



CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE (2005/2009)

1. Take advantage of the Web as a privileged means of expression, communication and evangelisation platform in the world.
 2. The International Team should establish a working group to integrate the documents from the past four Convocations into one document that would be the starting point for a guide about lay life.
 3. Give an impulse to the MLC international dimension and to its commitment in building God's kingdom; in this line, promote the Twinings as a means of knowing and helping each other between communities that work on the same missionary scope.
 4. New models of relationship within the Marianist Family: How to face our mission the next decade in countries in which religious vocations have diminished and the number of lays is growing. Define steps to be made for the development of a strategy of mutual support and growth.
 5. The International Team should identify and communicate a theme or focus for the MLC's each year and encourage local communities to participate through a letter with suggestions about how to carry out the theme, through both prayers and actions.
 6. Promote and create ways for mutual exchange of information, documentation and experience... among the MLCs throughout the world as a mean to mutual knowledge and enrichment and to reinforce the family links that join us.
 7. Preferential option for the youth, especially in relation to the Marianist world: Work on the aim of creating ways of promoting young vocations that can be inserted into our Marianist Family.
 8. The International Team should promote the creation of a reflection group with an international composition: Process: To launch the proposal. If there are people interested, they would work by email. They would choose the topics to reflect on and work on them; i.e.: "Present and future of the MLC".
 9. Formation School of Marianist Leaders at a Regional Level: To create an international commission with the purpose of preparing leaders that give an impulse to the mission in our society, focused preferably on the poorest. This should allow us to be present as lays and open new possibilities of spreading our Marianist charism in our communities as well as in our environment. Be aware of how indispensable formation is in our development as MLC.
 10. For future International Meetings, all costs, including trips, should be prorated among the delegates. Regional Meetings would also consider this procedure.
- **Recommandation:**
The International Team should work with the World Council to establish a collaborative global project to address global offences to justice, such as poverty, hunger, and water scarcity.



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