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A SPECIALIZED CATHOLIC ACTION MOVEMENT

#### MISSION STATEMENT

IYCS aims to evangelize and transform the student milieu (both secondary and tertiary) through forming students and encouraging them to look at the world from the perspective of the poor, with a commitment to global solidarity, freedom, justice and peace. We understand ourselves as the presence of the Church in and at the service of the student milieu. The Movement enables a meeting between the young person and Jesus Christ in order to overcome the dualism between faith and life, and has its foundation in a spirituality of action, which always starts from a deep analysis and faith reflection on the reality.



### The Logo

The logo is a very strong symbol which embodies all other symbols and basic elements that define the movement:



- ❖ Its shape symbolizes the crusaders shield (Eph 6: 14-16) that should be used by the YCSers in the fight of faith.
- Wheat interlaced to the cross represents us United to Christ.
- ❖ The cross is the symbol of martyrdom: YCSers commitment path is a difficult journey, but led by the Holy Spirit, YCSers always manage to overcome the challenges.
- ❖ Leaf and yellow golden ear of wheat are the sign of youth (Mt 11.29), growth (Lc 2.52) and the hope of the YCSers in a good harvest, so in the advent of the Kingdom of heaven.
- ❖ The white background symbolizes the purity of YCSers motivation (Mt 12: 29-31), light (Mt 5: 14-16) and truth (Jn 14,16) that the YCSers should have.

#### BLUE

Blue is the color of azure, sky, so paradise. It symbolizes truth and divine wisdom.

# **HAND BOOK**

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#### Aim

KINGDOM OF GOD

# **Objective**

STUDENTS COMMITTED TO THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD
PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR

Through the METHODOLOGY of Review of Life (An Action Reflection Action Movement)



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# Message from International office

Dear friends,

We feel very delighted to send you fraternal greetings with the Joy and Love of Christ!

We are happy to be blessed with the IYCS Movement which belongs to millions of students and young people from all over the world. Thanks to its Review of Life Methodology, IYCS caters for the needs and aspirations of many young people around helping to



reflect and find solution to the many questions regarding their daily reality. Thanks to this method, the Movement has produced many leaders in many parts of the world and continues to help us look into the future with hope and concern.

The Catholic Church too considers us as agents of change in the world and we affirm this role as we continue to strengthen the formation of students as positive change agents who are not only transformed themselves but leading the crusade to transform the world. The IYCS movement is striving to form the youth not just as tomorrow's leaders but as protagonist for a better tomorrow today. It is an awesome responsibility. It has been a tremendous source of encouragement for all of us; the adolescents, teenagers and youth in faith formation, inculcating Christian values and promoting social action for a just and peaceful world.

Right manuring at the right time will enable youth to plant dreams in their young minds, to imbibe right values and to enhance inner capacity to manage lives in a healthy way. IYCS is doing everything possible to inspire young people to usher in a new society, Kingdom of God, with the objective of Students Committed to the transformation of the world with clear goals and principles, solidly founded on the Gospel values and inspired by the Catholic Social teachings. In the International perspective, the IYCS strongly uphold the UN charters and promotes social amity and social integration through a culture of respect, fellowship and cooperation with all humanity.

This IYCS handbook comes in handy for all those who are part of this Movement as well those who are willing to know more about IYCS so as to engage with her. This will help in the understanding of the Movement, its Methodology and Spirituality. It will also help us to

assimilate the spirit of the Movement and make its REVIEW OF LIFE not just a method but a WAY OF LIFE. It would also help inspire others to join the course of building a just society!

It is not enough that our young people enter into the Movement but the Movement as well enter into them; and only then can we make a change in the society, the change that will last ....of course by changing oneself first!

It is our hope that we all be inspired to be the best and to do our best. Let us be that change we desire to usher in! May this movement grow further and reach out to all students all over the world to build the Kingdom of God where justice, peace, truth and love prevail. 

Shalom

- Richard Francis APEH, Secretary General
   Fr. Charles Menezes, International Chaplain
   IYCS International Secretariat, Paris, France
- [We sincerely thank Karine Bonchretien, Edouard Koutsava and Fr Chetan Machado for your help in publishing this





Handbook]



# IYCS INFORMATION

#### **Statutes of the organization:**

- Movement of Catholic Action of the apostolate of the Laity with a legal status in accordance with the Code of Canon law (Cf. Can 298-311 and 321-329).
- Non profit organisation (1901 Association law of France) Registered in accordance with French Law (Ministry of the Interior authorization 14 Oct 1959, No 59/972).
- Consultative status with ECOSOC (UN) and operational status with UNESCO
- Participatory status with the Council of Europe (European Coordination)
- Accredited by the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV) and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

#### Organization name:

INTERNATIONAL YOUNG CATHOLIC STUDENTS (IYCS)

Date of creation of International Coordination: 1946

#### Working details of IYCS:

- A. The International Team is composed of:
- Secretary General
- Program Coordinator
- International Chaplain
- Regional Coordinators
- B. The International Committee is composed of one national movement representing each region and International team members working in 6 Regional Coordinations. (Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East, Latin America, North America/ Pacific)
- C. An International Advisory Board to advise the IT and IC
- D. 6 International Commissions that assist the International Bodies on specific areas led by the National Movements working in their own country. These commissions are:
- 1. Advocacy and Representation
- 2. Global Campaign
- 3. Chaplaincy and Theology
- 4. Extension and Promotion

5. Finance

- 6. Resources and Publications
- E. Partnership and membership in other organizations and networks:
- Founding member of the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO)
- Member of the International Catholic Centre of Cooperation(CCIC) with UNESCO
- Member of UN major groups of children and youth. (MGCY)
- Member of Asian Students Association (ASA) Asian Coordination
- International Forum of Catholic NGOs
- F. IYCS World Day is celebrated on November 13

# INTRODUCTION

he International Young Catholic Student (IYCS) is a Specialized Catholic Action Movement of the Apostolate of Laity. It is traditionally an evangelization agent in schools and student milieu (secondary and higher education).

It has a status of private juridical personality according to canons 298-311 and 321-329 of the Code of Canon law. IYCS is recognized by the Holy See as an International Catholic Organization (ICO) and the newly constituted Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life.

In international institutions, IYCS is committed to the United Nations (UN) having a consultative status with the Economic and Social Commission (ECOSOC) and operational status with UNESCO.

Mainly composed of pupils and students, IYCS is present in 87 countries.

Since the International coordination was established in 1946, a relationship has existed with the International Movement of Catholic Students – (IMCS – Pax Romana). From the late 1960s, the relationship was strengthened, and led to the creation of joint regional co-ordinations in Latin America, Europe and the Middle East. In 1977 the International Secretariat of IMCS-Pax Romana was moved from Fribourg, Switzerland to Paris, France.

Since the beginning of the movement, the identity of IYCS at the international, regional, national and the local levels has evolved and grown to meet the challenges of the world and the local context in which it has been active.





Rene Remond (1947)



Alain Rostagnat (1946-51)



Kevin McDonald (1978-82)

# **HISTORY**

CS has its roots in the methodology of YCW which was founded by Cardinal Joseph Cardijn in 1920s in Belgium after the First World War.

