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ICYCW GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The GCM was held in the period of 8th to 10th February 2018 in Rome and it comprised of the International Secretariat and Representatives from each region and commission. The main purpose was to review the work of the coordination and take decisions on matters relating to the work plan, budget and any urgent issue that may not be postponed until the next international council. Presentations were made by the



commissions and the international secretariat also gave a presentation on the activity that was done through the coordination from September 2016-17. The Executive committee (regional

commission members) and the international secretariat members approved the provisional budget for 2017-2020 and the provisionary budget of September 17-August 18.

AMECEA CONFERENCE



Catholic Bishops Conference of East Africa had a converged in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for the 19th AMECEA plenary

which was held 13-23rd July 2018 under the theme "vibrant diversity, equal dignity and peaceful unity in God. Monicha Wanjiru from YCW Kenya (former General Secretary of ICYCW) and Fr Christopher Sichinga regional chaplain from

Malawi participated. The objectives of the presentation focused on: Bringing attention to the existence of the YCW in the region, seeking official recognition of the movement at the regional level, presenting realities of young workers in the region, seeking collaboration in the evangelisation of young people.

East Africa Regional Training

The leadership training workshop and exchange was held on the theme “Building the future of young people through innovation and entrepreneurship” in Malawi at our Lady of Africa Conference centre in Lilongwe from 25th August—1st September 2018. Young people and chaplains from Kenya, Ethiopia, Malawi, Uganda, Tanzania and Zambia (extension) participated in the training. The local participants included representatives from the Episcopal Conference of Malawi. We had invited guests from TEVETA and UNDP who made presentations which created awareness among the young people.



Indian Ocean Islands Regional Training



The Indian Ocean Islands regional training and exchange programme was held on the theme “Hope into Responsibility” in Madagascar from 6th-12th September 2018. The main objectives of the meeting were: to reinforce the training on the Review of Life; help the Movement identify and train young leaders; invite and train more chaplains and to strengthen the Movement in the region.

The regional commission after meeting with Bishop Odon from the Diocese of Antananarivo, Madagascar.

European Presidents Meeting

The European YCW National Presidents meeting was held in Porto, Portugal from 22-23rd May 2018. The delegates came from Spain, Portugal, France and Italy. The main objectives of the meeting were: to plan for the European Leaders Meeting (REM) and Chaplaincy Training (July 2019) and to work on the membership of the European Commission. The confirmed proposal date for the REM was 25-29th July 2019, to be held in Portugal. The main objective of the meeting will be to promote and share experiences of YCW, to strengthen the YCW Movements with more fragile realities, to give training on decent work, to promote a space for discussion on the various themes that concern young workers and to spread the Movement in Europe.



National Training Ethiopia

A training was held on April 20th 2018, with aim of leadership development and finance education. 70 young workers from different parishes attended the training and shared experiences among each other. A review of Life in their current reality. The young people were inspired by activities done by YCW members around the world.

National Training YCW Malawi

The International President, accompanied by the East Africa regional chaplain Fr Christopher conducted a training in Malawi, the training included the following topics: Finance & Resource Mobilisation, Review of Life, ICYCW International Dimensions and the role of youth chaplains. The major aim of the visit was to prepare East Africa Regional Training which due to take place 25th August—1st September 2018.



National Training YCW Philippines

The International Secretariat had an opportunity to visit YCW Philippines from 23-24th July 2018. The visit mainly focused on the sharing and discussion about current reality they are facing. In this two day training the young people gained skills in leadership and commitment following the saying of Cardinal Cardijn “allow the young people to make mistakes because in this way they will learn how to do the right thing.” From truth of faith these young leaders believed and gained courage to carry on the mission of the YCW using the methodology of SEE-JUDGE-ACT with aim of personal development and the society as a whole, especially in the field of work.



YCW Hosanna Vicariate

On 3rd November a leadership training and exchange was held in Hosanna Vicariate. The training was mainly focused on: the historical background and vision and mission of ICYCW/YCW; the three truths, the review of life and the YCW impact around the world.

50 YCW leaders from 20 parishes participated in this training. Currently the young people are having a 5 year action campaign on migration, since most young people in Ethiopia are migrating to South Africa and the Middle East in search of a better life.



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Reunion National Training

The International Secretariat visited Reunion YCW from 14-19th October 2018. The young workers shared their realities and four challenges were noted identified: Accompaniment, Technology, Communication and Job Creation and Fiancée. Bishop Aubry thanked the young workers for the good and encouraged them to continue the mission for young people can change the world.



YCW Harar Vicariate

On 20th November a training and formation programme of young people was carried out by ICYCW. The training mainly focused on leadership training and at the end of the programme, new leaders were elected to work and coordinate young workers at the vicariate level and a four year action plan was drafted.



Field Visit

With the challenge of unemployment, YCW Reunion members started an ecological project, whereby they use organic materials in their green house at Fr Jannick Fontaine old house. The young people prepare the land using organic materials, as a way of preserving the environment. Despite the hard work, they are limited by funds.



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Mauritius National Training

The International Secretariat visited Mauritius as a follow up visit to the last visit in September 2017 especially on the development of the leaders and chaplaincy. Some of the challenges identified are: too much competition at school; pressure from friends and family; drug abuse and early pregnancy and abortions. Some of the challenges shared by the young people indicated that many young people are not close to their family.



