



## Welcome to our 6th MLC International Meeting

We, the MLC in Peru, welcome you and we hope that your participation in the 6th MLC International Meeting will be rich, fruitful and testimonial, under the features of our Charism. We trust that the differences we may encounter in terms of time zone, weather, language, culture, will not become barriers in the goal of integration we are pursuing in this meeting.

We have prepared this communication to better understand the reality of the host country at the moment when the meeting takes place. We have included some administrative details to take into account before your departure.

The members of the organizing team in Peru are at your total disposal for any questions for clarification.

### 1.- Contact Persons:

For a better communication we are listing some names of the coordinating team in Lima and their e-mail addresses.

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### 2-Location:

The 6th MLC International Meeting will be held in the Republic of Peru, located in South America, whose Capital is the city of Lima, located at the sea level, on the Peruvian coast, at the foot of the Pacific Ocean. The local language is Spanish, and the local currency is the Nuevo Sol.

The Meeting will be held in the Marianist Retreat House, located inside the Marianist Santa Maria School. The address is 310 La Floresta Ave. in the area called Urbanizacion Chacarilla del Estanque, Distrito de Surco, Lima. The phone number is (511) 3720929 (only to be used for emergencies during the days of the event).

Lima is a city with 8 million inhabitants, politically divided into districts. The most important ones are:

- **Cercado de Lima:** It's one of the oldest ones, where the historic center is located, with the Main Square (Plaza Mayor), the Government Palace, the Town Hall (Municipalidad), the Cathedral and many Catholic temples like San Domingo (where you can find the remains of Santa Rosa de Lima, San Martin de Porres, and San Francisco Solano), San Francisco with its famous colonial crypts, San Pedro with the richness of its altars, among others.

- **San Isidro** is one of the most residential districts with a big Commercial and Financial area.

- **Miraflores** is a growing district in terms of housing, hotels, good restaurants, bars, night clubs, etc.

- **Surco:** it's the area where the Meeting will take place. The area is basically residential, with very good restaurants very close to the retreat house, as well as a commercial center called "Caminos del Inca", with two supermarkets (Wong and Plaza Veá).



- **San Juan de Lurigancho:** It's one of the most popular districts with a population density of 3 per square meter, with very poor people who mostly migrated from the country to the city.

- **Callao:** It's a Constitutional Province joined to Lima, where the Port and the Airport are located, with a population of 1 million inhabitants. In this city you can find the San Felipe Castle, where many historical battles took place for the independence of the country against pirates from past centuries. In Callao there are some Marianist works like the Thomas Helm Center, the Parish Santa Maria del Redentor, Colegio San Antonio, etc. There is local Marianist presence of SMs and MLCs.

### **3.-Visas:**

Participants will need to find out about visa requirements to enter our country, and will have to apply for them at the Embassy of Peru in their countries of residence.

It is possible that those traveling through other countries may need to apply for a transit visa. It is important to ask this at your travel agency.

The MLC in Peru is working on the visas for those participants coming from Africa, as an exception, with the Counsel and Migration, because there is no Peruvian Embassy in those countries. The results of the procedures will be informed directly to them.

### **4-Immunization Issues:**

Immunization requirements may vary depending on the country of origin, but please check the official website (in Spanish): [www.mincetur.gob.pe/Turismo/guia\\_facilitacion/guia\\_espanol.pdf](http://www.mincetur.gob.pe/Turismo/guia_facilitacion/guia_espanol.pdf)

As demanded by local authorities, it is recommended to be vaccinated against the yellow fever when coming from tropical countries in Africa and the Americas.

Even though water is drinkable in the city of Lima, it is recommended to drink bottled water or to bring water purifiers.

### **5- Weather:**

As Peru is located in the Southern Hemisphere, the months of January, February and March correspond to the summer season. Temperatures will be around 28 and 31 degrees Celsius during the day, and may drop to around 24 degrees at night.

Lima is very humid as it is close to the sea, and therefore the heat index may be higher. In Lima it doesn't rain, and especially in the summer time, people go to the beach to feel refreshed.

### **6- Clothes:**

Clothes will be informal, like in other meetings. Remember that days are hot and it's not common to have air conditioning. In the case of our premises, they are fresh and there are plenty of gardens. It is important to bring mosquito repellent, especially for the nights, and sun protection, for the day.

### **7- Reception and arrival:**

We ask you to arrive on January 26th and to schedule your departure for February 2nd 2014 at the latest, since these are the dates when our premises are available for us.



If you need to arrive earlier or leave later, you will need to inform in advance to try to find alternative solutions. Please contact Juan Francisco at: [jfgqv1@infonegocio.net.pe](mailto:jfgqv1@infonegocio.net.pe).

