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**SAVE THE DATE**

The Twenty-fifth National Assembly of CLC-USA will take place July 10-13, 2014 at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. The theme will be, FROM OUR ROOTS TO THE FRONTIERS.

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From Our Roots to the Frontiers

Each time the World Community of CLC/CVX comes together, there is evidence of the presence of the Spirit among us. We have progressed from a federation of communities to one world community. We are at work developing into apostolic communities instead of groups of apostles. We are being called to act with wisdom at the new frontiers. At the conclusion of the World CLC Assembly in Beirut 2013, “From Our Roots to the Frontiers,” we received two documents, The Final Document of the Assembly and the address of Father Nicolás, S. J., our World Ecclesiastical Assistant, “Wisdom Language for the Frontiers.” Both offer direction and insights for our community as we move from the roots to the frontiers as CLCers in the twenty-first century.

In the Final Document we were given “Orientations for Action” for the next five years which flow from four ‘frontiers’ that emerged from the deliberations in Beirut. These frontiers were identified as: Family; Globalization and Poverty; Ecology; Youth. The delegates made a commitment “…to act at the four frontiers wherever our desire and discernment lead us.” The document urged reflection on Father Nicolás’ presentation, the establishment of commissions on Youth and ongoing discernment of formation, governance, finances, membership and collaboration.

Early in his presentation, Father General Nicolás spoke of the need for depth - “We need to know with a certain amount of reflection and a certain amount of wisdom.” He suggests that we go beyond historical language and prophetic language to the language of wisdom. “This is the wisdom of finding God in everything…in the family, in the children, in culture, in everything.” I was reminded of the General Principles #6, “By making ourselves sensitive to the signs of the times and the movements of the Spirit, we will be better able to encounter Christ in all persons and in all situations.” Father Nicolás highlighted the place of Ignatian spirituality in training us to be sensitive and to discern the need in today’s reality and our response to it.

Within This Issue

CLC-USA President Rick Kunkle shares his recent travel experiences to CLCs in several parts of the country where he met with local leaders. He reflects on the highlights of his participation as Delegate to the World Assembly. Rick’s understanding and appreciation of the One Body of CLC grew as a result of his being in Beirut. He suggests actions for all CLCers to consider as we look forward to the National Assembly next summer.

Ann Marie Brennan in “Report from the World Assembly” writes about some of her memorable moments. She briefly describes stories that were shared from CLCs around the world - stories of joy and pain as well as stories of hope for the future. Ann Marie shares about her own presentation as a member of the UN Working Group. She concludes with important points from Father Nicolás’ talk.

Over the last several months, we in the United States and CLCers around the world have been reflecting on the roots of Christian Life Community as we shared our Graced History in this the 450 Anniversary of Lay Ignatian Communities. Some reminisced about the ‘good old days,’ and some considered the challenges that needed to be overcome. This issue of Harvest includes “Our Graced History, Part III” (Marie Schimelfening and Fred Leone). Included as well are: “The Graced History of the South Florida Region of CLC/CVX” (Clarita Baloyra); the “History Line of Dong Hanh CLC” (Kim-Anh Vu); and the “Graced History of the Korean CLC” (Christina Kim). These histories tell of desire to belong, persistence, challenges and results. They reflect the cultural diversity of the face of CLC-USA, the gifts that accompany struggle and the ongoing presence of the Spirit among us. We continue to strive to become one prophetic and apostolic community.

Included are two talks that members of Metro New York CLC gave at a regional Day of Prayer. They followed presentations that were given in recognition of the 450 years of Ignatian lay groups. The earlier talks focused on the graces received from CLC. Ann Marie Brennan in “Challenges of Metro NY CLC” looked to the future. She coined an acronym for four challenges facing CLC: LEAP - Leadership, Evangelization, Apostolic Body and Pastoral Care.

In “The Challenges Ahead” Ginnie Bailey directs us to consider challenges not so much as hurdles to be overcome, but as “the impetus to call forth the deepest and best parts of ourselves and one another, and a call to place our faith and trust in our God to provide the Grace to bless our work with the needed resources.” Ginnie touches on the notion of being One Apostolic Body and also of our identity as CLC including that of being a joyful people.

With gratitude to Our Lord,

Dorothy M. Zambito
IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Albert Bausch

Thomas Albert Bausch of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, was born to Eternal Life on July 17, 2013, at the age of 75. For 50 years, he was the beloved husband to the love of his life, Bernadine, and loving father of John, Mary (Joe) Jurken, Ann (Tom) Chapman, Chris (Paula), Elizabeth (Ed) O’Reilly, Martha (Bill) McConaghy, Peter (Kerry) and Thomas (Molly). Tom was the treasured grandfather of seventeen grandchildren. Throughout his life, Tom was committed to family, faith and community. He was filled with joy when surrounded by his wife, his children, their spouses and his grandchildren, all of whom have been immeasurably impacted in a positive way by his support, guidance and sense of humor. He was greatly invested in the development and education of his children and grandchildren. He took great pride in all their accomplishments.

Tom’s commitment to his Catholic faith inspired and motivated him, both personally and professionally. A graduate of John Carroll University (B.S. 1960), and Indiana University (Ph.D. 1969), he had a distinguished career centered on working with Jesuit Universities and the Jesuit Order throughout the world. Tom was an avid proponent of Catholic social teaching in business and management. He held positions at John Carroll University and Bradley University prior to becoming Dean of the Business School at Marquette University from 1978 to 1993. Tom continued to teach at Marquette until 2010.

He had a global commitment to the Jesuit mission, working with universities and organizations throughout Latin America, Africa, Europe and Asia. Among many other leadership positions that he held, Tom served as President of the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, Co-founder and Executive Director of the International Association of Jesuit Business Schools, President of the World Union of Jesuit Business Schools, President of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni, and National President of Christian Life Community.

Though Tom took great joy in working overseas and addressing global issues, he was also committed to improving his local community. Tom was a lector and long-time member of the parish council at St. Bernard. He served on the boards of several Milwaukee area companies and civic organizations including the Next Door Foundation, the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, the Heartland Value Fund and Blue Cross Blue Shield United of Wisconsin.

A lover of the arts, Tom also greatly enjoyed the local symphony, opera and ballet. He enjoyed gourmet cooking with his club for over 30 years. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Bernard of Clairvaux on July 22. Memorials to the Thomas Bausch Scholarship Fund (for St. Augustine University of Tanzania to benefit the underprivileged) or the Jesuit Seminary Guild are appreciated in Tom’s memory.

Remembering Tom:

“The two things that come to mind first when I think of Tom Bausch are wonder and love. Tom could be interested in anything or anybody, and his interest was a sort of wonder that would lead him to speak effusively of so many of the places he had been, the people he had met and the things they did. Tom loved his family, and anyone who knew him could tell. He loved God, and that love was tightly connected to his love for people. These loves led him to practically every continent…to help people strengthen their Christian fellowship and to assist them in their work for justice and a more humane economy. When Tom spoke to us of his prayer, wonder and love were what always came through. These are what I miss most now that his presence at our meetings has been taken up into the communion of saints.”

Father Joe Mueller, S.J., Mustard Seed CLC
Jane L. Gogol

Jane L. Gogol was reunited with Christ Jesus on Monday, August 19, 2013. Her example of Christ’s unconditional love showed in every facet of her life and everyone Jane met knew the power of that love.

Jane’s involvement extended throughout the community and her Catholic life. She was a longtime member of Christian Life Community (Realino-More CLC, Toledo, OH), an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and she worked with programs such as RCIA and Code Blue. She volunteered in so many ways and capacities over her lifetime for her spiritual community.

She enjoyed her many years as a Girl Scout Leader, a school volunteer and a member of the “Girls.” She spent thousands of hours pouring her love into handmade creations: baked, sewed, cross-stitched and crafted, all the while giving credit to Christ. Jane wanted all to bring and share their special gifts with her.

Surviving Jane (and her predeceased husband, Stanley J. Gogol, Jr.) is their living legacy of love – family was everything to this mother and homemaker extraordinaire: nine children, twenty-six grandchildren, over fifty great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

Marge Wannarka

Marge Wannarka died on August 2, 2013 in Mankato, Minnesota. Her funeral was at Good Counsel Convent chapel. She had been a member of Ichthus CLC in Omaha and served as Treasurer of the North Central Region while living there. Marge was a retired librarian and archivist for the Health Sciences Library at Creighton University.

