

National Assembly 2014

Recommendations that will lead CLC Canada in growth as an apostolic body:

With the fire of the Holy Spirit, CLC Canada National Assembly 2014 experienced joy, energy, and spiritual freedom in dreaming growth strategies as a maturing apostolic body.

In solidarity with the World CVX-CLC, CLC Canada will move forward with Jesus in apostolic mission in response to youth and young adults, to families, to poverty and globalization, and to ecology. We will implement the collated recommendations from the Assembly in the document “RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BODY 2014 FOR GROWTH AS AN APOSTOLIC BODY”.

In addition, a Working Group chosen from the Assembly 2014 participants will be mandated to compose a renewed Common Mission Statement for CLC Canada within the next year to confirm our direction outward to the ‘frontiers’.

Recommendations by the National Assembly Body 2014 for Growth as an Apostolic Body (21)

1. **Recognize the family as top priority.** Instill in children to be content with what they have. Explore how CLC can support families more, for example, provide /pay for babysitting so members can attend CLC meeting and events.
2. **Develop understanding, resources, strategies and education to grow our awareness of poverty/ globalization, ecology, young people and family.** All areas are of equal value and importance.
3. **Maintain and strengthen our connectedness** as a region, a country and in the world through gatherings and the website.
4. **Focus on becoming co-creators of the** earth by reaching out to our families, by our daily simpler life styles and by sharing our resources.
5. **Learn from initiatives already undertaken by the Society of Jesus**, for example, as found on the Jesuit website and find out how we may be able to collaborate with them and other groups in these initiatives.
6. **Broaden use of Ignatian tools and include examples of how to make practical use of them. Cultivate gratefulness as one of our Ignatian tools. Use the website or blogs in order to see and share with other communities.**
7. **Use the Haiti project as a model for outreach projects.**
8. **Develop and pursue our existing twinning with CLC India.**
9. **Be more intentional and public about who we are by promoting the CLC brand in what we do and say, "You can do it too."**
10. **Make language more accessible, easier.**

11. Live out of preferential option [responsibility] for the poor. Ensure we aren't excluding poor from our communities and especially not requiring members to have computers. Cover expenses and donations for those who have less income.
12. Develop a summary and training on issues of poverty.
13. Form a working group to integrate social analysis in our formation; empowering members to address issues of social justice.
14. Collect best practices from communities with details of how to put them into plans of action.
15. Personally immerse ourselves when opportunities arise to walk with the poor, with families and creation. As Pope Francis said, "Be the shepherds with the smell of the sheep." Use a discerning, apostolic CLC approach.
16. Include more personal stories in the newsletters, for example, in the context of the family.
17. Adapt formation materials that include resources and tools on the 4 frontiers to train leaders and then members.
18. Encourage local CLCs to become involved in mission and share their stories.
19. Encourage communities to engage directly with disenfranchised people and issues of the marginalized.
20. Raise awareness of the 4 frontiers by brief related experiences during the early stages of formation. After the completion of Manual 3 and before making a permanent commitment, ensure that all CLC leaders are committed to the 4 frontiers by making them part of the formation process and requiring the study of Progressio 71 [to be developed].
21. Provide formation and training for CLC leaders [Group Guides, Coordinators]

CATEGORIES: 1. Formation, 2. Mission, 3. Communication, 4. Family, 5. Collaboration

