

# Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy currently has two equal focuses. The first is to show that worldwide there are many people who support us in our work towards achieving our goals. The second is to highlight that there are some areas of YCW in which our young people are not accompanied and bishops and Episcopal Conferences do not always appoint chaplains.

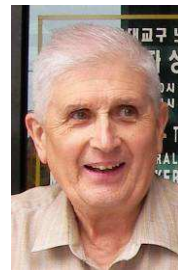
In addition to the day to day work of priests, religious and lay adults that accompany the YCW groups at local and National level, we discover further responsibilities. An example being the work that Br Martin a collaborator of ICYCW in the West African region undertook as a response to the agreements reached in the regional meeting of 2009. His work extended to visit various Movements as well as bishops, and organising training sessions for current and future adult companions. Br Martin does this because he is convinced of the validity of documents from the II Vatican Council that say: *Bishops, parish priests, and other priests [...] should work fraternally with the laity in and for the Church and take special care of the lay persons in these apostolic works. Special care should be taken to select priests who are capable of promoting particular forms of the apostolate of the laity and are properly trained* (The Apostolate of the Laity, 25).

opportunity to attend their regular meetings, for example in South Korea and Ecuador, where I participated in regular meetings and workshops with the chaplaincy teams.



The International Secretariat in addition to the work in preparing regional meetings and visits, takes every advantage to make contact with the bishops and Episcopal Conference Leaders. This has resulted in being offered opportunities to participate in the Special Synods for Africa (2009) and Middle East (2010). Other opportunities have included the recent meeting with the Under General Secretary of CELAM, during his stay in Rome and my visit to the Dominican Episcopal Conference.

I can not conclude my message without mentioning two important facts. One that greatly saddened us and another that made us very happy. The sad news is the recent death of Fr Jack Trisolini, who worked for many years at the service of YCW in South Korea and throughout the entire Asian continent. Just as many YCW members in his country will be forever grateful for the accompaniment he gave them, we must also give thanks to God for the service that he gave to ICYCW from the very beginning.



On a happier note, the news that a chaplain involved in accompanying YCW for many years has received Episcopal ordination. We are very happy to announce that the auxiliary bishop of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia is our very own Abuna Lisane-Christos Matheos Semahun. Congratulations and prayers for the continuation of the work!