“Tom has meant so much to so many locally and around the world, inspiring, teaching, organizing and laughing with us. He has been a real blessing to Christian Life Community. May we be comforted by his love, generosity and wisdom. Tom was a beautiful person, and a most genuine and available friend.”

Jeanne De Simone Sieger, Gesu Companions CLC

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Father Martin Claude Domfang, S.J., Gesu Companions CLC

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The theme will be, FROM OUR ROOTS TO THE FRONTIERS.
Dear CLC Companions and Friends,

One of the graces of my first year or so being on the CLC-USA Executive Council has been to travel and experience CLC in many places and on many levels. Last October I was in St. Louis for the National Coordinating Council meeting with leaders from throughout CLC-USA. We also had the opportunity to meet with local CLC groups one evening. In February the Executive Council meeting was in Miami where we had a chance to meet with the World Executive Council and the local Miami CLC leadership and community. In March I was able to be with KCLC, Dong Hanh, young adult, and adult CLC communities from the West Coast at a gathering in Los Angeles. I was in New York and New Jersey in May for the Cluster, Service Center and National Assembly Task Force meeting. There I had the opportunity to meet with Metro New York and KCLC leadership. And then there was the World Assembly in Beirut, Lebanon July 30 - August 9. These travels have broadened and deepened my experience and understanding of CLC community. This is particularly true of the World Assembly.

The opportunity to attend the World Assembly in Beirut was a profound experience of world community. Part of this was just being in solidarity together in the Middle East. I felt the gratitude from the Lebanon, Syrian and Egyptian CLCs for our being there and I was very grateful for their hospitality (particularly our hosts from Lebanon). Part of this experience of world community was sharing our stories together. It is one thing to read things in the news or in CLC publications, but it is another thing to talk to people about what is happening in their communities and in their lives and to hear their struggles and their successes.

Another aspect of being a world community that struck me is that even though there are differences in the size of our communities, our cultures and local situations we share some similar challenges. These include finances, governance, membership and commitment, formation of members and communities, what it means to be CLC, and so on. I also became more aware through our conversations that some CLC National Communities face challenges that we do not have in the U.S - including war, lack of civil or economic stability, poverty, low literacy, limited resources and infrastructure.

One thing that affirmed for me our connection to the Church as a world community was the presence of Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, S.J. (Superior General for the Jesuits and World CLC Ecclesiastical Assistant) at the Assembly. We were blessed to have him share some thoughts with us one morning. One of the points of Fr. Nicolás’ message that touched me was his invitation to aim at DEPTH in everything we do in response to the “Globalization of Superficiality.” He called us to use the language of wisdom because it brings depth. Our spirituality provides us with the Ignatian tools to respond to this invitation to wisdom and depth. Fr. Nicolás talked about the “enormous relevance that Ignatian spirituality and Ignatian laity have for the Church and the world,” and he sees us as carriers of this spirituality. He is inviting us both to share our spirituality and to use it to go deeper, to seek the magis.

My experience at the World Assembly opened up a much wider understanding of CLC as one world body. This is no longer a nice concept for me. I experienced the desire to be one world community from the delegates at the Assembly. While there are certainly challenges to living this out, I began to feel in a real way how we are called to be one community, how we are called to go deeper, and how we are called to share our gifts.

What does this mean for each of us and for CLC-USA? We don’t send delegates to the World Assembly every five years just to have a profound personal experience. I’d like to offer a few questions for us to think about.

“Let us be the Church through the centuries.”

“Do we respond to the call to share our spiritual gifts?”

“Have we received the Spirit and the magis?”

Rick Kunkle
President

President’s Corner
How are we in CLC-USA part of the One World Community of CLC? CLC-USA tends to be more isolated geographically from the world community than many other national communities. Others in closer proximity have more of a tradition of interaction. However, there are examples of how we are part of the world community. Lois Campbell just completed 10 years of service as a member of the World Executive Council and Ann Marie Brennan was just elected to the Council at the World Assembly. There are a number of other CLC-USA members who have served on the World Executive Council or have been involved in other World CLC leadership roles. CLC members in New York staff the UN Working Group, which is a work of the world community. We are godparents to the Vietnam National Community as they journey to join the World CLC body. Dong Hanh CLC-USA members returned from Vietnam where they did training of local leaders as part of the Marriage Renewal Workshop ministry. Some of you may have met people from other national CLCs in their travels here or in your travels. There are certainly other examples that could be listed. I hope we can build on some of these connections and on the conversations we had at the World Assembly to create opportunities for more CLC-USA members to participate in the World CLC. When you think of being one World CLC, what does that mean to you? What are your hopes and desires? How can we be in solidarity with our CLC brothers and sisters throughout the world?

What do the messages from the World Assembly mean for us? This is a question we will continue to explore as a community. I encourage everyone to read the final World Assembly document which briefly summarizes the key points from the World Assembly that the delegates wanted to share with the World Community. I also encourage you to read the talk from Fr. Nicolás. Share these documents in your communities. What messages do you hear? How are we called to respond?

The theme of the World Assembly, “From Our Roots to the Frontiers,” also ties in closely to our Jubilee Celebration of 450 Years of Ignatian Lay Communities. Reflecting on the themes of the Jubilee is also a good way to reflect on the World Assembly theme. As we enter into the last several months of the Jubilee year, it is a good time to remind ourselves of the Jubilee themes:

1. **Grateful remembrance of our history.** We recognize our own roots thereby strengthening our own identity. We identify how we have been guided by the Spirit through the centuries.

2. **Living the present with a renewed enthusiasm.** The celebration of this anniversary could signify a new starting point, refreshing the charism of our CLC for the challenges of today. Also it is a great opportunity to build bridges with other lay groups of the broad Ignatian family.

3. **Looking ahead with hope.** We contemplate our CLC future with renewed eyes and look for ways to further strengthen the commitment of CLC members for God’s mission in this world.

At the upcoming CLC-USA National Assembly in St. Louis (July 10-13, 2014) we will be using the theme of the World Assembly (From Our Roots to the Frontiers) and we will also be picking up on the themes of the 450 Year Jubilee of Ignatian Lay Communities. I invite all of you to consider attending. The planning for the National Assembly has begun. The committee would like the Assembly to provide a wonderful experience of being together as one CLC-USA community.

I would like to conclude by offering my gratitude for the many leaders throughout our community that serve in so many different ways. As CLC-USA President, I have become even more aware of the many roles that our leaders fill at the local, regional and national level. I hear about the ministries they are involved in, the work they do in formation, communications and many other areas, their participation on committees and task forces and councils, and their service as officers. This takes time, travel and even some sacrifice. As I write this column, we are preparing for the National Coordinating Council (NCC) meeting in St. Louis, September 21-24. Leaders from around the country will be gathering to discern the next steps in our journey together in CLC-USA. I ask for your prayers for our leaders and ask that you join with us as we act on the fruit of our discernment in the months following the NCC meeting.
Report from the World Assembly

Ann Marie Brennan

The World General CLC Assembly was a really wonderful gathering of our world community from about 65 countries in a suburb of Beirut, Lebanon. The central theme was “From Our Roots to the Frontiers”. The CVX-CLC of the Middle East did an amazing job welcoming us all with much warmth, attention, happiness and appreciation to all for risking the journey to be with them in their region which has suffered much due to political unrest, war and violence. The mood was a truly joyful one as there was much smiling, conversing, laughing, snapping of photos and even dancing! We celebrated Eucharist each evening in a different cultural tradition, including the Maronite Rite where Patriarch Bechara Boutros al-Rahi celebrating Mass spoke in Syriac which is a dialect of Aramaic, the language of Jesus. There was also morning prayer and time for personal prayer.

The focus areas of this year’s Assembly were the “frontiers” of family, globalization and poverty, and environmental issues. These are areas where many of our members are engaged in mission. On the topic of family, we heard from Dr. Fernando Vidal, a professor from Spain, whose area of research and expertise is the family. He is currently relocated with his own family to work at Boston College for the upcoming year. A Jesuit geologist, Fr. Pedro Walpole, spoke on issues related to the environment. Originally from Ireland, he has lived in a remote part of the Philippines for the last thirty years among an indigenous tribe. After hearing the talks we broke into smaller groups, consisting of people from every continent, to discuss the issues and also to reflect on the implications of these issues in our own lives, perspectives and/or actions.

