

# FINAL DOCUMENT

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At Pentecost 2024, 52 delegates from 21 National communities in Europe celebrated the European Assembly in Malta - only one country (Luxembourg) couldn't send a delegation. Together we undertook a journey of communal discernment guided by three facilitators from the World Exco. This "final document" summarises the results of the discernment process and gives some concrete recommendations to the newly elected Euroteam.

## Summary

The main aim of Christian Life Community (CLC) in Europe is to deepen the relationship with God, through Ignatian spirituality and its identity as part of **ONE Lay, Ignatian, Apostolic World Community** united in Christ.

We, the 52 delegates, the outgoing Euroteam and the facilitators gathered at the European Assembly to discern on the following question *"In which creative ways does the Holy Spirit call us to strengthen our sense of being one community?"* The discernment process started with a closer look at the frontiers and the work done by the networks and the outgoing Euroteam. In personal prayer, in small group spiritual conversations and in plenary we sought the main signs of the Spirit for CLC in Europe. In an attitude of "vulnerable listening" we listened to each other's experiences, hopes and fears- and discovered consents and dissents. Even if tensions came up, we experienced the "safe space" where tensions could be expressed.

*So, this discernment process led us to confirm the call to continue walking as one community, focussing on the following aspects:*



- (1) Rooted in Christ, we are called to strengthen our commitment **through three pillars**: community, spirituality and apostolic mission. With faith that Christ stands with us, we want to discern our way forward: walking together, sharing hope, life, and joy while embracing our diversity, being a diverse community open for everyone - as Pope Francis said: “todos, todos, todos”.
  
- (2) We are not only walking as a CLC in Europe but **with people within and outside CLC** all over the world, carrying our fragility and discerning the signs of the Spirit together.
  
- (3) We are **ONE community**, unified in our differences, in Spirit, and in hope, as we continue our apostolic journey together in Christ. In Malta, the main call we heard was to **nurture unity and growth** within our community. We are called to support one another and handle arising tensions through attentive vulnerable listening and communal discernment. We are called to connect, collaborate and cooperate by focusing on communication and formation.
  
- (4) We feel encouraged to **confront our fears and actively participate in the life of the community**, the wider society, and the Church on its way towards synodality, responding apostolically to the pressing needs of our times.  
Embracing Ignatian indifference as the foundation of our apostolic work, we recognise that certain areas, particularly migration, have experienced a growing weariness in recent years. It is our desire to call upon the Holy Spirit to reinvigorate us and to dispel any sense of fatigue or apathy both in the world and within CLC in Europe and to help us to continue our work on the frontiers discerned by the World Assemblies in Lebanon and Amiens.
  
- (5) The Euroteam is tasked with assisting National Communities in their endeavour to build the kingdom of God. To this end, **we recommend that the Euroteam's principal mission be to serve as attentive and supportive companions to the National Communities, listening to their needs and walking with them on our common spiritual journey.**



## Recommendations

### A. The mission of the Euroteam: Helping National communities to grow together as one community

1. Enhance consultation *processes for deeper understanding, support, and sharing of experiences, offerings and needs.*  
Therefore, the Euroteam should meet with all 22 National communities online or in person to understand their strengths and weaknesses, to unify paths and to help them in their communal discernment. The Euroteam should also be available when a National community needs guidance and/or help.
2. *Help the National communities to grow closer together by sharing experiences, discernment, listening, and respect for realities.*  
So, it should encourage National Communities to connect with one or two others to share experiences, needs and specific expertise.
3. *Create spaces for diversity of views and callings:* Develop formats for each member to experience diversity, to share and to discern (online, in presence, webinars...), to express dissent, diverse perspectives and taboos to continue creating one community.

### B. Communication

1. Create a *communication team in Europe* with diverse skills to improve internal and external communication for CLC in Europe, aligning with goals set in Amiens for connecting, collaborating, and cooperating.
2. In collaboration with World Exco, facilitate *a new European space for online or face-to-face meetings*, offering support for the mobility of people, for the exchange of tools and for personal accompaniment, considering as an option the creation of an online platform for European CLC communities.



### C. Formation/ CLC Apostolate and Networks

1. Provide *training on discernment in common* with particular focus on spiritual conversation, DSSE, non-violent communication and dealing with difficult topics.
2. Ask *National Communities to identify which one main frontier they would like to champion*, and then create a network of support between the European communities, offering collaboration and expertise in these fields.
3. Maintain and support the networks (ecology, youth and migration) and create new ones (family, spirituality).

### Conclusion

*“Our Community is made up of Christians: men and women, adults and youth, of all social conditions who want to follow Jesus Christ more closely and work with him for the building of the Kingdom, who have recognized Christian Life Community as their particular vocation within the Church.*

*We aim to become committed Christians in bearing witness to those human and Gospel values within the Church and society which affect the dignity of the person, the welfare of the family and the integrity of creation. We are particularly aware of the pressing need to work for justice through a preferential option for the poor and a simple lifestyle which expresses our freedom and solidarity with them.” (GP 4)*

Let us continue this path: Becoming more and more **ONE Lay, Ignatian, Apostolic Community**- finding our way to unity and to engagement on frontiers.

The Euroteam 2024-2029