Inspired by the methodology, - See, Judge and Act, some student groups participating in the Church milieu started to share their pastoral, social and personal experiences in the student milieu, with clear aims, following the same theological and ecclesiological views led them to pastoral validity of the YCS Movement.

With this vast experience many student representatives from Europe, America and Canada came together in Fribourg, Switzerland from 1-8 September 1946 to define the common SPIRIT and outline the orientation of YCS. The delegates reflected on the Catholic identity of the movement and accepted YCS to be a Catholic Action Movement of lay people, in Spirit and Life, having responsibility in their lives with an apostolate to work for the transformation of individual and society with subordinated attitude to the hierarchy because of its pastoral nature.

The goal is to build the "Kingdom of God" on earth through forming "Students committed to the transformation of the world" through service



and preferntial option for the poor. This they did, not by duplicating actions but by creating what is lacking to build a true student community. YCS believes in student apostolate in all spheres of life to reach the whole humanity with Team as a base called CELL.

Thus in 1946 the International YCS Center of Documentation and Information (ICDI) was created at Paris for the service of all YCS groups existing throughout the world. The International Commission was formed in 1947 and continued to work to make this an organized Movement. In 1954 YCS celebrated its first World Council at Brussels and here the International Young Catholic Students was constituted and the Statutes and Common Bases were approved. Its priorities were –

- to develop apostolic action in the entire student milieu
- to be led by students themselves
- to exist at the national level or at the level of an ethnic group of the country
- to have been for at least one year Collaborator Movement of IYCS







# **Objectives of IYCS:**

The International Young Catholic Students (IYCS), also known as Young Christian Students (in some countries -with Catholic identity), has its roots in the development of several YCS National Movements in the spirit of the Specialized Catholic Action Movements.

#### The IYCS objectives are:

- a) To evangelize the student milieu and promote the student apostolate among students, at both secondary and tertiary levels, by responding to their needs and by stressing their responsibility in all the aspects of their lives (school, university, family, etc) in the Church's mission and in the world;
- b) To bring together students seeking community, formation and action, in the framework of the Catholic Church, at the local, national, continental and global levels;
- c) To promote global solidarity, freedom, justice and peace and to work with all concerned women and men for joint reflection and action leading to a more just and equitable social order;
- d) To give students resources, pedagogies and methodologies to help them integrate their Christian faith in their lives at all levels and in their efforts to build a more just society;
- e) To be a voice for the student members by representing them in regional and international forums.



John Siddham (1984-86)



Jean F. Bickel (1986-91)



**Lazare Kabran** (1991-95)

# **METHODOLOGY OF IYCS**

Inspired by the methodology of the Review of Life, See-judge-Act, YCS provides formation and raises youth engagement in their realities. It is this engagement that translates in mobilization and action against poverty, exclusion and injustice in the World and a commitment to be in service of the poorest of the poor.

More than a method, it is an opportunity for the individual to build a stronger community, based on the principles of understanding, solidarity, truth and charity. When the Review of Life is practiced by students, it serves to answer questions of adolescence. It brings goals to their life and creates a space of friendship and common faith in which they can grow. The application of Review of Life leads to the practice of Mercy towards the wounded or tired lives, to those who seek happiness by following wrong paths, showing them the beauty of Jesus which transforms, changes and heals what seemed lost or broken

In the apostolate work of IYCS, there are topics that are important in our agenda. It comes to topics which have direct consequence in the life of pupils and students. This is the case of the objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). That is why, in the image of the international community, we have opted to support the promotion and realization of the SDGs in our action.



**Anita Wenger** (1995-99)



Habib B. Nafeh (1999-03)



Manoj Mathew (2003-07)

# PRESENT REALITY OF IYCS

IYCS is a student movement of formation with a spirituality of Action and Reflection:

As a student movement for, among, and led by the secondary and tertiary students, (while present in some places in the primary level), accompanied by adult animators and chaplains, IYCS is concerned with the issues facing students and the role of education as a whole. This concern is not limited to the classroom but includes all dimensions of student life (including the social, spiritual, physical and family). However, we are not only concerned with student issues but seek to raise awareness and action among students to broader issues of social justice, in solidarity with the poor, the oppressed and the marginalized. In this reality we recognize that we are not apart from society and are not just the future of the society but we are an active part of it today with a special responsibility as students to question and analyze the problems of society.

In order to do this effectively we primarily organize students to lead themselves in different forms of small groups at a local level such as: Review of life groups; groups that are connected to broader catholic action families; groups that are inspired by the mission of YCS and that are at the service of students; as well as Parish student groups inspired by our mission.

In these groups a spirituality of reflection and action is promoted to integrate our faith and our life through a diversity of methodologies; primarily the Review of Life: See – Judge – Act; as well as Action/Reflection/Action; discernment, pastoral circle etc.



Edouard Koutsava (2007-11)



Devett O'Brien (2011-13)



Nuno Wemans (2013-15)



**Richard APEH** (2015-19)

As a Catholic Action Movement focused on concrete experiences and action in the school, family, community and the world at large, IYCS has always maintained a spirituality inspired by the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, to work and to transform these realities from the perspective of the poor, and to build peace, based on justice and freedom. Inspired by the example of Jesus Christ, IYCS is committed to having "Spirituality of Action", which calls us to live our faith with action in our daily lives, recognizing that "faith without action is dead" (James 2:26)

It is this spirituality that enables us to discover God more deeply, to overcome the dualism between faith and life, and to prepare ourselves to be active citizens and agents for the change in the world. This process of action and reflection provides a rich formation, which enables us to grow in our faith with a deep Christian vision and a sense of moral integrity, and to develop our skills as leaders in our communities.

Over the past nine decades, numerous former and present members of YCS have played and are playing leading roles in all sectors of society (government, non-governmental organizations, civil society) and in the Church and the Movement.



IYCS Latin American Committee - 1991



Violeta Arraes (1947)



Sally Cassidy (1947)



Claude Julien (1947)

# LAY CHURCH MOVEMENT

second element of the identity of IYCS is the understanding of its role as a Lay Church Movement which is the presence of the church in and at the service of the student milieu at the local, national and international levels.

At the local level, IYCS Movements are recognized by their local Bishops and at the national level by their National Bishops Conference. At the Regional level most of the IYCS regions have developed strong relationship with the Regional Church bodies. At the International level IYCS is recognized by the Pontifical Council for the Laity and by the Secretariat of State of the Holy See and as an International Catholic Organization, it is able to have a strong voice for its members within the Global Church.

As a lay church movement at the service of students, IYCS promotes active participation of students in the life of the Church. A fundamental element of our mission as IYCS is to emphasize our baptismal responsibilities and role as members of the Church community.

Membership of IYCS is open to any student who embraces the spirituality of the movement that is rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church. Each local or regional reality is free to define the boundaries of those who are able to embrace the spirituality of the movement. Therefore, depending on the local realities, IYCS can be open to people of other faiths. IYCS thus believes that the promotion of ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue among students and student groups is a central part of our mission.