Very compelling were the stories of CLC members from across the world. Some were heart-wrenching. From South Sudan we heard stories of people being forced to leave their homes and live in the open air or in makeshift homes of cardboard and sheets. We heard from a Syrian member whose two factories and home were bombed only recently due to the war. Other members from Syria and Egypt were forced to leave their homes and relocate to other parts of the country or even other countries. The sister of a CLC member from Congo was murdered because of her advocacy against the unlawful mining practices of coltan in their country. Still, people expressed their great faith in God in that they are called to rise above the struggles and to seek ways in which they can help to transform their people in the ways of Christ’s love and peace.

My role at the Assembly was to give a presentation of “CLC at the UN.” This was very well received, and many people expressed how they valued the CLC presence at the UN, networking with others of like mind as well as the hope that we can involve more of our world community in this endeavor. One young adult upon hearing about how CLC works at the UN said, “I feel like I belong to a very important organization!” There were also presentations of CLC groups engaged in Apostolic Mission. For example, CLC Dominican Republic shared how its national community discerned action to support increased governmental funding for education. In Paraguay, having done a national discernment, CLC members set up an afterschool program for elementary school children in an urban area. Other national apostolic ministries included CLC Hong Kong’s elementary school and high school, CLC Korea’s ministry for migrant women and their children, and CLC Indonesia’s providing work skills for young widows, among many others.

CLC Rwanda members are very interested in developing a relationship with CLC-USA. The delegates, Yvonne, Michel and Fr. Jean Baptiste, have invited interested CLC-USA members to visit with them next year in Rwanda and to explore ways that we might connect or “twin.”

We did have opportunities to explore the locale. Beirut is a bustling Westernized city that appears to be thriving, as seen by the visibility of cranes and new construction of homes and buildings. On an afternoon field trip, I was able to visit Byblos, which is an ancient city over 10,000 years old, populated by over 16 civilizations including the Phoenicians and the Sumerians.

A highlight of the gathering, as was the case in Fatima in 2008, was the talk by Fr. Nicolás. This year, his talk was entitled “Wisdom Language for the Frontiers.” He explained that in our information age of today, there is a need for reflection and depth. Further, as we look at our secular, superficial world, we also need to adapt our language to reach people where they are. For example, Pope Benedict went to London, France and Germany, and spoke on topics such as secularism in a positive way, and in a language that people could understand. So, too, Pope Francis “came along with a further emphasis on the language of the common man…the language of being poor…of being compassionate, of telling everybody ‘good evening’…” Fr. Nicolás said, “I think that the language of wisdom is important here because it brings in depth and counteracts the superficial tendencies of today. “I highly recommend your reading Fr. Nicolás’ talk in its entirety.

Fr. Nicolás’ concluding challenge to us as CLC:
“I finish by saying that Ignatian spirituality and Ignatian laity are extremely relevant at the present moment since they give a response to a real need. The challenge would be to make CLC more part of the life of the Church so that more people can discover this way of life. This is a challenge that you can discuss as a group. I believe that Ignatian spirituality can help us at this particular moment in the life of the Church to go deep into the life of the spirit and find out how God works in our reality.”
Note: Following the 1999 National Assembly, an interval of five years between national assemblies was established. A CLC-USA Assembly would take place the year following the World Assembly.

2001  
Multi-Regional Meeting  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - August 15-18  
CLC President - Dorothy M. Zambito, Locust Valley, New York  
Ecclesial Assistant - Larry Gooley, S.J., Seattle, Washington  

Dorothy Zambito was installed as President and Lois Campbell as President-elect. Kitty Gray became the Treasurer. Most of the attendees were from the New England, New York and Mid-Atlantic Regions. Speakers included Monika Hellwig, MAR-CLC and Leah Michaud from the World CLC. Discussions were held with the CLC-USA and World ExCo members regarding the admittance of Dong Hanh into CLC-USA without breaking up DH.

After the 9/11 attacks on the United States, messages arrived from CLCs around the world, expressing concerns and offering support.

Larry Gooley, S.J., announced his resignation as National Ecclesial Assistant. The search and discernment for a new EA began. Input was sought from the Conference of Jesuit Provincials.

2002  
North American CLC Conference  
Qualph, Ontario, Canada - September 13-15  

Four North American communities came together to establish a sense of belonging and to discern how they would journey in the light of the Common Mission proposed at Itaici in 1998. The communities represented CVX Canada, English speaking Canada, CLC-USA and the Vietnamese Companions of Christ. Gilles and Leah Michaud were present from the World CLC office. John P. Milan was the facilitator.

Ignatian Spirituality Conference  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Sixty CLC members from around the country attended.

The NCC and ExCo discerned Paul Kenney, S.J., as the new National Ecclesial Assistant.

2003  
Fourteenth World Assembly - “Sent by Christ, Members of One Body”  
Nairobi, Kenya - July 30-August 8  
U.S. Delegates - Lois Campbell, President; Ramon Calzada, S.J., Vice-President for Youth and Young Adults; Dorothy Zambito, Past President.

In preparation for the World Assembly, CLCs were encouraged and began the practice of using DSSE (discerning, sending, supporting and evaluating). The delegates of the General Assembly in Nairobi confirmed the “call to become a lay apostolic body that shares responsibility for mission in the Church.” They “identified strong formation and leadership at all levels in our World
Community as essential requirements in a move towards a more apostolic body.” (From the Preamble of the final document of the Assembly)

Lois Campbell was elected as one of the Consultors to the World CLC ExCo.

**2004**

**Twenty-third National Assembly**

Barry University, Miami, Florida - July 22-24

CLC President - Lois Campbell, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Ecclesial Assistant - John LeVecke, S.J., Los Angeles, California

Dong Hanh was officially incorporated into CLC by affiliating with CLC-USA as one community, with DH member groups across the USA, Canada and Europe.

**The United Nations New York Working Group** met and proposed an NGO Fund for special programs not included in its operating budget. The fund was established and in 2007 was named The Betty Leone CLC NGO Fund.

**The CLC National Assembly of Canada** was held in Lethbridge, Alberta. Its theme, “One Apostolic Body: Our Way of Life.” Lois Campbell, Pat Carter, and Dorothy and Ray Zambito represented the United States at the assembly.

**2005**

**National Meeting on Formation**

Jesuit Ecclesial Assistants, CLC-USA ExCo and other CLC leaders met in St. Louis, Missouri. They reviewed the history of the National Formation Team that existed from 1982-1991. This meeting resulted in the re-establishment of a National Formation Team.

**The Ignatian Spirituality Conference** attracted about seventy CLC members.

**The CLC-USA ExCo Meeting** followed the conference. Decisions made at this meeting included:

- Youth and Young Adults were added as representatives to the NCC.
- The South Florida Region of CLC-USA was established.
- The National Cultural Diversity Committee was formed.


Chicago, Illinois - October 7-10

CLC President - Thomas Bausch, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Ecclesial Assistant - John LeVecke, S.J., Los Angeles, California

The Winter 2005 issue of *Harvest* gave a full report on this conference.

**2006**

**World Leadership Formation Course**

Rome, Italy - November 25-December 2

The course was attended by twenty-eight participants, facilitators and World ExCo members. Mong Hang, Simon Shin, Eileen Burke-Sullivan and Lois Campbell represented the United States.

**2007**

**CLC-USA ExCo Meeting**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

CLC President - Thomas Bausch, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Ecclesial Assistant - John LeVecke, Los Angeles, California

ExCo members met with the Jesuit Provincials in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Vice-Ecclesial Assistant Alberta de Brito, S.J. was also present. President of...
the Jesuit Conference, Thomas Smolich, S.J., spoke of the partnership of CLC and the Society of Jesus in the Spiritual Exercises and sharing other ministries. ExCo/NCC also met with the Office of Pastoral and Social Ministry at the Jesuit Conference in Washington, D.C., and at the U.S. Council of Bishops.

**Formation Institute for Guides and Coordinators - “Opening the Way”**
Creighton University Retreat Center, Griswold, Iowa - June 24-30

About sixty-five members participated from English, Korean, Vietnamese and Spanish speaking CLCs as well as from Youth/Young Adult communities. This was the first formation offering after the re-establishment of the Formation Team.

