review Process of the General Principles

We wish to express our gratitude once again to all the members of the international commission accompanying us in the review of our community's core document, the General Principles. We remain convinced that this work must be a truly communal journey—one in which all our communities, and ideally all our members, are engaged. Because it is a process of discernment, it requires prayer, patience, and deep listening from each one of us.

We are encouraged by the response we have received so far from the community. Strengthened by this encouragement, we already sent the first draft of the revised text for the General Principles. This next phase will require your participation -this time in a more focused way, responding to a concrete text. The goal will not be to perfect every word, but to help us capture the Spirit that is guiding us. No set of "general" principles can address 100% of our local realities, but the essential question is whether you can recognize yourselves in the text. Do you identify with the spirit that animates it? And please highlight anything we may have overlooked.

It is important to underline that this review process, while giving thanks for the journey the Community has travelled so far, is also looking ahead seeking to understand where the Spirit is leading us and how our Community is evolving. And indeed, the Community *is* evolving. We have deepened and expanded our sense of being "One Community." As we communicate more effectively, collaborate more intentionally, and cooperate more generously with others, new colours continue to enter our life as One Lay Ignatian Apostolic Community.

The more we allow the life of the Community to enrich our journey, the more we discover God's love for us and for the world. And so, we continue to say, with trust and openness: *"Here we are, Lord—show us Your way."*

The location of the next World Assembly

The process of discerning a host community for the next World Assembly began last July, when we invited all communities to reflect on whether they had the capacity to welcome this important gathering. We have truly been graced by the very positive response we received. Our heartfelt thanks go to all the communities that entered into this discernment—both those who continued forward and those who, with great love and maturity, chose to withdraw their initial offer. Each response reflected a deep care for the wellbeing of our global Community.


During our meeting, we were guided through a communal discernment with a very clear objective. The spiritual conversation that unfolded was profound -at times difficult, always loving, attentive, and marked by genuine concern for the whole body. For now, it is not our intention to share the fruits of this process, but we will communicate them in a separate letter dedicated entirely to the next World Assembly.

At this moment, we invite you to remain in a spirit of grace and gratitude for all the candidate host communities. A great deal of effort, energy, and generosity has already been offered in taking this first important step.

The theme of the next World Assembly

Being together in the same room is always a privileged moment for us, especially since it happens only once a year. We made the most of this time by allowing ourselves to dream—to imagine the next World





Assembly and to brainstorm, in a reflective and discerning spirit, the possible themes that might guide it. The profound sharing and the inspirations that emerged will accompany our future discernment.

True to our practical nature, we also dedicated some time to the logistical aspects of the Assembly. Yet there is no rush; we are well within the timeline, and this allows us to approach these preparations with calm, clarity, and freedom.

The life and future of our International Apostolic Teams

An essential dimension of our Community's life is expressed through our apostolic works. We feel a particular responsibility to care for the initiatives that were planted in the years leading up to Amiens. It is a joy to witness some of these projects slowly maturing and taking on their own character. Their fruits are becoming visible and speak of the generosity and creativity of our members.

At the same time, a few initiatives require renewed attention and care. As a discerning leadership team, we prayed to listen deeply to their needs and to seek new ways of supporting them. We hope—and trust—that our accompaniment of all the apostolic teams, especially those that need us most at this moment, will be both seen and felt across the Community.

We also remain attentive to the call of the Assembly of Amiens, which clearly recommended placing greater focus on the apostolic priority of the family. Last year, we “tested the waters” by inviting a small group of CLC members to form a writing team for *Horizons 186*. Their evaluation of the experience was so positive that we have taken the next step: one of us will now serve as the ExCo Link for a future International Apostolic Team dedicated to the theme of the family.

In the coming months, we will reach out to the regional teams and communities in different countries to collaborate in identifying members who can contribute to this important work. We invite you to look out for our upcoming communications.

Safeguarding

Our Community has had a Standing Order 16 dedicated to the important issue of safeguarding. As a community of lay people in the Church, we carry the responsibility of ensuring that all our gatherings are safe, welcoming, and open to everyone. Last year, we invited a group of CLC professionals working in safeguarding to review Standing Order 16 with the aim of strengthening it and ensuring it could be implemented across the whole World Community. We brought together a team of six members—one from each continental region—to collaborate on this essential task.

We have been deeply graced by the outcome of their work, which exceeded all our expectations. The team produced a document that not only defines a Safeguarding Policy for the World Community, but also includes clear procedures, practical guidance, and a rich set of best practices. It is a comprehensive and thoughtful document that we intend to share with the entire Community. As this new text goes beyond the scope of a standing order, we have retired Standing Order 16 and formally adopted this new document as the Safeguarding Policy of the World Community.

Together with the review team, we also reflected on the next steps needed to help the Community embrace this policy in a meaningful and practical way. Ensuring that our communities are safe spaces for all is a shared responsibility. We recognize that communities will need training, support, and guidance to implement the policy and adapt it to their national contexts. We will communicate further details later in the year.

In the meantime, we encourage you to begin preparing your local safeguarding policies and to seek out training opportunities available in your own countries. The more members who are trained, the greater the awareness and culture of safety we will cultivate across the Community.

Meeting with Cardinal Stephen Chow



A special blessing for us was the presence of Cardinal Stephen Chow, SJ, the Bishop of Hong Kong, who came to meet us at Xavier House and celebrated the Eucharist with us. We later shared an evening of conversation and fellowship, including dinner. His witness to attentive listening, pastoral closeness, and intercultural openness was itself a quiet reminder of how the Spirit

continues to accompany and guide the Church and our community. He again reminded us that that, in any conversation the gift of attentive listening is truly precious.



Meeting with the community in Hong Kong



Whenever we meet in a particular place, we make every effort to spend time with the local community and with members from neighbouring regions. This helps us not only meet our members but also to listen to them and better understand the realities they face in the different parts of the world. We were aware that our gathering coincided with a very special moment for our members in the Asia Pacific region: Chinese (or Lunar) New Year, a

deeply meaningful family celebration.




The gathering was held at Marymount Secondary and Primary Schools, the two schools that are administered by CLC in Hong Kong as a communal apostolic work. We are especially grateful that our invitation was received with such enthusiasm. It was such a joy and a grace to meet so many members, not only from the community in Hong Kong, but also from Macau, Singapore, Taiwan and Canada.

The warmth and hospitality extended to us by the community—and by the Jesuits in Hong Kong—was truly overwhelming. It is a grace we will carry with us.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we can say that our meeting was truly grace-filled—a time not only of gathering with friends, but of being with *friends in the Lord*. We were welcomed by a generous and warm community of



members and Jesuits who opened their homes and hearts to host us. It was a lived experience of our one World Community.

We invite you to remain attentive to our communications throughout the year, as we will continue to address the many matters we have shared here. We also encourage you to stay in close contact with us so that, as we share and deepen our identity as One Lay Apostolic Ignatian Community, we may continue to move forward together communicating, cooperating, and collaborating as one, always seeking God's path for us

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