



Coming from a CLC which formed about 2 and half years ago in Vancouver, I knew very little about CLC Canada and the National Assembly. Although many unfamiliar things which confused me sometimes, special energy, curiosity and excitement kept me open to new things, like a child who wondered about the surroundings. When reflecting on my experience, it was like I arrived at the retreat house with a spiritual empty stomach and the assembly was a grand buffet that the Lord had prepared through the CLC members to feed my heart's desires.

Through the assembly, I knew more about the CLC Canada. I was greatly attracted to the love radiated from the CLC members. It was deep, non-verbal and respectful, and not only produces warm and good feelings. I felt a strong sense of the Holy Spirit molding us, leading us, touching us and being with us.

Many gifts I saw in the CLC members also attracted me very much. One of the gifts I desire is a discerning heart, which follows the Shepherd's voice and listens attentively to others with great compassion. I was also impressed by the wisdom and dedication of the CLC members. I have never seen any organizations which received 35-page feedback and productive recommendations. Whether the CLC members have 2 or 5 talents, all generously contribute to the common good, and not seeking for appreciation or acknowledgment. All effort and contribution are equally valued. Members also showed freedom to accept rejections and disagreements gracefully. I would like to have such beautiful spiritual freedom and emotional maturity one day. The strong sense of mission and services also made me feel blessed to be a part of the CLC apostolic body of Christ. I experienced extreme happiness to have spiritual companions, who share the same desire to strive to live the Gospel and to build God's kingdom on earth, not only in Vancouver from my CLC Lighthouse, but also in the whole country.

To conclude, I would like to share my feelings about the *Landfill Harmonic* video which we watched on the last day of the assembly. After I watched the video, I was deeply touched and felt inspired. One of the awarenesses is that I found similarity between my spiritual journey and the making process of a recycled musical instrument. With my own limitations, challenges, sinfulness and brokenness, sometimes I considered my life has low value and meaning. However, Jesus, with His creative carpenter's perspective and skills, picked me up from the trash and transformed me little by little into a recycled musical instrument. Because of His great love, I desire to bring souls to Him and sing thanksgiving songs to Him with my life. The Lord is full of surprises, and through the assembly, He opened my eyes and showed me a big orchestra which has been playing thanksgiving and life-giving music to souls in the world for 450 years. I believe with the power and grace of the Holy Trinity, the CLC will continue to reflect the beauty and goodness of God and help make differences in people's lives with dignity. I felt tremendous joy to know that I have become a member of this big CLC orchestra. I thanked God for this great blessing, and I look forward to continue to grow together with the CLC family to give greater glory to the Lord.

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