### 2008

**National CLC-USA Leadership Conference I**
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - April 24-27
CLC President - Ann Marie Brennan, Glen Rock, New Jersey
Ecclesial Assistant - Robert Costello, S.J. - St. Louis, Missouri

**Fifteenth World Assembly - “Journeying as an Apostolic Body: Our Response to This Grace from God”**
Fatima, Portugal - August 12-21

Delegates committed to a document describing a common world formation journey. The document established formation as a top priority of the World Community.

### 2009

**National CLC-USA Leadership Conference II**
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - March 26-29

**Twenty-fourth National Assembly - “Called to Be a Prophetic Community”**
Trinity University, Washington, D.C. - July 9-12
CLC President - Liem Le, Fairfax, Virginia
Ecclesial Assistant - Robert Costello, S.J., St. Louis, Missouri

### 2010

**National CLC-USA Leadership Conference III**
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - June 24-27
CLC-President - Liem Le, Fairfax, Virginia
Ecclesial Assistant - Robert Costello, S.J., St. Louis, Missouri

### 2011

**ExCo/NCC Meeting and National CLC-USA Leadership Conference IV**
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - June23-26
CLC President - Mong-Hang Nguyen, Houston, Texas
Ecclesial Assistant - Robert Costello, S.J., St. Louis, Missouri

### 2012

**National CLC-USA Leadership Conference V**
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - June28-July 1
CLC President - Mong-Hang Nguyen, Houston, Texas
Ecclesial Assistant - James Borbely, S.J., Wernersville, Pennsylvania

### 2013

**Sixteenth World Assembly - “From Our Roots to the Frontiers: This Is My Son, the Beloved. Listen to What He Says”**
Beirut, Lebanon - July 30-August 8
CLC President - Rick Kunkle, Olympia, Washington.
Ecclesial Assistant - James Borbely, S.J., Wernersville, Pennsylvania
Delegates to the Assembly were Rick Kunkle, Christine Kim and EA James Borbely, S.J.

The final document of the Assembly listed Orientations for Action for the next five years within the following: Family, Globalization and Poverty, Ecology and Youth.

In his address to the Assembly, Father General Nicolás spoke of a new language, i.e. the language of wisdom. He invited CLC to read the new signs of today’s reality in the world.

Ann Marie Brennan was elected as a Consultor to the World ExCo.

2014 Twenty-fifth National Assembly - “From Our Roots, to the Frontiers”
Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri - July10-13
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Graced History of the South Florida Region of CVX/CLC

Clarita Baloyra

1960-69 Due to the political conditions in Cuba, members of the Marian Congregations of Havana began to arrive in Miami and meet at the home they established in Flagler on SW 23 Avenue. Here they held study circles, prayed Saturday rosaries in honor of Mary, held annual retreats of the Spiritual Exercises and kept a small residence. At the same time in Havana, the members of the Marian Congregations who could not leave the island started a new Congregation, Regina Pacis, to continue their spiritual growth in the Ignatian style.

1969-92 The Miami house of the Congregation was closed. Members met annually in the homes of various members to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception and to renew their consecration to the Virgin. The Spiritual Exercises continued to be offered annually.

In 1992 Evita Rodriguez, Marian congregant of Regina Pacis Congregation in Havana arrived with information about changes that had taken place worldwide in the Marian Congregations, especially its transition to Christian Life Communities. Eighteen members began meeting in St. Kevin’s Parish and later at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School. Father Pedro Suarez, S.J., Jesuit Superior of the Province of Antilles, Section of Miami, appointed Sergio Figueredo, S.J., Spiritual Assistant of the CLC. Regina Mundi was chosen as the name for the new CLC.

1994 Regina Mundi CVX joined the Hispanic Apostolic Movement of the Archdiocese of Miami.

1995 Regina Mundi affiliated with CLC-USA as part of the New Orleans Region.

Three small communities were organized: El Peregrino, Magnificat and
Messengers of Light. Each group had ten to twelve members. Sixteen members made their temporary commitment to the World Community.

1996
Three members participated in the CLC-USA National Assembly in Cleveland.
Victor Hernandez, S.J., was assigned as Ecclesial Assistant.
The first edition of “CVX in Action,” a one page newsletter, was published.

1997
Regina Mundi participated in the CLC-USA National Assembly in Los Angeles.
The Exercises in Daily Life was given to the members by Father Victor Hernandez, S.J.

1998
Regina Mundi participated in the CVX Meeting of Puerto Rico, Cuba, Miami and the Dominican Republic held in Santo Domingo, at the invitation of Father Manuel Maza, S.J. Father Julian Elizalde, S.J., Vice Ecclesial Assistant to the World Community, participated in this meeting.
Two young adult communities were formed: Vasos Nuevos and Alas de Cristo.
CLC medals were distributed at the time of temporary commitment.

1999
For the first time, a member of Regina Mundi represented the New Orleans Region on the National Coordinating Council (NCC) of CLC-USA.

2000
Two new adult communities were formed as part of Regina Mundi: Montserrat and Pascua.
The Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life was offered to several parishes in the Archdiocese of Miami, guided by members of different CVXs.

2000-04
Workshops on “Our Political Responsibility as Catholics” (especially during elections) were offered. The program was based on a publication of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

2000-05
Pilgrimages were made to Ermita de la Caridad, a national shrine, on the first Saturdays of August, as members of the Hispanic Apostolic Movements of the Archdiocese of Miami. The recitation of the rosary and participation in the celebration of the Eucharist included members of CVX who served as lectors and EMs.

Weekend excursions to places like: Holy Land, Orlando; Bok Gardens; and the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, Orlando were made by members, friends and families.

2001
World CLC Day was celebrated for the first time with all the local communities.
CVX Casa Manresa was formed as a new community.
Belen Jesuit Prep introduced CLC for students in grades six to twelve.

2002
Magis Retreats for young adults were sponsored by Alas de Cristo CLC.
Local regional members participated in a radio program on Radio Paz, the Catholic Radio station in Miami, on Saturdays from 8-8:30 PM.

2004
Local communities joined efforts in hosting the CLC-USA National Assembly in Miami.

2005
Magister, a new community was formed.
CLC-USA, at its annual meeting, discerned the formation of a new CLC region, South Florida Region (SFR).
2007 The beloved Ecclesial Assistant, Victor Hernandez, S.J., died in Rome while attending a seminar for *companios* of the *Spiritual Exercises*. Cardoner, a new community was formed. Jesus Zaglul, S.J., Provincial of the region, assigned Pedro Suarez, S.J. as the new Ecclesial Assistant.

2008-12 Members of the region participated in the National Leadership Assemblies in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

2008 Angelique Ruhi-Lopez, of *Alas de Cristo* Young Adult CVX, participated as a delegate to the CVX-CLC World Assembly in Fatima, Portugal.

2009 The South Florida Region participated in the National Assembly in Washington, D.C.

2010 Pedro Suarez, S.J. was assigned to residence at Belen Jesuit Prep School. The Provincial named Marcelino Garcia, S.J. as the new Regional Ecclesial Assistant.

2006-13 Annual workshops were held for the companions of the Spiritual Exercises, organized by CVX Casa Manresa.

2013 The World ExCo and the CLC-USA ExCo met in Miami before the World Assembly in Beirut and shared with members of the local communities.

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**History Line of Đong Hanh CLC (ĐH)**

*Kim-Anh Vu*

1972 Fr. Julián Elizalde, S.J. started giving retreats based on the *Spiritual Exercises* (SE) to college students at Dac Lo Student Center in Saigon. Six prayer-sharing groups were formed. These groups were known as the Spiritual Exercises Groups (SEG).

1975 Communist North Vietnam took over South Vietnam. The group split with about half of the members migrating to Europe and America. Fr. Michael Minh Nguyen, S.J. was assigned to help the refugees in collaboration with the USCC in Denver.

1976 Fr. Elizalde was expelled from Viet Nam and was assigned to replace Fr. Minh. Six alumni had a gathering with Fr. Elizalde in Denver and confirmed the need to nurture spirituality with the SE.

1977 A new Ignatian beginning: Fr. Elizalde gave a five-day retreat to about twenty people, the majority former members of SEG. The need for sharing each other’s journey of faith after the retreat was discerned. A newsletter was created as a means to communicate among them. Also discerned were the spiritual needs of young Vietnamese refugees. Fr. Elizalde was reassigned to Manila.