In order to achieve this we strongly believe in the formation of the Laity.



Theodor Hanf (1962)



Luis Alberto de Souza (1962-66)



Eric Sottas (1970-74)

# **GLOBAL MOVEMENT**

IYCS is present in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, North America and the Pacific. The movement is coordinated at the local, Diocesan, National, Regional and International levels.

The international dimension of our movement is vital to helping the local YCS groups to go beyond themselves to discover their global and universal identity in Jesus Christ (Mark 3:31-35; Luke 14:29-37; Luke 14:2-27). This calls us to promote Global Solidarity and to celebrate our global diversity and communion through sharing our joys, concerns and vision, and by undertaking significant common actions with other YCS movements throughout the world.

From its student and Catholic perspective, IYCS has used its international identity to speak out on behalf of its members and in solidarity with the oppressed in many important forums including United Nations and UNESCO and other global events such as the World Social Forum and World Youth Day.

The diverse regional structures of IYCS which have developed in recent decade provide an invaluable space for the national movements to connect with one another at the regional levels and to reflect and take action on common issues. At the same time, they promote the global reality and identity of IYCS as a whole. The International Team is based in Paris, France, and coordinates the movement in close collaboration with the regional co-ordinations.



Silvio Santana (1970-74)



Jorge Wemans (1974-78)



Immaculada Franco (1978-82)

# Celebrating 70 years of International Coordination of the Young Catholic Students



# I 920's: Development of See-Judge-Act Methodology

In the 1920's a young Belgian priest, Joseph Cardijin founded the Young Christian Workers (YCW). He believed in overcoming the dualism between faith and life and witnessing Christ through our everyday actions. Cardijin stressed on the dignity of the young workers, their capacity and responsibility in the transformation of their milieu, their rights and duties in the life of the Church. Cardijin's insight and pastoral praxis of the 1920s brought about a true revolution in the pastoral field.



Fr Joseph Cardijn, Founder of the YCW

#### 1930 - 1938: YCS starts to flourish

As the YCW flourished among workers, people in other milieus became inspired by Cardijn's approach. In the Student Milieu some students had already realized the need to come together as Christian students and do something for the betterment of the students' world. Inspired by the same methodology of See-Judge-Act, and wanting to be part of Catholic Action, more and more student groups started to flourish in the 1930's in European countries and also in some part of their colonies, Canada and United States. Missionaries and foreign students played a vital role in the promotion of the movement and its methodology.

#### 10 November 1945: World Youth Conference

In November, 1945, soon after World War II, the natural tendency of young people to come together brought thousands to a World Youth Conference in London organisations. International Organisations started emerging among youth for the cause of freedom, democracy and equality.

Two YCSers were present at the meeting: Pierre Juneau, the Canadian YCS leader, and André Rauget, the Secretary General of YCS France. They met at the London Conference and started wondering about the development of Organisations.

# I4th November - 2nd December I945: World Student Congress

At the World Student Congress held in Prague some YCS student delegations from France and the United States were present. They were surprised by the Community attempted to 'brainwash' the students present, and they teamed up with other 'fellow travelers' who started a counter-attack by focusing on the need for solidarity. The key people involved in this were Pierre Juneau, André Rouget and Fr. Louis Putz CSC from Notre Dame University, Indiana-Chaplain of College YCS of United States.

They soon realized the importance of developing an International YCS and moved fast in making contacts and networking with Catholic students present at the meeting in Prague. Several visits transpired, especially among the French, Canadian and Unites States YCS Movements, to reflect on the possible development of the International YCS.

# I- 8 September 1946: Ist International YCS meeting

IYCS was born in September 1946, during the 25th Pax Romana General Assembly in Fribourg, Switzerland, when representatives of eight YCS movements met together.

A decision was taken at this first meeting of International YCSers to set up an International YCS Centre of Documentation and Information (ICDI) in Paris, France (which eventually become the General Secretariat/ Headquarters of International YCS to serve all YCS groups all over the world).

An International Commission was created to run the ICDI. It comprised of 2 Belgian, I Canadian, I North American, 2 French and I Italian, who worked for then existing YCS groups, maintained links with the Church hierarchy, looked into the general affairs of the coordination of the YCS movements and ensured the gradual spread of IYCS to all parts of the world. The IYCS Faith-Life-Action experience was shared and deepened even as it moved into new geographical areas.

The ICDI was initially composed of members from Canada, France and United States: Rostagnat, Liane, Claude Julien, Bob Ramush and Paul Verdeg.

#### 1947: International YCS engages with UNESCO

Claude Julien a member of the International Commission from France became the first official representative of IYCS at the second annual conference of UNESCO in Mexico City. His contribution as a student representative was indispensable in UNESCO Projects at the International Study reconstruction of education within war-devastated countries.





1947 Pontoise, France The participants at the 2nd Anniversary Meeting of the YCS International Centre for Documentation and Information (CIDI)

# 1947: Future Pope John XXIII attends the International YCS meeting in Paris

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, then Papal nuncio to France, attends the IYCS meeting in Pontoise, France, to address the IYCS on its new developments. He later became Pope John XIII and called for the Second Vatican Council to achieve the aggiornamento ("updating") of the Church as most people wanted peace and harmony in the Church and in society. It was the basics of the see-Judge-Act Method that Pope John XXIII took up and proposed to all as the best method of socio-religious education and formation in the lay apostolate. It is from this that Cardijn earned the praise of 'the grandfather of Vatican II' (Pope John's Mater et Magistra and Vatican II's Decree of the Apostolate of the Lay People, 29).

#### 1954: First YCS World Council

In 1954, YCS celebrated its first World Council in Belgium, preceded by a study session. At that gathering, the statutes and common bases were approved, and thus, the IYCS was set up as a legal body in the Church.

Regular World Council meetings were held in the following years, each preceded by a study session on some important aspect of student life.

- 1956: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Problems of the Student Milieu
- 1958: Dakar, Senegal: Problems of the New Nations
- 1961: Eicholz, Germany: Student Work
   1964: Broummana, Lebanon: The Students and Society-building
- 1967: Montreal, Quebec: Students and Development

#### 1960s: Liberation Theology and YCS

Starting in the 1960s, a great wind of renewal blew through the Churches. Liberation theology was the prophetic way and mission of the Church notably through the work of Gustavo Gutierrez and the Latin American Movements. Gutierrez described Liberation Theology as the result of critical reflection on existing realities. Especially in Latin America, IYCS and other Catholic Action Movements contributed to the development of students through their formation programmes.

#### 1961 - 1965: Second Vatican Council and International YCS

The Second Vatican Council brought changes that reshaped the face of Catholicism: a new Liturgy, a new ecumenism, a new pastoral approach to the world. IYCS, too, played a key role in the evolution of the Church in the build-up to and the process of the Second Vatican Council where many of the central intuitions of the Movements (relationship of the Church to the world, the role of the laity, a pastoral methodology, ecumenism, religious dialogue) were incorporated into the self-understanding of the Church as a whole.

