

Together around Him

...so that the world may believe

John 17:21

X General Assembly of the Lay Claretian

Between July 13th and 21st, 2019, the X General Assembly of the Lay Claretian Movement was held in Medellín. During these days an analysis of the current situation of the Movement has been carried out, as well as the challenges that we must address in the coming years.

Taking our Fraternity as a starting point under the slogan "Together around Him so that the world believes", this work has been developed throughout these days in several moments of group and assembly work. As a result of this work of reflection and analysis, the Assembly approves the following strategic priority lines as a working roadmap for the General Council the next four years:

Strategic lines

1. Advance in the communion of goods and in the economic sustainability of the MSC.

- a. Have a budget according to the priorities and an annual and four-year balance of expenses, which includes the expenses of the General Assembly.
- b. Include in the balance sheet (income and expenses) a detailed summary of contributions in kind and donations that may not affect the accounting activity.
- c. Disseminate and use the established channels to make the financial contributions and meet the annual fees.
- d. Allocate a budget for the translation of materials and documents.
- e. Create a team of communion of goods in which the economists of the regions participate.
- f. The General Council must encourage the co-responsibility of each region and groups without a region for the communion of goods at all levels.

2. Develop the Training Plan, its dissemination and revitalization.

- a. Finish the Identity Workshop (Spirituality and Fraternity)
- b. Continue working on our identity and charismatic features.
- c. Provide some training-awareness document about the communion of goods.
- d. Promote the sending of materials in different formats and on different topics to enrich the library.
- e. Disseminate and support the implementation of the training plan in each community.
- f. Propose training so that the lay claretian can be advisors to accompany the communities..

3. Dynamize the Promotion of the Charism from our lay identity.

- a. Promotion of the charism: to propose to the youth pastoral of the Claretian Family to include the

formal invitation of incorporation to the Lay Claretian in their itineraries.

- b. Have available materials and methodology for young people or adults who wish to know the Claretian charism.
- c. Promote the exchange of experiences.
- d. Develop a specific job as lay people in the pastorals in which they participate.

4. Increase our commitment to Solidarity and Mission (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation) in coordination with the Claretian Family.

- a. Keep our active participation and engagement with the Claretian Family in this area.
- b. Develop positioning from the Movement on certain issues that are considered of general interest.
- c. Offer training materials on basic topics (Claretian fundamentals of transformative social action, etc.) or specific (ecology and creation care, migrations, gender focus, ...).
- d. Set up a work team in which people from different regions can participate.
- e. Disseminate social transformation projects carried out by Lay Claretian communities.

5. Maintain active communication at all levels and expand access in other languages.

- a. Increase translation into other languages.
- b. Guide content on social networks to make them more attractive to younger recipients.
- c. Improve access to the web to all devices.
- d. Have online interaction spaces on aspects or topics of common interest.
- e. Have official group emails that are received by several people, to ensure that the group receives communication by any of its members.
- f. Promote the periodic sending of information by mail through newsletter.
- g. Generate a basic template with the requirements for the publication of news (content, image quality ...).
- h. Continue the initiative to share a prayer for the anniversary of the Movement prepared by a different group each year.

Next, other action lines are collected to reflect the sensibility of the Assembly and it's recommended work on them, but not in a priority way:

6. Consolidate the organization of the Movement..

- a. Keep the role of Zone Delegates and Delegates for specific areas, as well as their support work teams. Renew them and expand them if necessary.
- b. Continue promoting Skype meetings by areas: regional coordinators, training members and delegates, and boost areas where they are not being done.
- c. Have an organization chart and functions of each service.
- d. Improve the update of the census of communities and members.
- e. Recognition to lay people for their significant belonging to the movement and share a prayer in memory of the deceased.

7. Advance in the maturity of the groups to acquire greater co-responsibility in the Claretian Family..

- a. Keep the autonomy of the groups.
- b. Mature those common lines that identify us as Movement.
- c. Have spaces to meet the communities and share experiences and mission.