Tchad National Training

The International Secretariat organised a leadership and finance training in Tchad from 19-23rd November 2018. Which took place in Moundou. During the sharing some of the challenges the young people face where lack of good education, unemployment, lack of training, absence of good political policy in the country, early age marriage. A visit to Bishop Joachim Kouraleyo Tarounga in Moundou and Djitangar Goetbe Edmond in Ndjamena was also made with aim of the chaplaincy development.



Visit in Rwanda

ICYCW was happy to join YCW Rwanda as they were celebrating 60 years of existence. They were joined by YCW members and chaplains from Malawi, Kenya, Brundi and Uganda.

With the action campaign against unemployment. YCW Rwanda school education service and provides high also technical education n tailoring, auto mechanic, metal and wood work ect to young people.



West Africa Regional Commission

The first face-to-face West African Regional Commission meeting was held at the conference centre of the Noviciat of the Son of Charity in Abidjan from 20-25th September 2018.



Pre-Synod Meeting

A pre-synod meeting which was held from 19-25th March 2018. ICYCW was represented by Eleonora, president of YCW Italy, while other young people contributed through social media. Three hundred young delegates from all the countries of the world attended. In preparation for the October synod of Bishops on the theme Youth, faith and vocational discernment. Pope Francis opened the pre-synod meeting in Rome on Monday 19th March 2018 with a provocation.



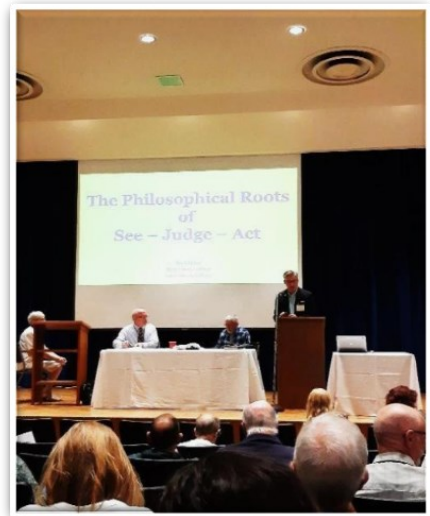
WYD 2nd Preparation Meeting

The 2nd International preparation meeting for world youth day 2019 was held in Panama from 7-9th June 2018. ICYCW fully participated in this meeting. The meeting mainly focused on the pastoral preparation of young people for WYD 19, registration of pilgrims and volunteers and logistical aspects of WYD 19. The president of Panama was present, he shared some important issues and also showed solidarity in the preparations.

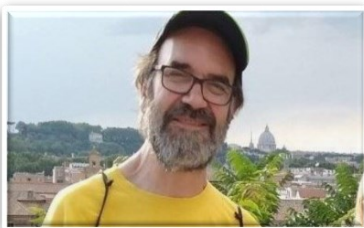


Cincinnati Conference

Mount St Joseph university in Cincinnati held a conference on the theme "Lay Movements as Structures of Grace: Renewing the Legacy of Cardijn the SEE-JUDGE-ACT method and catholic action in the Americas". It was mainly about young adult Catholics. The tone of the conference was directed toward the world of work, family and neighbourhood. The participants drew upon past experience but only to emphasise the importance of listening to the real experience of today's young adults.



International Secretary and Chaplain



Fr Joan Ramon Martin was appointed as International Chaplain for ICYCW. He is a Prado priest of the Diocese of Sant Feliu de Llobregat. He is serving a four year mandate 2019-2022.

Agnes Monicah Namale from YCW Uganda was elected as the new General Secretary of ICYCW in October 2018 and she will start her mandate in January 2019 to serve the coordination for a period of four year.

Africa Faith & Justice Network

ICYCW has participated on the meeting briefing on Sudan and South Sudan which was held in Washington DC, United States on Wednesday July 11 2018. The composition of the participants are included from Africa Faith & Justice Network and staff from several US and International Organisations. The events speakers were Bishop Macram Max Gassis, Emeritus of the Catholic Diocese of El Obeid in Sudan, and John Ashworth, author and analyst on South Sudan who lived and worked in the region for many years.



Discussion with Eucharika Madueke, SND Coordinator African women project.

Conference of GEPO

The European Group for Workers' Pastoral Care (GEPO) conference was held in Manchester from 15-17th November 2018, the theme of the Conference "Social Europe Workers' Movements and Social Dialogue—A Common Vision for the European Social Foundation". Marc Besford from YCW England & Wales represented ICYCW to speak up on behalf on young people and many challenges they are facing currently in Europe at the moment and the future of social rights need to be at the top of the agenda.



Brussels Conference

The future of work conference was held on the theme "shaping the future of work" in Brussels, Belgium by 27th November 2018. A faith based contribution to the ILO Centenary Initiative at the EESC (European Economic and Social Committee). The main agenda mainly focused on the importance of work from an interreligious perspective. Access to work in times of transformations—jobless future or new opportunities for decent work for all. New forms of labour and flexible working time—start for a more self determined life or end of job security. And takeaways for the ILO dialogue and social partners.

ICYCW Chaplaincy Training

The international chaplaincy training was held on the theme “A path to leadership for young people” in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 12-17th November 2018.

The meeting consisted of chaplains and adult companions from (East Africa, West Africa, Asia, Central Africa, Middle East, Indian Ocean Islands, Europe, Latin America and Caribbean).

The training was mainly focused on a formation programme for Regional Chaplains and Adult Companions.



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