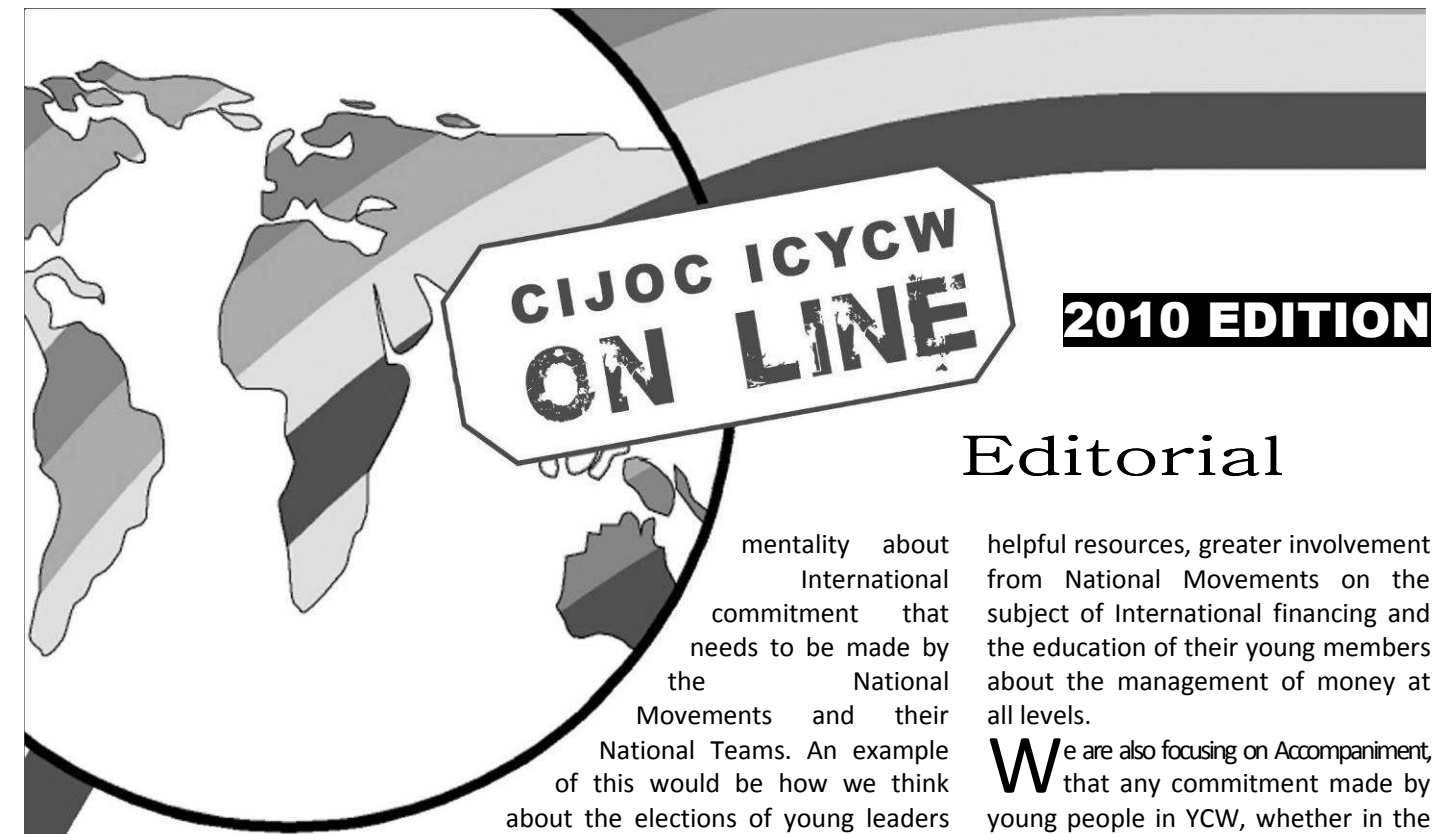


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In the same spirit the Indian Ocean Islands meeting, held in August 2010, was the occasion to work and improve the accompaniment of the Movements. In addition YCW in Europe, whose coordination team are accompanied by Fr Bernard Robert, worked together to produce a DVD with some testimonies from Priests and young people to act as a tool to promote accompaniment to Episcopal conferences and encourage the appointment of chaplains. They are also preparing a YCW Chaplains Meeting in July next year following the European meeting of young leaders called the REM.

The work on a National level is very important. In 2010, YCW France organised an event for all the adults involved in accompaniment for two days of study and sharing. It shares similarities to annual events held in Spain. As International Chaplain visiting Movements and sharing experiences I had the



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mentality about International commitment that needs to be made by the National Movements and their National Teams. An example of this would be how we think about the elections of young leaders into the International Secretariat. Who should be our first choice to present as a candidate? For what reasons? What skills do they have... ? How do we commit to the work of the Secretariat even if our candidate isn't chosen?

We are hopeful to find new ways to finance ICYCW. Perhaps this crisis is a grace from God that will lead us to better management of our finances, improved working relationships with the funding agencies, finding other

helpful resources, greater involvement from National Movements on the subject of International financing and the education of their young members about the management of money at all levels.

We are also focusing on Accompaniment, that any commitment made by young people in YCW, whether in the International Secretariat, Coordinating Movements, National Teams and Local groups, should be properly accompanied. It is a seriously as commitment that we have to take: young people and adults, priests and bishops.

To make all of this happen we have to work hard together. We have to allow the force of goodness, that is the Kingdom of God already present amongst us, to push us to reach it together.

## News

There has been a change this year of the members of the International Secretariat, so please welcome Anamaria Puscasu the new International Treasurer from YCW Italy and Mog Harris the new International Coordinator from YCW England & Wales. We also need to thank Lisa Vaccarino from YCW Italy and Arniel Iway from the Philippines Coordination YCW for their 4 years of service and we wish them the very best for the future.



Welcome to the newest Associate Movement of the ICYCW, JOC Dubai successfully elected by the National Movements in June.



## International Survey

The first phase of publishing the International Survey has now been completed as the results are now available to access on our website, [www.cijoc.org](http://www.cijoc.org). We also used our Christmas cards this year to publicise it further and encourage many more people to visit the website to fully explore and understand the results.

# Taking Responsibility

As you should already know ICYCW had a difficult 2010 due to the loss of our main administration and mission finance and I am sure that the situation was not helped at all by the global economical crisis. Many of the funding agencies have changed their way to finance projects and their priorities in their relationship with international movements. They now want to directly fund local and national level projects and this is now forcing us to re-think the way we work.

In June we reorganized the Finance Commission and together we reflected on strategies to improve our finances and their overall management. We created together a short, medium and long term plan which was immediately implemented and the results so far have been very positive. We worked hard to communicate the full situation to you, our friends in the Movements, in order to face the situation together and to have your support. We launched an Emergency Appeal and those who responded to this have enabled us to keep going until early 2011. I want to thank those of you who have helped so far and we hope that everyone will support this appeal and continue to support the future work of ICYCW.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of paying your subscriptions regularly. Each YCW Movement, and together as ICYCW, are made up of young people like us who commit to organizing activities and actions. We achieve amazing things together for us and other young people that are made possible by our personal financial support and human resources. Our YCW Method is an



educational tool that allows us as young people to recognize our ability to make our own decisions and remain autonomous so that we can be free to respond in our unique way to transform the difficult reality in which we all live. An important part of keeping our full decision making ability is our need to remain as financially independent as possible. For this reason, it is incredibly important not to forget the financial commitments that your Movements have made to be in solidarity with and to support ICYCW. Your contribution helps to cover the International Secretariat's work to help coordinate the National Movements work together and to represent the voice of young workers to international bodies within and outside the church. It also supports the development of YCW in new countries and where it sadly no longer exists. Regularly paid subscription fees are very important to keep up this essential work so we would like to propose to you our feast day of the 1st of May as the annual date for National Movements to pay subscriptions. So from 2011 we hope to receive all of your subscriptions on this date. Please contact me directly if you have any questions or need any further assistance.