In the period following the Vatican Council, the world went through the upheavals of the 1960s and 70s – the end of colonialism, the impacts of the Cold War conflicts, even the invention of the contraceptive pill. These events created a cultural rupture – "the generation gap" – in the Church and in society in general which impacted negatively on the Catholic lay movements, particularly the youth movements. This was experienced by the French YCS movement amongst others.

#### 1970s and onwards: Global changes affect IYCS

Through the efforts of the intensive travel of the International Team from Paris, together with the role of the European religious and lay missionaries to Latin America, Asia and Africa, interest in IYCS grew among students, and allowed the Movement to grow in many parts of the world. By the late seventies, the IYCS Movement had spread to all corners of the world. Meanwhile, the World Councils and

their reflections continued.

- 1970: London, UK: Cultural Crisis
- 1974: Kadier-en-Keer, Holland: Domination
- 1978: Valladolid, Spain: Role of Students in the Transformation of Society
- 1982: Montreal, Quebec: Students in Solidarity with the Poor
- 1986: Louvain, Belgium: New Forms of Evangelization in the School and University
- 1991: Hong Kong: Why Study does your study serve the people?

It was at this time that the International Secretariat started to develop Continental focuses because of the massive membership. Regional (continental) Secretariats were set up to support the mission of the International Team in Paris.

# Towards the end of the 20th Century and into the 21st!

From 1980 to 2006 the number of national movements affiliated to the IYCS grew from 53 to 63 members (including collaborators and contacts today IYCS is present in 85 countries). Most of the new movements are in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. At the same time movements in Latin America, Europe, North America and the Pacific have struggled with membership and in some cases ceased to exist.

At present we estimate that there is a general membership of approximately 4.5 million. Today IYCS exists namely in secondary schools, as well as in universities in most regions. However a number of new experience of the movement have developed in parishes contexts, especially in predominately Muslim countries.



# Focus of the IYCS International Team today:

- Formation and strengthening of regional coordinations and national movements through program incorporated visitations.
- Facilitating communication and networking among movements and partners.
- Transmitting the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be integrated into the policies and formation programs of the IYCS at all levels.
- Global Advocacy and representation

- of the IYCS in UN bodies (ECOSOC, Commission on Human Rights Coucil (HRC) and UNESCO)
- To organise International Trainings with the focus on developing skills and capacity building for regional teams and members.
- Deepening IYCS relationship with the Holy See, Pontifical Councils & Congregations and Religious Communities.
- Maintaining partnership and Networks with other agencies and youth organization which share similar goals. E.g ICMYO and UN MGCY

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# **REVIEW OF LIFE**

It works with the framework of See, Judge and Act in a logical sequence.

#### SEE

- Introspect the reality with one's eyes and all other senses
- Answer the questions like Why, What, When, Where, Who and How
- Understand the Causes and Consequences of the problem
- Remind yourself by going through this kind of incidents in your life

#### JUDGE

- Personal Reflections Values involved in this incident
- Theological Reflections God's intervention in this incident (what would Jesus do in this situation?)
- Expert's Inputs Personalization of this incident
- Cell Reflections Possibilities and strategies

#### **ACT**

- Personal action for self change
- Concrete Action towards transforming others
- Plan for Group action and Follow-up

### **EVALUATE** the activity for an Effective Action

#### CELL LIFE

- Cell meets every week depending on the cell reality to exchange personal, social and spiritual life experiences for self realization based on the methodology of the Movement.
- It is an important phase of Movement's life where one's educational and religious proposals become personalized.
- It is a place for expression and responsibility.
- It is a place to prepare a concrete action plan towards commitment in life on the basic convictions.
- It is a place of interpersonal communication, to feel the belongingness to the larger human society.



# **HOW TO GO ABOUT YCS**

#### A. How to recruit members to the YCS group?

- Invite a friend
- Put an advertisement on the notice board
- Distribute campaign materials to invite students to join the movement (Pamphlets or brochures or cards)
- Person to person campaign
- Room to Room campaign
- Send invitations to the students through bookmarks or creative cards (indicate the exact venue and time)
- Organize a panel discussion or debate on student issue and invite the students to participate in it.
- Use social media (whatsapp, Facebook, Snapchat....) and invite them
- Through collaboration with catholic schools' teachers (pastoral animators)
- From your parish (priests and parishioners)
- Organize joyful events (feast, pilgrimage, etc)
- Call them for an exposure visit and inform them about the movement
- Set a day for registration or filing membership forms

#### B. WHY YCS FOR STUDENTS/TEENAGERS: Because

- of a desire for Isolation and thus lose interest in their playmates and friends
- of disinclination to work that leads to resentment
- of rapid physical growth but skills not developed
- of boredom with play, school etc and « I don't care attitude »
- of restlessness due to inconsistency in what they do
- of social antagonism leading to jealousy and critical behaviour at home and society
- of resistance to authority, especially with parents and teachers
- of sex antagonism expressed through disparaging comments
- of heightened emotionality, moods, tendency to burst out
- of lack of self confidence resulting in rebellion during attaining puberty
- of pre occupation with sex life, resulting in manipulation of body and pornography

- of excessive modesty in dress to present physical change and self conscious
- of day dreaming and Hero worship leading to misunderstandings
- of social adjustments making them form attitudes and interests of urban settings
- of culture of distinguishing between interests, attitudes and behaviours
- it's a time of disintegration, seeking attention, recognition and self identity
- it's a time of faith formation, social consciousness, decision making and attitude formation
- it's a time to question religion, sex, social taboos, freedom, elders, reality etc

#### C. Who are the Members?

- High school students
- College/University students (where there is an unit in the College/ University)
- Parishes (Students between the age group of 13 to 30 parish unit)
- Those who want to meet new people; who make a difference in their lives, schools, communities and the world; develop leadership skills; grow in their faith; and hence build a new society where justice, peace, love and equality prevails.

#### D. Characteristics of YCS?

- YCS is a STUDENT movement for, of and led by the students
- YCS is a RELIGIOUSLY INSPIRED movement a CHURCH movement with the option for the poor an International Catholic Organization (ICO) recognized by the Holy See, concerned about justice and peace and developing a spirituality of action and reflection. Students of other faiths are also welcome to join in the High School/College units
- YCS is an AWARENESS movement situations around their vicinity that call for an action
- YCS is an ACTION ORIENTED movement gives life orientation and clear knowledge of the hardships of life by involving oneself in the social action.

