

FUTURE CHALLENGES: 2014-2018

1. Encourage the MLC worldwide to evangelical dynamism to which the Church calls us via Pope Francis by encouraging local MLC's to prayerfully reflect on the Nairobi document, Marianist Lay Communities in the Church and in the World. Insist on opening to the whole Church, to the periphery of the world and the poor, and promote wider reception of Marianist stories of works of justice.
2. In response to what we have lived, reflected, and prayed during the 6th Meeting "Faith of the heart in the heart of the world", we feel urged to come out to the world to be a sign of God and the Kingdom. Actions recommended:
 - To know, appreciate, and put the Nairobi document into practice.
 - National and local Family Councils should encourage and support common missionary actions.
 - To deepen and intensify our Marianist identity life and spirituality.
 - To strengthen and promote youth ministry according to each country's needs.
3. In order to facilitate the performance of each regional responsible, we propose the creation of support teams for the Regional Responsible made up of one representative of each national team, at least 3, together with an assessor. They should make an annual report with the proposals and actions of each region, and they should circulate them within the existing communications media.
4. To work intensively in the integration of the different branches into one single Marianist Family through the following:
 - Strategize which formation elements can be done in common--across all branches--and identify what is unique to each branch
 - Strengthen regional and national Marianist Family Councils and give specific and operative orientations in order to continue the development of our mission in the different countries and regions in which there are no Family Councils.
 - Share more equitably in the financial needs of the Marianist Family. Make our members understand the need to contribute to the importance of the contribution.
5. We propose that an international process be developed to enhance formation of Marianist laity and the formation of new communities by encouraging commons means of formation. This may include a training plan about Marianist spirituality and history of the Marianist Family via the Internet.
6. Provide an explicit model to identify who are communities and members of the MLC. To study and formulate guidelines for the official recognition of new Marianist Lay Communities as part of existing National structures, and support of new foundations as part of the International Organization of MLC with delegate rights at our Assemblies.

7. To support the connection and participation in Marianist life for those who feel Marianist, but who don't belong to an MLC.