

COMMUNIQUE ON THE FIFTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF CLC NIGERIA HELD AT PRESENTATION HIGH SCHOOL IN BENIN CITY ON 6TH – 9TH AUGUST, 2014.

1.0: ATTENDANCE

A total of 46 members drawn from the four Regions of CLC Nigeria attended the National Assembly. In attendance also was the Vice President of CLC World Exco Edel Churu Ebale and the EA CLC Nigeria, Rev Fr. Sam Okwudegbe.

By invitation from the national community of CLC-Nigeria, Edel Churu arrived Nigeria on Tuesday, 5th August, 2014. Despite the heavy down pour at the airport she was overwhelmed by the warm reception accorded her by CLC community in Lagos. She came to help us with the assembly, and she did a masterful job. She helped give the participants a sense that they belong not just to a local community or even to a regional or national community but, to a world community. She did one of the five presentations and assisted Tony and Tessy in the last presentation entitled **"Putting the Pieces Together."** She was able to state our CLC way of proceeding in a simple and clear way so that the participants could see that CLC is not a political or a devotional organization but a vocation to a lay Way of Life. This alone made the assembly a success. Fr. Benedict Egbogbu, S.J presented the session on **deepening our spirituality** emphasizing the Apostolic Spirituality which flows out of the Ignatian vision. Edel's presentation was on the **Lay Apostolic Body chart from top to bottom.** More emphasis on the DSSE procedure (Discerning-Sending-Supporting Evaluating process.)

In her presentation, she stated that since our World Assembly in Nairobi (2003), when we felt confirmed in the call to become a lay apostolic body that shares responsibility for mission in the Church, we embraced the four steps of DSSE as our characteristic way of proceeding in order to deepen and live our identity. In Fatima (2008), the assembly acknowledged that although we have considerable experiences with exercising the dynamics of DSSE, there is much room for growth and consistency in this area. She also made the national community understand the need for financial co-responsibility. Anthony Maurice presented a paper on the **dynamism of family in community and also our grace mission from inception to our present date.** Tessy Edijala

illustrated the four levels of challenges in CLC Mission. The ground of all these levels of mission is the foundational call of every CLC member to live their Ignatian lay vocation in daily life. This means being contemplatively active and present in the home, in the family, at work, in civil society, in political and cultural life, living a simple lifestyle. If we are not living out our mission at this level, then whatever we seek to do at other levels will be a “house built on sand”. If we *do* live out our mission at this foundational level, we will be building on solid rock.

2.0: ELECTION INTO NATIONAL EXCO.

Our election process is done by discernment. Candidates pray to see if they are being called to serve the

national body. The E.A allowed more nominations from regions. And the candidates were to either accept or decline. The candidates speak their "platform" and respond to questions for greater clarification; the election was done by individual vote. There were 8 candidates in all (2 for each position; President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer). The voting was by writing name of the candidate for each position.

Elections were held on the last working day of the National Assembly and the following were prayerfully and by discernment elected into the National Exco of CLC Nigeria:

NATIONAL TEAM

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Our E.A

Rev. Fr. Sam Okwuidegbe, S.J

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3.0: APOSTOLIC MISSION FOR CLC NIGERIA

Through corporate discernment, the under listed apostolic missions were arrived at as areas of ***priority for CLC Nigeria for the next four years.***

Living by example

Spiritual growth

Spiritual exercises

Formation

National Exco as a Community with flexibility

Living as Apostolic body (DSSE)

Recreating and re-invigorating CLC at the Regional and Community levels

Commitment to CLC Missions by members.

Mission for CLC Nigeria

CLC Nigeria as a loving Community

Focus on Youth Membership

Visitation of Regions by the National Exco

Networking with others.