For those arriving by plane, you will be landing at the Jorge Chavez International Airport in the Province of Callao.

There are 2 forms that will need to be filled out before landing, and they are given on the plane. (attached you will find models)

1) Entrance Migration Form (Tarjeta Andina/ Andina Card)

2) Customs Declaration

Upon arrival, you will need to proceed through migration authorities for passport control with form 1) for your official entrance into the country. In this form you will be asked about the main reason for your trip, you will need to mark OTROS/ OTHER (see model). In case the officer asks you further questions, you may say that you are coming for a Marianist Religious Congress.

You will then proceed through baggage claim, and as you go to the Customs Checkpoint you will show form 2) (Customs Declaration).

As you leave this area, after going through a glass door, you will reach the exit hall of the airport, where you will find many people looking for passengers and taxi services. Please proceed through the LEFT area of the hall (opposite the street) to meet people with a sign saying CLM/ MLC. These are MLC volunteers from Peru, who will host you and drive you to our premises in Surco. The trip from the airport to our premises is around 1 hour. At the end of the Meeting these volunteers will also drive you back to the airport if you need it.

For those arriving otherwise or for those who have been to other events before, you will need to contact [jfgqv1@infonegocio.net.pe](mailto:jfgqv1@infonegocio.net.pe) and [maplanas@duquimica.com.pe](mailto:maplanas@duquimica.com.pe). You will need to schedule your arrival after January 26 at noon at the Marianist Retreat House for enrollment.

## 8.- Characteristics of the house

As you arrive at the Retreat House, there will be a reception area where you will be assigned a room, and you will be given an identification tag and useful information for the event.

It is important to note that all rooms are shared. Toilets and showers are located in the hallway of each floor.

There is a climatized swimming pool that can be used in our free time. Don't forget to bring a swim suit. There are also "front-on" and basketball courts, football/ soccer pitches and plenty of room for physical activity for those who wish to use them.

The retreat house will provide you with **bedsheets and towels**.

## 9.- Accommodation payment

At the reception you will find the Treasury table, where the fee requested by the International Team (USD 650) will be collected from each participant.

It is important to note that only US dollars cash will be accepted. It is not possible to use other payment forms or other currencies.



This payment covers from the dinner of Sunday January 26th to the breakfast on Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>. It includes all meals, the day-trip on Thursday (transportation and meals), breaks, medical insurance and general expenses for the meeting (translation equipment, materials, documents, etc).

#### **10.- Internet Connection:**

The Meeting will provide a computers room in the School premises, where we have enough machines connected to Internet that can be used for our personal communications during the whole event.

The electric current in Peru us 220V/60 Hz

#### **11- Liturgy Celebrations:**

During the days of the Meeting we will have daily Eucharist, for which you can check in the schedule for the meeting those who are in charge and the time appointed. Celebrations will be distributed by Regions and Teams. If you have any questions, please contact your regional responsible.

Please send songs and prayers in advance to Renzo at [rprado@mariareinamarianistas.net](mailto:rprado@mariareinamarianistas.net) .The coordinating team will print out copies for the meeting (and will have them translated within the possibilities).

We suggest that you bring images of the Virgin Mary and/ or any other cultural representation for the Chapel. If you can, you may also bring a musical instrument. The coordinating team will provide guitars, drums, CD players and others, in addition to the musical support. For any questions or doubts, please contact Renzo at your earliest convenience.

#### **12- Evening Celebrations:**

Evening activities are recreational. They can consist in, but they are not limited to, cultural exchanges, musical presentations, typical dances, etc. Countries are welcome to share drinks and typical meals if they wish to do so.

They can be done in the open air (there will be musical hi fi). We ask you to be creative, innovative and fun in this task, in which we celebrate our diversity.

#### **13.- National Presentations:**

Every country will be assigned a space to put a visual presentation together during the week. It consists of a table of around one square meter with a space on the wall beneath. You can bring along flags, brochures, articles, cultural elements, etc. Whatever reflects the Marianist life in your country.



#### **14.- Gifts:**

It is a nice tradition in our international meetings to exchange small gifts with all the participants. We suggest a small token that represents your country and culture (for example pins, symbols, stamps, bracelets, necklaces, key rings, crosses, etc).

#### **15.- Safety Recommendations:**

From the moment you arrive at the Lima Airport, be watchful of your baggage until it is handed to the MLC member who will provide with transportation for you.

For the departure date (Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup>), or for personal outings, we recommend you to wear comfortable clothes, with the identification tags that you will be given. Avoid wearing jewelry, or valuable articles with you. Avoid walking alone, try to do it in groups.