Thank you in advance for your support. Together we can improve our financial situation and be in a better position to represent the voice and needs of young workers around the world.

Anamaria Puscasu  
International Treasurer

## Resolution on the ICYCW Structure

The evaluation of our structure has a particular purpose:

1. To look at the feasibility of expanding the number of members of the International Secretariat
2. To look at the costs involved for this proposal
3. To look at the feasibility of including continental coordinators in the International Secretariat in a voluntary capacity

The evaluation has started and is being completed by the National Movements, the International Secretariat and the Collaborators in order to evaluate the work of all of these roles. The Structure Commission will also consult with some former and present members of the Secretariat so that it can make the most informed presentation to the next International Council where together we will decide whether or not to include the

information in the Internal Regulations of the ICYCW.

The Resolution stated that the Structure Commission should be made up of former members of the International Secretariat who have the relevant experience and knowledge of the ICYCW Structure, and some representatives from the National Movements: Hyo Jung (Seraphina) Park (ICYCW International President), Nicky Pisa (Former International President of the ICYCW), Jean-Philippe Rouxel (former National leader of the YCW France) and Marco Licata (former National leader of the YCW Italy). Fr. Josep Maria Romaguera Bach, the International Chaplain of the ICYCW is the Chaplain of this Commission and Sr. Christine Anderson (FCJ), who is a specialist on structural matters, helps this Commission as an adviser.

The Structure Commission has already had two meetings in Rome in July 2009 and December 2009 where they used the time together to create evaluation

materials. The next phase of the evaluation process will be to analyze the results and to write the final report. Representatives from the Structure Commission and Finance Commission are planning to meet together in February 2011 to discuss the relationship that exists between their two mandated tasks.

West Africa, Europe, and Indian Ocean Islands have already completed the evaluation but unfortunately Asia, Latin America, East Africa, Central Africa and the Middle East have not so far had the opportunity. We want full participation so we are working hard to make the most of



every opportunity that a Secretariat Coordinator meets a National Movement and of course we can always use the Internet as our back up. If you would like to have a look at the evaluation material please visit our website at [www.cijoc.org](http://www.cijoc.org).

## Dialogue between ICYCW and IYCW

The reasons for the meeting held in February 2010 between the International Secretariats' of ICYCW and IYCW were the shared desires to serve young workers all over the world and the need to reach out to them and improve communication with them.

A resolution to improve the relations between ICYCW and IYCW was voted during the 7th International Council of ICYCW as an indication of a genuine desire from the Movement for the two Secretariats' to find ways to speak together and help identify opportunities to work together on some common themes.



The meeting was held in the head quarters of IYCW in Brussels, Belgium. The agenda was to get to know each other and share experiences and present day realities of the Movements. The good atmosphere of the meeting allowed the members of both Secretariats' to not only identify the common points, which were in fact the majority, but also the differences that still continue to separate the two Movements.

This dialogue and the mutual respect, that was evident, led to the possibility of future collaboration between the two Secretariats' and their members on issues concerning young workers. It was decided that another meeting will be planned in Rome at the ICYCW head quarters in 2011 to continue the dialogue.



**«Each young Person is worth more than all the gold in the world, because they are sons and daughters of God»**

The meeting ended with the sharing of the Eucharist and a visit to the tomb of Cardinal Joseph Cardijn in the church where he started the YCW.



The meeting opened up the minds of the Secretariats' and engaged them in friendship and preparation for a more positive future. This will enable them to work together on the theme of young workers and the issues that concern them.

Members of the two Secretariats' met again at the ILO Conference in Geneva in June 2010. Whilst seated together they talked about the conference and IYCW shared some practical insights about how to be more involved in the process.

ICYCW with some other Catholic NGOs are planning to organise the second workshop on decent work for workers during the ILO Conference in 2011, and we are exploring the opportunity to work with the IYCW.

After two days of dialogue, the two Secretariats have reached the following conclusions:

- There are more similarities between ICYCW and IYCW than differences
- Both organisations are fighting for the same reason: the rights of young workers around the world
- The major difference between ICYCW and IYCW appears in terms of organisational structure and the place of the Gospel in the basic method of the YCW, the Review of Life
- In the mission of the ICYCW, the Gospel and the Catholic faith is the source of values that guides the actions of the Movements and helps young workers to take their responsibility in society
- For the IYCW, the Gospel and the Catholic faith, is a reference amongst others. They think of a universal faith where each young person can follow the values of faith he/she practices
- It is clear that ICYCW and IYCW are two different movements fighting for the same reason: young workers.