- YCS is a CELL BASED movement where members feel like a family and belong and live for one another. That's why the group or cell consists of 8-12 members only and the groups is permanent for quite some time.
- YCS is an INTERNATIONAL movement with a membership of 4 million students from 86 countries. It has a voice and consultative status at the United Nations

#### **E.** Types of meetings:

- 1. Review of Life meeting YCS members share their life experiences here (ROL)
- 2. Planning meeting Actions are planned in a participatory manner (ACTION)
- 3. Leaders meeting This is to share the responsibilities at various levels for action
- 4. Fellowship meeting To know each other and to acquaint with others, to understand and build faith in others
- 5. Evaluation meeting This is to reflect our actions about the successes and failures and thus to grow and progress.
- 6. Gospel study meeting- Read gospel and try to understand more what Jesus is telling us in our days
- 7. Gospel praying meeting- Use the sentence from Gospel to talk to God, to pray or to express our needs, praises, thanks to the Lord

### F. Conducting YCS Cell Meetings:

- a) The first meeting....
- Ice break: A Getting To Know You and welcoming activities (can be games, songs, dances, etc); Be sure to make each one to participate, to play or to contribute however s/he can.
- Explain briefly about the group but emphasize that the best way
  to know is to try it. Never forget to highlight the international
  dimension of the movement, and how it help the building of
  leadership.
- Highlight quickly the methodology of the movement and how it can help even in school learning
- Testimony from a current or former member on how YCS has influenced his/her life
- Preferably a creative prayer is prepared
- Give opportunity to each participant to express what s/he could expect from such group

- Time allotment should not go beyond an hour: NEVER EXCEED 1 HOUR
- Set the next meeting schedule and ask volunteer for its animation preferably from a new participant (s/he could be the secretary, the one preparing the prayer, songs, games....)

#### b) Tips for regular YCS meetings...

There is no fixed way to run a meeting, and it is up to the group to decide exactly how it wants to do things. Here are a few tips to consider for a fruitful meeting:

- Regular meeting may take one hour (45 minutes a class period)
- Begin the meeting at a set time and encourage everyone to be on time
- A group is composed of 8-12 members not too large, so that each one can participate fully
- The group has a leader for its coordination
- A chairperson (The President or any member by rotation) is chosen to preside over and facilitate each meeting. The chairperson should prepare the meeting with the animator and ensure that it goes smoothly by encouraging all to listen to the real point and to search for meaning in the events being considered by the group
- Select a secretary to report the discussion for documentation (can be by rotation)
- To own the movement each member should pay regular membership fees fixed by the decision of the group.
- A treasurer is appointed to take care of the finances of the group
- The venue of the meeting can be in the corridor, class room of the school, parish ground or garden, canteen etc as long as everyone is comfortable. Having different venues every meeting will create excitement and avoid monotony
- Get people to sit in a circle so that they can see each other
- Establish informal sharing atmosphere. Some games, songs or any creative means may be used that would motivate and excite each member.
- The meeting should allow for flexibility to respond to the needs and concerns of the members. Its very important to listen and respect each other's views

- Leaders ought to encourage quieter members to participate with a question such as 'What does somebody else think?' or 'Do you agree with this view? why?' or 'How do you see things at your personal level? or 'What would you like...?'
- It is important to make the new members to feel welcome. One way is to offer them some responsibility. Keep in mind that every YCS member is a Leader.
- Try to help the members of the group realize each other's importance, and thus the importance of the situations in their daily lives.
- Encourage members to contact each other between meetings for friendship and support.
- Make sure at the end of each meeting that the time and place of the next meeting is decided.

#### c) How to go about?

- By meeting in small groups (Cell) which review the life situations of the students in their school, family, community and world at large, in the light of their faith, and then planning actions to bring life, hope and change in these situations.
- The process is called Review of Life method which is:
- sharing of each other's life experience (or take a concrete story of something that happened while changing the name of the actors.
   Finally come up with how each person can feel in this story as actor)
- a way for students to discover, how to relate their faith to life in the world in which they live.
- not just a discussion but a practical process of reflection and action that becomes a natural way of life
- a way of meeting Jesus Christ in everyday life, knowing his love and guidance and responding to his call to change ourselves and the world around us.
- a way to live concretely the love that Jesus requests from us

# G. How to do a Review of life (ROL): Basically it involves 3 simple steps.

**SEE:** Looking at a certain situation actually happening around, a reality of the students at home, school or in the community. The reality is an issue affecting or influencing the life of the student.

To describe this reality, it can be presented through a role play, a poster, a clipping from a newspaper, a photo, a recorded audio, a film, an interview, a fish bowl, a brainstorming, a symbol or object, an awareness walk, a case study or a story telling method. This part of the ROL allows the students to look at the situation CONCRETELY to analyze it deeply, and to relate it to their own context and understanding. Possible questions for sharing:

- Who are the characters in the situation? Who were involved?
- Where and when it happened?
- How and why it happened?
- How often does it happen?
- How do/did you feel about it?
- What was said?
- What influences were at work?
- How did it affect others involved?
- How does it affect those who are not involved? The environment/ weather?

Note: The group should focus only on one fact, situation or case in every meeting.

**JUDGE**: A moment of bringing the situation into reflection.

The group discusses the rights and wrongs, relevant to the situations and experiences shared, from what has been discovered in the SEE part. Then the group will read the Word of God for deeper reflection.

Possible questions for sharing:

- Do you know cases like these?
- How do you feel? Why?
- What do you think was good and bad in the situation?
- What would make it right or wrong?
- What strikes us in the scripture reading we have heard?
- What do you think God feels about the situation?
- How do you think Jesus would have reacted?
- What would Jesus likes you to do?

**ACT:** The group discusses possible ways of responding to the situations described in the SEE part. Each person identifies, with the help of the others, some practical action he/she can take. Then the group decides on a group action plan.

Note: Action should be (SMART) - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-bound. Ensure everyone's role and responsibility in the group's action plan.

#### Possible questions for sharing:

- What would be my personal response to the situation ?How could it be done? With whom?
- Is there anything you/we can do, no matter how small to improve the situation?
- Is there anything more we need to find out?
- Is there anyone we can influence to improve things/situations?
- **H.** Case study: Sometimes, when the group is just beginning, it may be difficult for the members to identify issues in their own lives for reflection. To assist in such cases we offer the following case studies which the students may relate to their own situations and which might help them learn to identify their own issues.

#### **CASE 1: LOVE THYSELF**

Time: 45 minutes

**Introduction:** Self esteem is how we see ourselves. Our acceptance of who we are defines our self-esteem. Our experience and understanding of God, deepens our self-esteem. We are created in the image and likeness of God. We ourselves form our self-esteem. Positive view of one's life gives one a positive self-esteem, whereas negative view of life gives negative self-esteem. Jesus calls us to live a life to the full.

**SEE:** Facilitating activity

#### **Instructions:**

- Look at the mirror and have a self-dialogue Look at your face and body What do you like about your body Which part of your body do you not like?
- 2. Share with a partner your reflections on the above questions
- 3. Share your reflections in the larger group

**JUDGE:** Scripture reading: Genesis 1:26-27

- 1. How do you see yourself according to the image of God?
- 2. Do you appreciate yourself? If yes, why? If no, Why?

**ACTION:** Plan of actions

- 1. Write in a paper 10 positive qualities of yourself
- 2. Ask anyone in the group to say one positive quality about you loud and clear in the big group
- 3. Make one friend realize during the coming week « how important life is »

**Conclusion:** Count your blessings; Once you realize how valuable you are and how much you have, the smiles will return, the sun will break out, the music will play, and you will finally be able to move toward the life God intended for you- the grace, courage, strength and confidence.