1978 The first group was formed in Tigard, Oregon with the name SEG at Overseas (SEGO). The newsletter was named *Newsletter for SEGO*, which later became *Dong-Hành News* in the 1980’s.

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*Kim-Anh Vu is a member of Đong-Hành CLC in the Southwest Region since 1983. She immigrated to the United States from Vietnam and graduated from the University of California, Irvine. Subsequently, Kim-Anh earned a Doctorate in Optometry in 1992.*

*After her permanent commitment, she served on the DH National Formation Team, was DH Vice-President and President. She was part of the CLC-USA leadership body when representing Đong-Hành on the NCC.*

*With husband, Hung Vu, they are blessed with five children who grew up within the Đong-Hành atmosphere. Currently, they are part of Nazareth DH community in Phoenix. Kim-Anh and her husband are certified Natural Family Planning instructors and are involved in the Family Ministry of CLC-USA. When time allows they give spiritual direction and guide couples/individuals in the Exercises.*
1979  SEGO groups started to organize SE retreats to respond to the spiritual needs that were discerned during the retreat the previous year. SEGO groups became an environment for Ignatian formation and apostolic services. The retreat at the end of the year led to the conclusion: a community was needed within the Church to nurture an Ignatian spiritual life and to preserve the Vietnamese culture and heritage at the same time.

1980  SEGO changed its name to Vietnamese Retreat Group at Overseas (VRG) when requested by SEG (in Vietnam) to consider the political situation at the time. Father General Pedro Arrupe, S.J. recognized the need for an official spiritual guide for VRG and assigned Fr. Elizalde to be its first EA. With the help of the Jesuit provinces, Fr. Elizalde sought and was granted permission from the bishops to give SE retreats in their dioceses. Many groups were formed throughout the U.S. and Canada after the SE retreats.

1981  About seventy members of VRG gathered in Portland, Oregon to discern a direction for the community. All agreed that CLC was a model for a lay association in the Church. They also agreed to adopt the General Principles of CLC. Cuong (Peter) Ta and Hao Pham were elected President and Vice-President.

1982  Fr. Elizalde continued to give SE retreat across the U.S. and Canada. He also went to Europe to give SE retreats to the Vietnamese in Europe, mostly in England, Belgium and Germany. Fr. Elizalde also began making contact with CLC-USA regarding a direction for VRG.

1983  First contact: CLC-USA invited VRG to attend the National Assembly of CLC-USA in Washington, D.C. Thirty members from VRG attended.

1984  Fr. Michael Minh Nguyen, S.J., Fr. Felip Gomez, S.J. and Fr. Gildo Dominici S.J., joined Fr. Elizalde in the process of forming VRG and the Retreat Guidance Team for VRG. Father General requested and met with the VRG’s ExCo. He commented, “You are the true CLCers, but you might need to die before you can resurrect.” The group changed its name to Dong Hanh, a.k.a. Vietnamese Companions of Christ (DH).

DH National Assembly was held in Portland, Oregon. Lois Campbell, President of CLC-USA, was invited to attend. Cuong (Peter) Ta and Hieu Pham were elected President and Vice-President.

1985  Twenty DH members attended the CLC-USA National Assembly in Cleveland. DH sent three members to attend guides training sessions organized by CLC-USA.

1987  CLC-USA invited DH to its National Assembly in Omaha. Many DH members attended the guides and leadership training seminars organized by CLC-USA in Santa Barbara. Dan Nguyen and Hao Truong were elected President and Vice-President at the DH National Assembly in Portland, Oregon.

1990  At its National Assembly, DH discerned and began the process to affiliate itself with CLC. Father Gildo Dominici, S.J. was assigned to be its second EA. Hao Truong and Trinh-Lien Nguyen were elected President and Vice-President at the National Assembly in Portland, Oregon.
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1992-98 DH began sending delegates to the World CLC gatherings in Hong Kong, Mexico, Rome and Itaici as observers, furthering the discernment to seek affiliation to World CLC.

1993 Father Dominic Hung Nguyen, S.J. was assigned to be DH’s third EA. Father Nguyen was a member of Dong Hanh, and his assignment to be DH’s EA marked a closer relationship between Dong Hanh and the Society of Jesus.
Hung Vu and Hao Truong were elected President and Vice-President at the DH National Assembly in Rosemead, California.

1996 Tuan Van and Hung Vu were elected President and Vice-President at the DH National Assembly in Portland, Oregon.

1998 The ExCo of WCLC and the DH’s delegation to Itaici participated in the discernment for the best way for the affiliation of DH. Both communities felt that DH should be called into CLC as a community in its entirety.

1999 WCLC had a new ExCo and EA. DH submitted its application to become a member of the WCLC. Father Tuan Le, S.J. was assigned to be the fourth EA. Father Le also came from Dong Hanh.
The First Youth Gathering was organized in Kansas City.
Quang Pham and Binh Ha were elected President and Vice-President at the DH National Assembly in San Jose, California.

2000 Father Dominic Hung Nguyen, S.J. introduced the community to Tetlow’s Lightworks program, a retreat program in everyday life based on Ignatius’ 18th Annotation.

2001 WCLC’s ExCo met a delegation of DH in Pittsburgh and recommended DH seek integration with CLC by affiliating with CLC-USA. WCLC expressed its desire for DH to become part of the community but felt restricted at the time by the General Norms for accepting a unique community like DH, whose member groups are not bound by any national boundaries. WCLC’s ExCo also asked CLC-USA’s ExCo to consider a way to bring DH into its structure without breaking up DH. DH’s ExCo met in Long Beach, California, to discern about affiliating with CLC-USA. Member groups in Canada and Europe strongly felt that DH is called into CLC, not without a certain feeling of ambivalence and uncertainty. They put their trust in the Lord as DH joined CLC-USA.
Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Living (SEEL) Director Training for Vietnamese (SDTV), a three-year program, was started at Seattle University. The project was a collaboration among Seattle University, SEEL Program in Seattle and Dong Hanh with the support of the Oregon Province.
The Second Youth Gathering was organized in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

2002 Dong Hanh participated in World Youth Day in Toronto with over 250 youth and young adults.
Liem T Le and Trung Pham were elected President and Vice-President at the DH National Assembly in New Orleans, Louisiana.
DH and CLC-USA started the dialog for the affiliation of DH into CLC-USA as the 11th Region of CLC-USA. Lois Campbell, President-elect at the time, attended the DH National Assembly in New Orleans in 2002. Liem T Le, President of DH, and Hoang (Peter) T. Nguyen met with CLC-USA’s NCC at Fordham University in May 2003. The NCC proposed that DH be invited for affiliation during the National Assembly of CLC-USA in Miami in 2004.

The First Leadership Assembly (Hop Mat Ban Phuc Vu) was organized in Virginia to discern a direction for the community. The First Lightworks Training Workshop was held in Austin to train facilitators for this retreat program. Members of the SDTV played a crucial role in organizing, planning and presenting the workshop.

At the National Assembly of CLC-USA in Miami, Dong Hanh was officially incorporated into CLC by affiliating with CLC-USA as one community, with Dong Hanh member groups across the USA, Canada and Europe.

The Second Lightworks Training Workshop was offered in Virginia. The third was conducted in Orange County, California. Liem T Le and Kim-Anh Vu were elected as President and Vice-President at the DH National Assembly in Los Angeles. DH officially changed its name to Dong Hanh-CLC.

Father Tri Dinh, S.J. was assigned as the fifth EA. Father Dinh also came from Dong Hanh. A new focus on formation was initiated with the Second Leadership Assembly in Virginia. The National Formation Team was formed with ten initial members, from Montréal to Orange County, California. A comprehensive formation program was initiated with the first *Cura Personalis* Workshop in Philadelphia. The first Marriage Renewal Workshop (MRW) was organized in Philadelphia as a collaboration between Dong Hanh’s Family Ministry and a diocesan parish.
2007  *Cura Personalis* Formation Workshops (CP) were organized in Dallas, Orange County and Montréal. The first *Cura Personalis* Upgraded Formation Workshops (CPU) was organized for youth and young adults in Dallas. DH organized two formation summits to work out a more comprehensive formation program for the entire community. The Fourth Lightworks facilitator training took place in San Jose, California. The Lightworks Ministry was formed. Marriage Renewal Workshops were conducted in Philadelphia and Orange County. The Marriage Renewal Workshops and Lightworks Retreat Program started to emerge as identifiable and visible apostolates for Dong Hanh–CLC.

