CLC ATLANTIC REGION



The Atlantic Region is pleased to announce that Lorraine Bird, Group Coordinator for J.O.Y. Community in Fredericton, has discerned in Community to take on the Leadership role of Atlantic Regional Secretary. Welcome Lorraine!! Join us in supporting Lorraine as she brings her gifts to Atlantic ExCo.

The NB Group Guide /Group Coordinator Community has discerned to move forward with 'The Loaves and Fishes' Project. *The 'Loaves and Fishes' Project is NB Group Guide/Group Coordinator Community's response to addressing the need to sustain our Ignatian CLC way of life through the formation of new CLC groups, as prioritized at our National Assembly, 2018.*
They have scheduled two CLC Information evenings for January 25th, to offer the first 6 sessions of the Phase I Manual as a Lenten program. We hope and pray two groups will form, one in the Fredericton area and one in the Hampton area. We hope for a further response after Lent, that many will choose to continue the journey to Pentecost, completing the first twelve weeks of the Phase 1 Manual (this is from their letter). They are inviting all the CLC communities in the Atlantic Region to join them in prayer of intersession for this project. For their ongoing formation, they have begun to dip into and explore different areas of the National CLC Leader's manual.

The PEI and NS Group Guide community are meeting and centering in on the CLC Charism document, looking at it through the lens of the group guide. On Nov 13, 2021, the Group Guides from NS, PEI, and NB will meet for the first time as a joint Maritime community. Until now, PEI and NS have been meeting separately from NB. They will be sharing their Guide ministry story and also having a formation component. Leah and Gilles Michaud and Julia Donahoe-Macdougald are starting to work on a Group Guide Formation Workbook – no set timeline for completion.

The next Atlantic Region ExCo meeting will take place on Monday, January 18th from 9:45-11:45 a.m. We will be discussing our 3-Year Visioning Plan to help guide us in planning for our April 23-24th Spring Zoom Gathering, National

Formation Working Group update, as well as how to best move forward in handling the way we participate in our Zoom celebrations of Eucharist. Our next Regional Assembly is scheduled for June 11th-13th, however, given the uncertainty related to COVID-19, this may be moved to the Fall and may have to be a virtual gathering as well.

The AASEA FSE Ministry project, of which several CLC members are participants, continues to move forward, although in a modified format due to COVID-19 restrictions. Moving forward, participants will have four one-on-one virtual **spiritual direction** sessions (mid February - mid April), and one **virtual communal gathering** in early May to reconnect with one another. Module II will take place September 13th-November 26th, preferably face-to-face, but may be held virtually depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

Submitted by Karen Reeves

CLC CENTRAL REGION

Our Formation group is following up after the Communal discernment Workshop and getting feedback from participants. Eighteen people attended representing nine groups. The New Leadership manual is planned to be used as a catalyst with guides and more guides are being sought. A proposal has been brought to CREXCO for discernment, to have all new members have a prayer companion after their initial discernment at week thirteen. A retreat is being planned possibly April. Last year's Manual three participants discerned with their spiritual director at week thirteen about permanent commitment. Formation is seeking an evaluation of this process from both directees and Spiritual directors.

Our CAM is 10 years old and is to be evaluated at our spring council meeting. Fr. Horrigan was able to make one contact this year and hopes to make another soon. Yesterday CREXCO received a request by the Jesuit province which includes Haiti, to advocate for pressure on the Haitian government as there is total chaos and much suffering by all and no functioning government. A response will be discerned at our next meeting or there may be a more considered approach though our council meeting.



The Integral Ecology Working Group is considering proposing region-wide support for Water First a group that trains Indigenous youth to maintain water treatment plants in their communities. There is a lot of concern about the Province's recent decision to allow development on wetlands and land with endangered species. This may also be an area of action.

CREXCO is considering having all group contacts in a group like spiritual directors, to meet regularly and form their own community.

Our Spring Council meeting may be the weekend of Apr 16 to 18th. If the retreat facilitator can only be available in April, the date may have to be changed.

CREXCO is looking into Blessed History. One was done at a council meeting a number of years ago and a few individual groups have done theirs. Once we've had some discussion, we'll recommend to GC how we think it might best be done.

Submitted by Susan Rodgers



News & Notes

January 5th-Circle of Elders

January 6th-Prairie Region Leadership Transition Team

January 9th-National Formation Working Group National Communication Working Group

January 10th-National Implementation Working Group

January 13th,-Spiritual Exercises Virtual Group Teaching Evening

January 16th-GeneralCouncil meeting

January 19th-ILV Ignatian Adventure

January 20th-RegionalCouncil

January 26th-Group Guides & Coordinators

January 30th-National Formation Working Group

CLC Prairie Region
Leadership Transition Team
Quick Update
January 12th, 2021

Dear CLC Friends,

Together we are moving through the unfolding mystery of 2021. We have been praying for you, holding you in our hearts as you have borne and struggled with challenges and sorrows throughout this pandemic.

The Leadership Transition team experienced joy and hope as we met last Wednesday to consider next steps for regional communal discernment. Project 175 clearly invites us to communal discernment and to share our experience with World CLC. Following the communal discernment model suggested in Project 175 the team has some suggestions and adaptations for Regional Council and Group Guides and Coordinators to consider as we prepare for this journey.

Whether or not you are Catholic, whether or not you have completed the Spiritual Exercises, communal discernment is very simply a decision making process for everyone who feels drawn to a rich and transformative journey. Communal Discernment;

- Takes Time
- Includes death and resurrection
- Calls for mutual vulnerability
- Calls for listening to the spirit speaking through others.

Blessings from your companions on the way, Helen, Marek, Ruth, Sharon A.



CLC ROCKIES REGION



Nominated people for four regional leadership roles are undergoing the discernment process. The four roles are Regional rep.; Coordinator of communities; Formation coordinator and treasurer. We hope the roles will be filled by the end of January, but it might take longer if any of the nominated people say no to the invitation.

Tonight (Jan 12), there was a virtual meeting with Fr. Erik Orland organized by Fr. Richard Soo. We're very blessed that every year in January, the Provincial Superior of Jesuits Canada will visit Vancouver to meet all the Ignatian communities (including CLC, Jesuit Spirituality Apostolate of Vancouver, Jesuit alumni group, etc.). This year, due to the pandemic, the in-person gathering changed to be an online one. There were more than 30 participants and about 7-8 CLC members attended. Fr. Erik talked about the Jesuit Apostolic Preferences and the publication, Pilgrims Together with Jesus on Mission. He also sang with his beautiful opera voice! The meeting ended with a Q&A session. It's a lovely, casual and informative gathering filled with good conversations and laughter.

On Feb 6, 2021, there will be a regional mass with commitment ceremony. A few people will make their initial CLC temporary commitment and some will be renewing the temporary and permanent commitment. New names will be added to the membership directory which will be forwarded to Linda and Bill once it's been updated.

Submitted by Janet Ho