#### **CASE 2: FAITH**

Time: 45 minutes

#### Introduction: MARIA IS FRUSTRATED WITH THE CHURCH

Esther, a member of YCS group, has a friend Maria, who is also a high school student. When she was in elementary school, she loved to go to church, attended Sunday services and participated in activities with her parents. However, when she entered High school, she has stopped going to church. She says she feels « bored » with the church, complaining that the role of women is very limited within it, and she doesn't want to be treated like a second-class citizen.

#### SEE:

- 1. Why did this happen? Why did Maria stop going to the Chruch? Why? Why? Why?
- 2. What are the root causes/issues?
- 3. What are the consequences if the situation is not addressed?

#### JUDGE:

- 1. What would be Jesus' response to this issue/situation? Why?
- 2. Which biblical text/stories can help us?
- 3. Which of your own values/priorities are challenged ? by the issue ? by Jesus' response ?

#### ACT:

- 1. What action
- will make a difference in this situation described?
- will enable those involved to find freedom, fairness and hope?
- will help others to come closer to the movement (discover commitment)?
- 2. Who will do what? When? How?



# SPIRITUALITY OF IYCS

By spirituality we mean "the spirit with which we do things, because we believe that it is the way that most enables us to encounter God".

There are always two dimensions to defining a spirituality: by defining the form it takes, and by defining the content it contains.

The form that one's spirituality takes is the context, structure or mediation that every person or every group has to organise or find which enables them to discover, encounter and feel closer to the ultimate reality of God. In order to complete the definition of the spirituality, we have to identify the content that it contains. This is the message or the way of living that we believe the Holy Spirit is calling us to pass on, which depends on how we interpret the Gospel.

What, then, is the form used in IYCS that enables us to encounter God? And what is the content which the movement is promoting?

The roots of the spirituality of IYCS lie in the "Three Truths in the lives of all Christians" - The Truth of Life, Faith, and Method.

The truth of life (of reality or of experience) reveals to us that life experience for most people, even while comprising many joys, is nevertheless largely a reality of struggle, suffering, oppression, injustice, conflict, greed, exclusion, and selfishness.



Achille Mbembe (1982-84)



**Paulo Fontes** (1982-86)



Florence Ssereo (1986-90)

The truth of faith, on the other hand, assures us that we are all created in God's image. Hence, as children of God, we believe that all people are called to be co-creators in building a world that God intended: a world of love, joy, freedom, justice, peace, sharing, solidarity, and service. It is a world that, in our deepest being, we all really desire. The truth of life is thus often experienced as a total contradiction of this truth of faith

The truth of method (or of movementor action), therefore, highlights the necessity of finding a method and of building a movement to remove this contradiction - to change life experience from one of suffering and injustice to one of love and justice - and hence to bring faith and life together. Following the tradition of the prophets, Jesus began this movement, the Church (of which IYCS is an integral part), which needs to be continually reminded of its task to "denounce" evil and to an active agent in enabling this movement to succeed in its mission.

#### Diagram of three truths

With these assumptions about the meaning (content) of the Gospel, Cardijn developed the See Judge Act method as his answer to the search for an effective method (form) of evangelization – of bringing Good News to the world by reducing the contradiction between life and faith

This process, must always start from life - to see a concrete experience or issue, which is always an actual and true story, and to analyse it to understand its context and causes.



Bernardo Espinoza (1986-90)

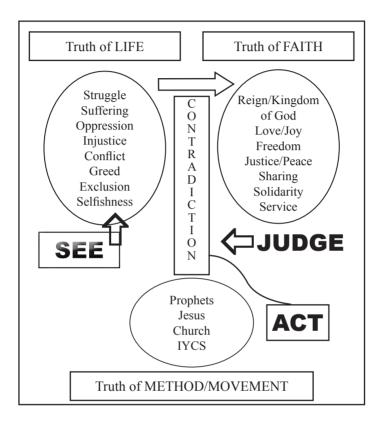


Alex LEE Sangjoon (1995-98)



Margareta Brosnan (2003-07)

The second step is then to judge the problem or issue by confronting it with the experience of faith, by searching for the feelings God would have in relation to it.



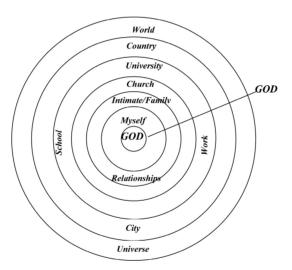
The third step, finally, is to make concrete plans to act, in the light of the preceding reflection, in order to address the issue.



This process, with a continual focus on reality, the gospel, and action, is, in a nutshell, what constitutes the spirituality of IYCS, which we call the "Review of Life". It is in taking each of these focuses seriously in an ongoing process of reflection and action that we believe we are most profoundly able to encounter God, discover the Truth, and thereby become God's instruments in enabling the Reign of God to come in transforming that reality.

Truth of Life - We begin with the Truth of Life because "seeing" - really seeing -concrete life experience is always the starting point (the first major form) of our spirituality, which is why we call it the "Review of Life". We believe that God's Spirit, the Spirit of Life, is revealed as we reflect deeply on our own life experience with the eyes and the heart of faith, trust, and openness.

#### **Diagram of Onion**



Fr. Luis Sena (1964-73)



Fr. Bonaventura Pellegri (1974-78)



Fr. Paul Debezies (1978-82)



Fr. Antoine Sondag (1986-91)

a. A Spirituality of "Seeing Concretely, Critically, and Deeply" Firstly, our spirituality is of seeing concretely with all our human senses including faith. We always need to start with a concrete experience that I or that someone I know has encountered in any reality, and about which we can tell a story of what actually happened.

Secondly, our spirituality is a spirituality of seeing critically. This means that we should never accept or interpret things simply at face-value. We should always look behind what is being said, done or reported – whether by our friends or by our enemies - before making a judgement. We keep asking Why?" in order to uncover the underlying root cause or issue

Thirdly our spirituality is of seeing deeply- of encountering God in the depths of all of Creation. The deeper we see, the closer we come to God. So, to understand our concrete daily experiences, we usually begin by analysing the immediate social context we find ourselves in (our family, our school, our parish, our neighbourhood).

# b. A Spirituality of Judging Reality and our own Values with the eyes of Jesus Christ

Having identified and understood a real-life reality, the second major form of IYCS spirituality is then to take a step back and look at the issue with the eyes of faith, which, for us, are the eyes of Jesus Christ.

Firstly we want to identify how Jesus can be made present (incarnated) in that situation, and therefore to judge how the situation corresponds to His way. Then secondly, we want to identify how that situation and Jesus' response to it challenge our own values and priorities.



Fr. Nicolas Desboeufs (1991-95)



Fr. Mike Deeb (1999-2007)



Fr. Paul Tiga Zangre (2007-15)



Fr. Charles Menezes (2015-19)

#### c. A Spirituality of Transformation

Everything we do in the movement is geared towards action. Why is this? Because we want to make a difference to our world. We want change –transformation – at the global level, and in the lives of each student! And we cannot do this only by talking or praying. We have to do things that will make that difference. In every group or organisation, people do many things, but within our movement, an action is not just any action. We have a particular way of understanding action that is reflective of our particular spirituality.