2008  Liem T Le was elected President-elect of CLC-USA. *Cura Personalis* Upgraded Formation Workshops (CPU) were organized for the Northeast, Southwest and Midwest Regions to initiate the 3-30-100 Formation Program. Members of Dong Hanh-CLC participated in Leadership Conference I in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. MRW programs were conducted in Houston, Ontario (California), Montréal and Toronto. DH’s Youth and Young Adult Ministries were formed with a national team and regional teams in Canada, the Northeast, the Midwest, the Southwest and the Southeast areas. Kim-Anh Vu and Thai Son Tran were elected President and Vice-President at the DH National Assembly in Los Angeles, California.

2009  A joint Summit of Formation and Youth and Young Adults (Y/YA) Ministry took place in Dallas, Texas. It summoned regional formation and Y/YA Ministry teams to begin collaborating with DH National Formation and Y/YA Ministry Teams, introducing the process of empowering growth to the grassroots level. DH-CLC members participated in Leadership Conference II in Pittsburgh, PA. The First Family Ministry Summit took place in San Jose, California. It evaluated family ministry, particularly MRW program; direction for the future; teamwork and collaboration; leadership and how it can be more effective as a visible apostolic work for DH within the larger Vietnamese community. It was hoped that the regional family ministry team would be formed from this summit. Dong Hanh played a major role in the logistics to organize the National CLC Assembly in Washington, D.C, July 9-12. This was the second National Assembly after incorporation into CLC-USA.

2010  Mong-Hang Nguyen became President-elect of CLC-USA during Leadership Assembly III in Pittsburgh. CLC VN sought to become affiliated with the World CLC. CLC-USA was requested to become the godparent community to accompany CLC VN in this process. ExCo asked Dong Hanh to represent CLC- USA in working more closely with CLC VN. Preliminary communications were started between CLC VN and Dong Hanh.

2011  The National Dong Hanh Assembly took place in Dallas, Texas. This convened a quasi-delegate assembly to make certain decisions and seek
consensus over some important issues. Three ministries were elevated to become official national ministries/programs of CLC-USA: Lightworks, Marriage Renewal Workshops, and S.E.E.D. Retreat. Six proposals were formulated by the assembly and voted on by the delegates, three of which were in regard to the ministries above. Delegates from CLC VN came as observers, their first encounter with Dong Hanh and CLC-USA. An Mai and Thai-Son Tran were elected President and Vice-President.

2012

The first S.E.E.D. Formation Summit was held in Phoenix, Arizona to set direction for S.E.E.D. as a national ministry, to form teams, and to set protocols for leaders and organizers. Frank Vuong was elected first S.E.E.D. National Chair.

The Third Y/YA Ministry Summit was held in Denver to discern direction for the Y/YA Ministry. Kaity Tran was elected National Chair.

The Leadership Assembly was held in Pittsburgh. Dong Hanh was allotted five members on the National Coordinating Council (NCC) as result of the discernment.

The Marriage Renewal Workshop (MRW) Team of six DH couples traveled to Vietnam to deliver the first MRW pilot program. It was received well and the Diocese of Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) formally invited DH to train Vietnamese to deliver their own MRW. This formation program for the MRW ministry team was projected to be three years long incorporating the collaboration of DH, Family Ministry of Diocese of Saigon, CLC VN and Nhom Lua Yeu Thuong (group of young families). This has turned out to be the project that is unifying all these groups for family ministry. CLC-USA ExCo formally requested Dong Hanh CLC to assist in journeying with CLC VN in a godparent relationship. CLC VN members met with Dong Hanh members who were enroute to deliver MRW. Conversations were held regarding the current situation of the growing number of communities and the needs for formation and exchange of formation materials.

2013

Family Ministry Summit II took place in Le Thi Thanh Retreat House, Texas. A discernment was held to consider five proposals for family ministry. Task forces will be formed to carry out these proposals.

The Second MRW happened in Vietnam, August 12-14. This was a collaborative effort between DH, the Diocese of Saigon and CLC VN. The program to form a MRW team for future family ministry in VN began. Other MRWs are being organized in Philadelphia and Phoenix.

The task force to work with CLC VN was formed and plans were made to deepen the conversation regarding formation and the incorporation process into World CLC. Dong Hanh members met with CLC VN members for one day to engage in conversation about the status of CLC VN formation needs. Quarterly online meetings were set up. CLC VN members attended the World Assembly in Beirut as observers in the hope that CLC VN will be incorporated into World CLC at the next World Assembly. Work continues for reorganization of CLC-USA to become one apostolic body.

DH-CLC continues to be involved in all aspects of CLC-USA.
Graced History of the Korean CLC

Christina Kim

1995  **New York and Los Angeles** - The *Spiritual Exercises* were promoted in Korean by Fr. Benedict Kim, S.J. and Fr. Daniel Suh, S.J.

1996  **New York** - Three Korean CLCs were formed - Vine, Anawim and Montserrat.

   The First Chair was Joseph Kim, and the Ecclesial Assistant (EA) was Fr. Benedict Kim.

   **Washington, D.C.** - The *Spiritual Exercises* were promoted by Fr. Thomas Song, S.J.

   One new CLC was formed.

   **Los Angeles** - One new CLC was formed by Fr. Benedict Kim.

1997  **New York** - Korean CLCer, Joseph Kim, made his first temporary commitment.

   The EA was Fr. Benedict Kim.

   **Washington, D.C.** - Cephas CLC was formed. An ‘underground’ meeting was planned by Ann Park, Theresa Kim and Bibiana Rhee.

   The Spiritual Director was Fr. Lorenzo Yeom, S.J.

   **Los Angeles** - The First Chair was Augustin Won.

1998  **New York** - Three new Korean CLCs were established - La Storta, Cardoner and Anchor.

   A first temporary commitment ceremony was held.

   **Chicago** - An Ignatian retreat in Korean was directed by Fr. Suh.

1999  **New York** - First temporary commitment was made by fifteen CLC members.

   The Second Chair was Gregorio Lee.

   **Washington, D.C.** - First temporary commitment was made by four CLCers.

2000  **New York** - Five Korean CLCs were formed - Companion, Siloam, Pelican, Pilgrim and Korean Martyrs. The first young adult retreat was given. Ten members made their first temporary commitment.

   **Washington, D.C.** - One new Korean CLC was formed - Mustard Seed.

   MAR KCLC was promoted by Fr. Benedict Kim. First Chair was Anne Park. First temporary commitment was made by one member in New York.

   **Chicago** - The first Korean CLC was formed - Magnificat.

   **Atlanta** - The first Korean CLC was formed - Siloam.

2001  **New York** - Three new Korean CLCs were formed - Montmart, Firefly and Galilee.

   Thirteen members made their first temporary commitment.

   **Washington, D.C.** - A five-day retreat was given. The first temporary commitment was made by two members in New York. Two new CLCs were formed - Woodbridge and Hesed.

   **Los Angeles** - One new CLC was formed - Manresa. Nine CLCers made their first temporary commitment.

   **Chicago** - Theresa Lee was named District President.

   **Atlanta** - One new CLC was formed - Cardoner.

E. Christina Kim is a member of the National Formation Team since 2007, Formation Coordinator for KCLC NY since 2011, Formation Coordinator for NKCLC since 2007. She is a clinical psychologist and was trained as a spiritual guide.
2002 National Korean CLC (NKCLC) was formed. The first President was Catherine Kang. The Ecclesial Assistant was Fr. Benedict Kim, S.J. New York - One new CLC was formed - Heavens. A formation team was formed. The Institute for Christian Life (ICL) was also formed. Forty-one members made their first temporary commitment. A renewal of commitment took place. The Third Chair was Catherine Kang. Washington, D.C. - Four members made their first temporary commitment in New York. The Spiritual Director was Jae Wook Lee, S.J. Fr. Yeom returned to Korea. Los Angeles - Two new CLCs were formed - Vine and Pharus. Eight members made their first temporary commitment.

2003 NKCLC had its first teleconference with leaders of the five regions. New York - A renewal of commitment was held. Washington, D.C. - Three CLCs were formed - Seed, Caritas and Vineyard. John Kim was named Second Chair. Six members made their first temporary commitment in the Mid Atlantic CLC Region. Los Angeles - Emmanuel CLC was formed. Three members made their first temporary commitment. Chicago - The First Chair was Theresa Lee. Siloam CLC was formed. Six members made their first temporary commitment. Atlanta - Logos CLC was formed.

