

Tell Us About your Apostolic Work in the Four “Frontiers”

Dear CLC’ers:

As you know, the 2013 CLC World Assembly in Lebanon confirmed four “frontiers” to prioritize for apostolic action, as a result of its consultations with the world communities. These frontiers were recently summarized in our CLC World President’s letter as follows:

A. Globalization and Poverty, undeniable signs of the ‘culture of waste’ which Pope Francis has strongly condemned, and which we wish to turn into a globalization of hope;

B. Family, strengthening this central core of society while developing an attitude of openness, compassion, respect and sensitivity towards those belonging to diverse realities;

C. Ecology, as a call to re-visit our ‘simple lifestyle’ (GP 4) and think of future generations and care for the most vulnerable;

D. Youth, not only to engage with and attract youth to CLC but particularly to offer apostolic service to this group which signifies the future of our societies.

Following our CLC Canada National Assembly in June of 2014, it was decided that working groups would be struck for each of these frontiers. The purpose of these working groups would be first, to gather information about the needs in each frontier, to understand what work has been undertaken in these areas to date, to network with other communities (nationally and internationally) and Ignatian partners who have worked in these areas, to identify best practices and to discern how our Ignatian charism can help us to contribute meaningfully to these frontiers.

Once this gathering/networking phase is complete, the working groups will then move to preparing materials to educate our communities on issues relating to these frontiers and propose reflection materials and apostolic initiatives.

The contacts for each of these “frontier” groups are:

- The Family- Kwan Sui Crowe (kwansui.crowe@gmail.com)
- Youth and Young Adults - Leanne Salel (Leanne.salel@gmail.com)
- Poverty and Globalization – Magee McGuire (correlieu@sympatico.ca)
- The Environment – Jane AbernEthy-Parker (jabernethyparker@gmail.com)

As we work towards completing the “gathering” phase, **we would like to hear from you if you and/or your community have been involved in work at any time on any of these frontier areas, and if so, in what ways.** This will help us to better understand what kind of work/initiatives have already been undertaken in these areas to date, what has worked, what lessons can be learned, etc. **We would ask you to contact the relevant representative above to**

tell them about these initiatives. We may also be contacting you if we have already heard about your good work!

Further, if you are interested in joining one of these working groups, there is still time! Please let us know.

It is our hope and prayer that the work of the frontier groups will help us to realize our national community's aspirations, as recently captured in CLC Canada's new Common Mission Statement:

Rooted in the Trinity, and formed in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Christian Life Community (CLC) Canada is called, as a body of lay apostolic leaders, to read the signs of the times and prayerfully discern prophetic action to set hearts on fire with Christ's transformative love and compassion.

Through the grace of God, in solidarity with World CLC priorities, CLC Canada collaborates with the Society of Jesus, the universal church and all people of good will, to work for justice on behalf of the environment, the marginalized, the oppressed and for people living in poverty.

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