#### d. A Spirituality of Action

With this perspective, some might see us as 'activists', who focus on doing rather than just being. Or we are at times labelled as 'action movements' which are distinguished from 'spiritual movements'. Such labels often imply that we are not 'spiritual', and, hence, somehow marginal to the Church, whose primary task is a 'spiritual' one. If we are being seen in this light, it is either because those saying it are operating out of a narrow understanding of 'spirituality', which is limited to the spheres of prayer and liturgy, or because we are not being faithful to the tradition of our movement.

**Conclusion** - The spirituality of IYCS, an integral spirituality of reflection and action, which we call the "Review of Life", is thus a process with a continual focus on reality, the gospel, and action. It is in taking each of these focuses seriously in an ongoing process of deepening our understanding of real life experience, of discerning reflection on the Gospel, and of reflective action aimed at transforming our reality that we believe we are most profoundly able to encounter God, discover the Truth, and thereby become God's instruments in enabling the Reign of God to come.





The relevance of the Review of Life today - Eversince IYCS was founded, its spirituality has been described in most of the terms used above. However, while using the same language (especially see judge act), the actual understanding and practice of the Review of Life has varied enormously. Thus, through our integral spirituality of reflection and action, we are trying to empower each one of our members to gain a deep awareness of God in their own lives, their schools, our Church, and our world, by giving them the space (preferably in small groups) to reflect deeply on their personal experience, to evaluate it, and then to act to transform each of these domains. When we develop this capacity, we will truly become a movement which is building leaders who are full of hope, and which will have a major impact in inspiring the faith that will enable God's Kingdom to become a reality in our world.

Courtesy – Fr. Mike Deeb OP, former IYCS-IMCS International Chaplain from the book 'Discovering God through Action'.







## **WORLD COUNCILS SO FAR**

1st WC	1954	Brussels,Belgium	Study session and statutes passed
2nd	1956	Rio, Brazil	Problems of the student milieu
3rd	1958	Dakar, Senegal	Problems of the New Nations
4th	1961	Eicholz, Germany	Student work
5th	1964	Broummana, Lebanon	Students and society building
6th	1967	Montreal, Quebec	Students and development
7th	1970	London, UK	Cultural crisis
8th	1974	Kadier-en-keer, Holland	Domination
9th	1978	Valladolid, Spain	Role of students in transformation of society
10th	1982	Montreal, Quebec	Students in solidarity with the poor
11th	1986	Louvain, Belgium	New forms of evangelization in schools and University
12th	1991	Hong Kong	Why Study - Does your study serve the people?
IC	1995	Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire	Education for a fairer world
IC	1999	Strasbourg, France	Students ethics and spirituality to rebuild utopia
IC	2003	Barcelona, Spain	In global solidarity for an integral education through spirituality of action
13th	2007	Kampala, Uganda	Dialogue, Learn Live: Students make a difference
14th	2011	Delhi, India	Crisis and conflicts in the world  – Students offering hope
15th	2015	Tagaytay, Philippines	Salt of the earth, light of the world – Students Building the Kingdom of God

NB:Between 1991 to 2007 three IC were held instead of World Councils with study and formation sessions.

# FORMER IYCS INTERNATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

YEAR	NAME	NATIONALITY	ROLE
1946-47	René Rémond	France	S.G.
1947	Alain Rostagnat	France	S.G.
	Violeta Arraes	Brasil	
	Sally Cassidy	USA	
	Pierre Juneau	Canada	
	Claude Julien	France	
1962	Walter MOLT	Germany	
	Theodor Hanf		
	Mabel Campanella	Argentina	
	Eckart Koch	Germany	
1964-1973	Fr. Luis Sena	Brasil	Chaplain
1962-1966	Luis Alberto	Brasil	
	Gomez de Souza		
	Michel et Marie	France	
	Esther Deroche		
	Fernand Sanan	Liban	
	Ibrahim Chebli	Liban/France	
	Louis de Reboul	France	
1964-1966	Rudolf Hermann		
1964-1970	Lorraine Surpenchy	Sri Lanka	
1966-	Reginald Grégoire	Canada	
1966-1969	Paco Del CAMPO	Argentina	SG
1966-1970	Pierre Brien	Canada	
1970-1974	Hugo Gensini	Colombia	
1970-1974	Stella Okolue	Nigeria	
1970-1974	Leonardo Aragon	Spain	
1970-1974	Eric Sottas	Switzerland	
1970-1974	Carmen	Colombia-	
	Nascimento	Suisse	

1970-1974	Fr. Orlando Leitao	Portugal	
1970-1974	Silvio Santana	Brasil	
1974-1978	Fr. Bonaventura Pelegri	Catalonia/Spain	Chaplain
1974-1978	Agnes Joseph	India	
1974-1977	Raquel Rodriguez	Uruguay	
1974-1978	Jorge Wemans	Portugal	
1974-1978	Mwanito	Tanzania	
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1978-1982	Fr. Paul Dabezies	Uruguay	Chaplain
1978-1982	Kevin McDonald	Australia	SG
1978-1982	Wilbert Tengey	Ghana	ĺ
1978-1982	Immaculada Franco	Spain	
1978-1982	Yoyi Mallimachi	Argentina	
1982-1984	Eduardo Baptista	Brasil	SG
1982-1986	John Siddham	India	SG (1984-1986)
1982-1984	Achille Mbembé	Cameroon	
1982-1986	P. José Pachón	Spain	
1982-1986	Paulo Fontes	Portugal	
1985-1986	Antonio Cruz	Peru	
1986-1991	Fr. Antoine Sondag	France	Chaplain
1986-1991	Jean-Francois Bickel	Switzerland	SG
1986-1990	Rafael Egusquiza	Peru	
1986-1990	Florence	Uganda	
1986-1990	Bernardo Espinoza	Chile	
1991-1995	Fr. Nicolas Desboeufs	Switzerland	Chaplain
1991-1995	Lazare Animako Kabran	Ivory Coast	SG

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1995-1999   Anita Wenger		Germany	SG
1995-1998	Alex LEE	South Korea	PC
,	Sang-joon		
1999-2007	Fr. Mike Deeb	South Africa	Chaplain
1999-2003	Habib BOU	Liban- France	SG
	NAFEH		
1999-2003	Linus Tarsoo Ade	Nigeria	PC
2003-2007	Manoj Mathew	India	SG
2003-2007	Margareta Brosnan	Australia	PC
2007-2015	Fr. Paul Tiga	Burkina Faso	Chaplain
	Zangre		
2007-2011	Edouard Koutsava	Togo	SG
2007-2011	Loucille Alcala	Philippines	PC
2011-2013	Devett O'Brien	Australia	SG
2011	Nimali Fernando	Sri Lanka	PC
2013-2015	Nuno Wemans	Portugal	SG
2013-2015	Francois Mendy	Senegal	PC
2015-2019	Fr Charles Menezes	India	Chaplain
2015-2019	Richard Francis	Nigeria	SG
	APEH		







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## STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL YCS (IYCS)

#### L GENERAL STATUS AND PURPOSE

## Article 1: Official Name and composition of the Organisation

- a. An organisation composed of national movements under the name "International Young Catholic Students" (IYCS) is constituted.
- b. At some regional and national levels, the organisation is also known as the International Young Christian Students (IYCS).
- c. The International YCS abbreviated as IYCS is an international association of the faithful with private juridical personality, according to the canons 298-311 and 321-329 of the Code of Canon Law.
- d. The International YCS is a non profit making organisation, recognised by the United Nations and its bodies and agencies as an International Non-Governmental Organization. It has Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission (ECOSOC) and Operational Status with United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
- e. For all matters concerning its presence and activity in the above mentioned International Organisations, the International YCS will maintain a continuous relationship with the Secretariat of State of the Holy See.