2004 NKCLC’s second President was Theresa Yoon. New York - Fourteen members made their permanent commitment and twenty others their first temporary one. Nicholas Kim was named the Fourth Chair. Washington, D.C. - Three CLCs were formed - Light, Siloam and Peace. The Spiritual Director was Fr. Kang Yeup Jung, S.J. Three members made their first temporary commitment. Los Angeles - Job CLC was formed. Chicago - Ten members made their temporary commitment. First Chair was Heeyun Choi.


2006 NKCLC chose Bibiana Rhee as the third President. The first annual Korean ExCo meeting was held in the Mid Atlantic Region. New York - Seventeen members made their permanent commitment and fifteen made their temporary one. Fr. Daniel Suh was the EA. Washington, D.C. - Siloam and Light CLCs merged. Eight members made their temporary commitment. Teresa Kim became the Third Chair. Los Angeles - St. Maria CLC was formed. One member made a temporary commitment. Chicago - Magnificat CLC was formed. Six members made a temporary commitment. Atlanta - Montserrat CLC was formed. Youngee Kim was chosen as the Third Chair.
2007  NKCLC held its second KCLC ExCo meeting in Atlanta.  
*New York* - Magis and Emmaus CLCs were formed. Rosa Lee was named Fifth Chair.  
*Washington, D.C.* - Four members made their temporary commitment. Two members attended the CLC Guides’ Workshop in Omaha.  
*Los Angeles* - One member made a temporary commitment. Dorothea Chong became Third Chair.  
*Chicago* - Five members made their permanent commitment.  
*Atlanta* - Magis CLC was formed.

2008  NKCLC chose Clare Maing as fourth President. Fr. Isador An, S.J. was EA. The third KCLC ExCo meeting was held in California.  
*New York* - Sah Rahng CLC was formed. Twenty-four members made their permanent commitment and seventeen their temporary one.  
*Washington, D.C.* - Maranata, a young adult CLC, was formed. Teresa Kim became the Fourth Chair. Seven CLCers made their permanent commitment and ten their temporary one.  
*Los Angeles* - Eight members made their permanent commitment and six their temporary one.  
*Chicago* - Gemma Chang became the Third Chair.  
*Atlanta* - Manresa CLC was formed. The Fourth Chair was Haeja Hong.

2009  NKCLC - The first annual Formation Workshop was established. The topic was, “Where are we in terms of our formation?” The fourth KCLC ExCo meeting was held in Pittsburgh.  
*New York* - Heemhang CLC was formed. Fr. Suh resigned as EA. Stephano Yoon became Sixth Chair.  
*Washington, D.C.* - Caritas CLC dissolved. Ephata and Emmanuel CLCs were formed. Fr. Jung returned to Korea. Three members made their temporary commitment.  
*Los Angeles* - Christine Kim was Fourth Chair. One member made a temporary commitment.  
*Chicago* - Two members made their permanent commitment. Paulina Kim was Fourth Chair.  
*Atlanta* - Six members made their permanent commitment and seven made their temporary one.

2010  NKCLC - The fifth ExCo meeting was held in Pittsburgh. The second annual Formation Workshop for Guides and Coordinators took place. Clare Maing became fifth President.  
EA Fr. Ahn returned to Korea.  
*New York* - There was a renewal of commitments. Stephano Yoon resigned. Fr. Dominic Kim was Ecclesial Assistant.  
*Washington, D.C.* - Angela Shim became Fifth Chair. Light CLC and Maranata CLC were dissolved. Three members made their permanent commitment and three made their temporary one.  
*Los Angeles* - Three members made their temporary commitment.  
*Chicago* - Pilgrim and Grape Vine CLCs were formed.  
*Atlanta* - Xavier CLC was established. Seven members made their temporary commitment. Kyungsook Lee became the Fifth Chair.
2011 NKCLC held its sixth ExCo meeting in Pittsburgh. The third annual Formation Workshop entitled “Spiritual Exercises” was given by Fr. Shim, S.J. from Korea.

New York - Emmanuel CLC was formed. Ten members made their temporary commitment.
Theresa Paik became the Seventh Chair.

Washington, D.C. - Seven members made the permanent commitment and four made their temporary one.

Los Angeles - Christine Kim became the Fifth Chair.

Atlanta - Eight members made their permanent commitment and five made their temporary one.

2012 NKCLC held its seventh ExCo meeting in Pittsburgh. Christine Kim became the sixth President.
The fourth annual Formation Workshop entitled “CLC-USA Reorganization Discernment” took place. Fr. Taesu Ha, S.J. was an observer.

New York - Milal CLC was formed. The permanent commitment was made by nine members and the temporary commitment by one member.

Washington D.C. - Baruch CLC was formed. The permanent commitment was made by four CLCers and the temporary commitment by five. Angela Shim became the Sixth Chair.

Los Angeles - A Pre-CLC was formed. One member made the temporary commitment. The Sixth Chair was Aurelia Choe.

Chicago - Emmaus CLC was formed. A permanent commitment was made by two members and a temporary commitment by two members.

Atlanta - Two communities dissolved. Four members made their temporary commitment.
Heijung Jhee became the Sixth Chair.

2013 NKCLC’s eighth ExCo meeting is planned for November. The fifth annual Formation Workshop entitled “Train the Trainers” is in the planning stage. (Topic: World CLC Document Charism - Process for Growth)

New York - A Pre-CLC was formed. Seven members made their temporary commitment.

Chicago - A Pre-CLC was formed.

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Challenges of Metro NY CLC

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How do we respond authentically to Christ’s call?

World CLC Projects 154 tells us, “As part of the Body of Christ, the Church, we receive the call of Christ and endeavor to respond to it more authentically.”

Today we are asking ourselves what challenges we face in our region as we try to respond authentically to the call of Christ. Earlier today we prayed and reflected on the many graces we have received through membership in CLC. Now we want to look at the challenges that face us now and in the future.

Projects 154 goes on to say: “The image of the body invites us to a qualitative LEAP in our conception of our identity, confirming the grace of the call of the Lord in our recent history.” LEAP encourages us to move forward into the future. LEAP is also an acronym for four challenges facing CLC throughout the world: Leadership, Evangelization, Apostolic Body, Pastoral Care. Let us ask ourselves how these four areas challenge us in our region.

Leadership

It is indeed a challenge for us to identify leaders. We need leaders of various talents and availability. We need leaders who have a passion and love for Christ and the CLC way of life. We need leaders to provide formation for our groups and members, leaders to become group guides. We need leaders to foster collaborative efforts among CLCers, with the Jesuits and other Ignatian groups, with ecclesial organizations, and with others of good will. We need leaders to attend to communications at all levels and to do the administrative work that is involved in bringing us together and doing the work of CLC.

Evangelization

Right here in the New York area, we have groups of people who strongly desire to follow Christ more closely in the model of small groups like CLC. They desire the faith sharing, the sense of belonging, the intentional prayer community, the support of small community. We always want to be about the work of evangelization, but I would like to highlight especially three populations: Hispanic/Latino, Young Adults and Parish groups.

Hispanic/Latino Community

At a Fordham University Conference three years ago, the Spanish-speaking “track” expressed a vision of having small faith sharing groups in the Ignatian tradition within their parishes. To my mind, this is CLC. How do we reach out to them? How do we bring our model of Church to them in a way that is both affordable and doable? Currently, according to the USCCB, 35% of US Catholics are Hispanic/Latino and 50% of US Catholics under 25 are Hispanic/Latino. How are we called to reach out to this community?

Young Adults:

Many young adults desire spirituality, purpose and community. Here is a quote from the USCCB site:
“As a young adult in today’s dynamic society, I—like so many other young adults—am hungry. I have felt a strong spiritual hunger, a hunger that stems from the need to discover who I am, who is my God, and what is my purpose in society. It is a hunger that once fed can continue to fuel my life journey in a direction that would follow the footsteps of Christ. It is my hope that the Catholic Church will help guide me through this transitional period of my life; … I believe that through a community of encouragement and support based on the life and teachings of Christ, the Catholic Church can give me the inspiration, strength, and perseverance necessary to continue my journey and to realize my hopes and dreams for life.”

