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YCW PARAGUAY

From the 9-11th August 2019 a visit was made to YCW Paraguay. We were welcomed by Mirth, our companion in YCW Paraguay. A meeting with YCW leaders was held, during the meeting it was realised that they faced many challenges but they never gave up. Our visit empowered the passionate young local groups who planned to organise themselves at the same time carry our transformative action



within their local communities. We had the opportunity to meet their adult companions with the chaplaincy of Fr Joan Ramon. The training concluded with a concrete plan on how to manage the

movement. In this way they will have close planning to answer their need for the young workers.

YCW PERU



From the 12-16th August 2019 ICYCW visited Peru in Lima. The training was basically focussed on the basic principles of the movement and the

three truths. The training helped them understand that life is full of challenges, but we need to face

them with strength. It is important that we are together in taking action and this discussion. It was interesting to hear from the young people their challenges, joys and hopes to their fellow young people in the region. They appreciated the beauty of the reflection and action methodology of SEE-JUDGE-ACT as proposed by the YCW. The meeting ended up by sharing their dreams for a better future, which by accepting the present role of their responsibilities of leadership in action today.

YCW Dominican Republic

From 16-23rd August 2019 a visit was made to the YCW Dominican Republic by ICYCW. Through SEE-JUDGE-ACT process the leaders there faced their complex challenges. They need more engagement on the activities of the social activities to make change in the situation. The basic principles of the YCW were discussed during training we conducted, It was good opportunity that after the meeting we met adult leaders who already part of their journey. The chaplaincy training also helps the chaplaincy to understand their present context. By empowering their adult leaders we also empowered their collaboration with the young leaders. Now, the big challenge is how to establish and create innovative activities. At the end of the training of the regional commission, we had made a future plan of action to support the Movement.



Latin America Regional Commission

India Mission

India YCW visit was on 15-25th September 2019. One of the purposes of the visit was to clarify the reality in India about the YCW members and chaplaincy. During this visit it hasn't been possible to meet the Bishops because all India Bishops were in visit at Rome. A visit was made to YCW members in Kerala, Hyderabad and Mumbai. Review of the principles of YCW was enforced during the visit. During the training the young people reviewed their lives and responsibilities. The visit was successful as a follow up the next visit to India (if possible) would be certainly to train each chaplain in the different villages or places.



YCW Philippines

On 6th September 2019, ICYCW visited YCW Philippines. A training seminar about leadership for new leaders was conducted. The topic focused on Attitude and Communication. The part of the discussion in handling a good communication was very interesting to the young new leaders. A sharing about the international reality regarding leadership and communication was shared in addition was the international dimension in terms of coordination on the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together in an organised manner. The training ended successfully and concluded with a sharing of delicious food to everyone.



Visit to YCW Cameroon

From 31st July—6th August 2019, ICYCW made a visit to YCW Cameroon. During the visit training was done in Yaounde, Douala, Buea and Kumba Diocese, the spirit of the YCW was very strong in Cameroon. The aim of the visit was to see the reality of YCW Cameroon and also made a follow up from the IC 2016 regional future plan.

It was realised that the young people are affected by war caused by the political crisis which has not only reduced the membership of the YCW members but also some segregation between the English and French speaking. As ICYCW we encouraged the young people to act like brothers and sisters.

During the visit a to the Bishops conference was also made.



West Africa Regional Training

Young leaders from the YCW Movements in West Africa region were engaged in seven days of meetings, sharing, learning, reflecting, exchange and deepening their understanding on the realities experienced in their own locality from 12-19th October. In attendance were also delegates from YCW Rwanda. The seminar promoted the sustainable development goals and involved presentation on social justice and decent work from the perspectives of the United Nations and the Church. These delegates presented a poster presentation regarding their local actions and initiatives. It was noted that young people from other national movements are doing a lot of actions in terms of social justice and decent work, migration, gender equality, climate change and unemployment.



Preparation for International Council

The first face-to-face meeting for the preparation of the ICYCW 10th International Council was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 2-3rd October 2019. The meeting mainly focused on the brief presentation about ICYCW International Council, sharing the update information about the preparation of the council (ICYCW and Hosting Movement), review of the 10th IC activity calendar, finance, follow up of the venue, logistical preparations, follow up translators and equipment and identifying the speakers and invited guests.



Meeting with CCFD

On November 15, the CCFD held a joint study session with the International Catholic Action Movements to discuss the international challenges today and the International Movements realities. Reflection and discussion groups with plenary feedback were held. The ICYCW appreciated the event and give a special thanks for CCFD for this opportunity to bring and share our realities and enjoy the continuous support of CCFD.

Catholic Inspired NGOs Forum

The forum of catholic inspired NGOs was held on 5th Decemebr 2019 in Rome. The leaders of the 110 catholic inspired organisations gathered in the Villa Aurelia conference room to conclude a two year collaboration on the theme “Moving toward a more inclusive society”. The discussion of the forum was mainly focused on seven thematic areas: Human Rights Development, Health, Education, Family, Youth and Migration. In the first session the representatives of the thematic groups introduced the outcomes of their work and highlighted how the concept of inclusion is integrated into the daily work of organisations.

Pope Francis in his concluding speech said that “The experience of faith, of knowing that we are vessels of the Lord’s grace, tell us that “coordinating initiatives through teamwork is possible. Cooperating in shared projects makes the value of our works even more evident, since it brings out something connatural to the Church: her communion, her journeying together (syn-odos) in the same mission in service of the common good, through “co-responsibility” and the contribution of everyone. Dear friends, the Church and the Pope need your work, your commitment and your witness at the frontiers of the international community. Move forward with courage and ever renewed hope”.



Central Africa Training



Young leaders of the Central region participated in a training and exchange, it was held in Rwanda from 1-7th February 2020. The theme of the training was “A path to leadership for the young people”. We had participants from Cameroon, Rwanda, Burundi, Congo, Kinshasa and Congo Brzzaville.

During these 7 days training the young people were empowered with enriched trainings from UNDP Rwanda, the ministry of youth and culture and Church ministers which training did not leave the young people the same.

On addition to this the young people also dhared and exchanged ideas from various movements. At the end of the training a work plan was drafted and the young people looked forward to strengthening leadership in countries they have contact with and also planned extension work to countries like Angola and Central Africa Republic,

The training was a follow up of the work plan drafted by the young people during the IC held in South Korea in 2016. It was in this training that evaluations of the work plan was done.

Central African Regional Commission

From the right hand side the CARC was composed of Almad from Congo Brazzaville (Secretary), Agnes Monica (ICYCW co-ordinator of Central Africa), Fr Wellars (Chaplain of Central Africa) and Jean Claude (Vice Chair Person).

Before the regional training the commission had a meeting regarding the preparation of the regional training and evaluation of the work of the commission on 31st January 2020 and 1st February 2020.



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