Perhaps the model of CLC can fulfill many of the desires of young people. As we gather today at Fordham University we know that there are active CLCs on campus. As adult members of CLC we are challenged to be available and creative in communicating, supporting and helping these young people now and especially to help them make the transition from college level CLC to post-college CLC.

**Parish Groups**

At our Sunday Eucharist, Catholics worship and praise God together, but in most parishes there is not a forum of self-expression, dialogue, personal discernment, support and apostolic action which small communities provide. There is a desire among parishioners and groups within a parish to have a greater involvement in Church that incorporates these elements which we know as part of CLC. How are we being challenged to bring CLC to these our fellow Catholics who are looking for more?

**Apostolic Body**

In *Christifideles Laici* Pope John Paul II writes:

“For the Kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too’” *(Mt 20:1-4)*. The vineyard is the whole world (cf. *Mt 13:38*), which is to be transformed according to the plan God has in view of the final coming of the Kingdom of God. Projects 154 reads: “As part of the Body of Christ, we receive the call of Christ and endeavor to respond to it more authentically in our social realities, our culture and in our daily lives as we embrace the radical implications of acting together as one community, one body.”

World CLC invites us to deepen and reflect on our understanding of being a Lay Apostolic Body. In our region we might ask ourselves:

- Some characteristics of CLC as a Lay Apostolic Body are: the use of DSSE in community, Commitment, Simple Lifestyle, Financial Co-responsibility, Apostolic Initiatives and Advocacy. In which of these characteristics does our local/national community have to work harder?

- How are we to be authentic witnesses of Christ, laborers in the vineyard, in our region?

- How do we practice analyzing the needs of the poor and the most vulnerable in our area?

- Recognizing that not all are called to respond in the same way or with the same amount of time and intensity, how do we discern a response to the needs that are around us?

- How do we as community give witness to Christ’s saving action? How do we participate in the transformation of the world, according to God’s plan? How do we make another world possible?

- Do we show love for one another? Are we known for our great love—for one another and toward others?

**Pastoral Care**

As we strive to do the work of CLC, another challenge that we face is the ongoing pastoral support of our local communities. In NY, we face particular challenges in offering pastoral care for our Korean CLC brothers and sisters as well as the new St. Aedan’s community. What are their specific challenges and needs? How are we listening to these members? Are we finding ways for open communication to both hear and address their particular challenges and needs? How can we find a way to be more welcoming to these communities? How can we go out of our way to be more inclusive so that people feel and understand our being “One.” The challenge is always before us that we need to connect with people beyond our local community. We have to keep asking ourselves how can we strike the right balance among care, support, understanding and patience while challenging one another to greater commitment and responsibility.

“Holy Spirit, guide us to be authentic witnesses of Christ in our world. Increase our desire to be present and open to your call, to love God and one another. As we mark the 450th Jubilee of Ignatian Lay Communities, continue to give us the generosity, strength and courage to act, and to do the work, to make another world possible.”
The Challenges Ahead

Ginnie Bailey

The Challenge before Ignatius

As part of our commemoration of the 450 years of Ignatian lay communities, we are contemplating the graces and the challenges that such an auspicious event calls us to consider. We find that plenty of both abound, now and as they have throughout the years. Ignatius’ life itself attests to the power of careful attention to the same mixture of dynamics in his life. After his wound at Pamplona his future life, as he had dreamt that it would be, was over. He didn’t even know if he would ever walk again, let alone rise in the military ranks which he expected would launch his career of power and conquest. In desperation, he asked for a book…anything to take his mind away from the devastation and profound boredom: the challenge. He was given a Bible: the grace. And then he began to pay attention to the inner language of his emotions as he read of this unexpected treasure: the charism of a new call.

As we ponder the challenges that face us today in our individual lives, but right now, especially in CLC, let us remember that our Lord continues to work in much the same way within each and every one of us, and within the world-wide community of CLC! Challenge and Grace inspire forward movement and energize us for our work, resulting in pearls of beauty and elegance, until the next challenge confronts us. Seen in this way, challenge is not so much a hurdle to be overcome, or dispensed with, but the impetus to call forth the deepest and best parts of ourselves and one another, and a call to place our faith and trust in our God to provide the Grace to bless our work with the needed resources.

Projects 154

As Ann Marie Brennan pointed out in her consideration of the challenges which Projects 154 has outlined for us, we find four for the near future of CLC: Leadership, Evangelization, Apostolic Body and Pastoral Care. It seems to me that our challenges come down to a few central truths.

1. All of our work, indeed our entire lives, are about evangelization: finding ways to let more and more people know about the intimate and personal love that God has for them, and helping them live from that core reality of love.

2. Our way of living out that call to evangelization arises from our identity as CLC, and our Charism of Ignatian Spirituality, which then become the tools we teach to others to help them live their call.

3. CLC gives us a framework for experiencing the efficacy of our work and the joys of support for our mission in ever-widening circles of community.

One of the challenges on which we have spent time within this region, and in World CLC, is the notion of being One Apostolic Body, united in our quest to bring the light of God’s love to the far corners of the world. And this can be seen as a daunting reality…the whole world? And yet, we identify ourselves as Christians, and how is this different? As St. Teresa reminds us: “We are the body now of Christ…the hands, the feet….Ours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world…”
Is this not the heart of what Christianity is all about? In truth, this is what Eucharist is all about! As we walk in procession each Sunday to the altar, and receive once again the body of Christ, are we not both sacramentally experiencing and ceremonially demonstrating the core and central fact that we are one Body in Christ? It is the inescapable truth of our faith, and at once our honored call to bathe in the gift of the indwelling Christ, and to animate Him by bringing His love out into the world! We are no different in the charge of CLC to act as one apostolic body, than we are in the wider body of the Church, and really, when it comes right down to it, as human beings! We are loved, created by love for love, and our charge is to bring THAT good news to others! CLC gifts us with a charism that helps us to discern deeply what our particular call to faith and to love will look like, and with a multi-level network of communities to witness and participate in that discernment, to send and support us in our endeavors and to celebrate the ever-enlivening self that emerges as we individually and collectively call forth that faith and that love in action.

**Our CLC Identity**

This brings us to our identity. We might remind ourselves of the song and the truth it conveys, “They’ll know we are Christians by our Love.” I expand the message of this song to include…they’ll know we are Christians by our Joy! As CLC, we know the richness of life that springs from a careful and prayerful attunement to the inner language of God…our feelings and our experience of consolation and desolation. As we live through the joys and the challenges of our daily lives, and as we consider the broader family, community and societal challenges that face us, we hold a way of intensely and deeply conversing with God for clues and inspirations on how best to tackle these challenges, and how each one of us is called to participate in that call! We know that God speaks to us in these inner emotions, in the thoughts that arise from them, and in the exchanges we have with our communities as we grapple with these issues, both individual and collective. Through the process of discovering the answers to these questions in prayer and conversation, we find a deep and abiding joy and security that we are always given the graces when we attend to the signals.

People see this joy…people hear about the depth of the sharing that takes place in our communities, and are curious, are moved, and want to know more. It happens time and again. There is a hunger besetting our world for depth, for Spirit, for connection. Now more than ever…and this has been often said of any time throughout the millennia, but I claim NOW more than ever before that there is a starvation for these deeper aspects of life, throughout social structures and economic levels.

I think our task right now is to hone in on our CLC identity. Each of us individually as well as collectively, can be more effective evangelizers by our very living this charism and the joy that it reveals. And so I leave you with a few questions to ponder in your reflection:

1. What is my identity as a member of CLC, and how does that challenge me and guide me?
2. What in my life and experience in CLC brings me joy?
3. How can I enliven this joy even more and make it more evident in what I already do?
4. What makes CLC different from a traditional prayer group, and why do I continue to participate in CLC? How can I more fully embrace these differences?
5. When I encounter tensions and dynamics within CLC, on local, regional, national and even world levels, what might I do to foster communication and cohesiveness?

As for myself, the joy I experience in CLC stems from the secure knowledge that I am loved in a personal way by God, and that God guides me in my every decision and every endeavor through the vagaries of my emotions, which occur in the form of consolations and desolations. This certainty of direction fuels my response which energizes me for my individual Christian call.

**“The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act; it ceases to exist.”** —Pope St. Gregory the Great
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