## **Article 2: Official Headquarters and Legal Status**

- a. The official headquarters, known as the International Secretariat of the International YCS, is in Paris, France.
- b. From the civil point of view, The International YCS is officially recognized by the French State as an official association under the law of 1901.

## **Article 3: Objectives**

As an agent of evangelization in the student milieu, the main objective of the International YCS is to assist its members by promoting and fostering global solidarity, freedom, justice and peace and to work with all concerned women and men for joint

reflection and action leading to a more just and equitable social order. This involves the promotion of a spirituality of action, which identifies reflection on concrete actions as the space for encountering God and bringing about positive change.

To this end, without limiting the right of each member of International YCS to speak and act in its own capacity at the national level, as long as they do not contradict these statutes and the International YCS Declaration of Identity, the specific objectives of the International YCS are:

- a. to bring together secondary and university students seeking community, formation and action, in the framework of the Catholic Church, at the local, national, continental and global levels;
- b. to stimulate national YCS movements and groups to participate in the integral formation and holistic development of their student members:
- c. to study the problems arising from global issues, to reflect on their causes from the perspective of the poor and marginalized, to propose solutions in the spirit of Jesus Christ in accordance with justice and the dignity of the human person, and to encourage national movements also to undertake such study;
- d. to provide students with resources, pedagogies and methodologies to help them integrate their Christian faith in all aspects of their lives (school, university, family etc), so that they can become leading agents in building a more just society;
- e. to promote a global consciousness and solidarity by initiating and encouraging international and inter-cultural exchanges, exposures, dialogue and collaboration;
- f. to foster, with the approval of the local hierarchy, the foundation of a national movement or groups in those countries where no such organisation exists;
- g. to promote collaboration between member organisations and the coordination of their international activities and actions;
- h. to be a voice for its student members by representing them in regional and international forums;
- i. to cooperate with other international organisations as far as possible, especially with youth organisations;

j. to organize regional/continental and sub-regional activities and formation programs to enable a maximum number of members to have an experience of internationality, and to promote and harmonize the implementation of International YCS' objectives in each region.

#### II. MEMBERSHIP

### **Article 4: Membership**

The International YCS includes three types of membership status: Member Movements, Collaborator Movements and Contact movements.

#### 4.1 Member Movements

The status of Member Movement is voted on during the World Council, and conferred on movements/organisations that fulfil the following criteria:

- a. exercise their apostolic activities in the student milieu as a whole, and place such action in a global social context;
- b. profess their faith in Jesus Christ, live in communion with the Church, actively take part in the life of the local church and are recognized by their respective National Bishops' Conferences;
- c. have students as the main decision makers;
- d. are present nationwide or in a significant nationwide specific group or throughout an autonomous region acceptable to the World Council, and are recognised by their respective Bishops Conferences;
- e. actively participate in the work of the International YCS both at the regional and world levels, especially in the World Council;
- f. accept and abide by the International YCS Statutes and the International YCS Declaration of Identity;
- g. contribute at least with the membership fees, and with human and other resources to the life of the International YCS;
- h. have participated for at least two years, as collaborator movements, in the work of the International YCS.

## 4.2. Admission procedure

a. A movement requesting admission to membership of the International YCS sends its request to the International Secretariat six months prior to the World Council, along with a

presentation of the life and action of the movement, a copy of its statutes (or a similar document), and a letter of recognition from its Bishops' Conference.

- b. The International Secretariat sends these documents to the members of the World Council, together with its own recommendation on the request.
- c. At the start of the World Council a vote is taken on the basis of these documents and on the recommendation from the International Team.

#### 4.3 Collaborator Movements

The status of Collaborator Movement is reviewed and voted on during the International Committee, and conferred on movements/organisations that:

- a. are Catholic student organizations, present nationwide or throughout an autonomous region acceptable to the International Committee, which agree with the objectives of International YCS, and have the intention of fulfilling the criteria for membership;
- b. have actively participated for at least one year, in the work of the International YCS;
- c. are not in conflict with International YCS Statutes and Rules of Procedure;
- d. are prepared to contribute financially and with other resources to the life of the International YCS.

## 4.4 Admission procedure

A movement requesting collaborator status in the International YCS sends its request to the International Secretariat at least six months prior to the following International Committee, along with a presentation of the life and action of the movement, and a copy of its statutes (or a similar document).

#### 4.5 Contact Movements

The status of Contact Movement is decided by the International Team, and conferred on movements/organisations that:

a. are student organisations and groups who wish to be connected with the International YCS without any statutory bindings;

b. desire international solidarity and wish to participate in the actions and activities of International YCS especially in the representation and advocacy role of the organisation.

#### 4.6 Exclusion of Member Movements

- a. The International Committee must do a membership review one year before the World Council, and can propose disaffiliation or temporary suspension of movements not fulfilling their membership requirements.
- b. Any reasoned request by a member of the International YCS for the disaffiliation of a member movement must be submitted to the International Secretariat at least six months before the World Council meeting. The International Secretariat is obliged to undertake a grassroots enquiry and to communicate its results to the World Council.
- c. A member movement that has not paid membership fees for four years loses its status as a member movement and reverts back to being a collaborator movement, unless given a valid reason like natural calamity or war. This must be communicated to the International Secretariat within the calendar year. To regain the status of a member, it must follow the procedures for admission again.
- d. A member movement that no longer fulfils the criteria for membership will revert back to being a collaborator movement, requiring a new application for membership
- e. The exclusion decision is reached at the World Council in consultation with Regional Councils/Committees.

#### III. OFFICIAL BODIES

The International YCS is made up of the following official bodies:

## A) Decision-making bodies:

- the World Council;
- the International Committee;
- Regional Committees/Councils.

## B) Executive body:

- the International Team.

### C) Advisory Bodies:

- the International Advisory Board;
- the International Commissions.

## A) Decision-making bodies:

#### **Article 5: The World Council**

The World Council is the supreme decision-making body of the International YCS. It meets in ordinary session every four (4) years at a date and venue determined by the International Team.

## 5.1 Functions of the World Council The World Council:

- a. decides on the affiliation or disaffiliation of members movements put forward by the International Team;
- b. amends and votes the statutes and rules of procedure and the current International YCS declaration of Identity;
- c. elects the Secretary General and Program Coordinator;
- d. ratifies the election by each Regional Committee/Council of one national movement per region as a member of the International Committee;
- e. discusses and approves the activity and audited financial reports of the International Team since the last World Council;
- adopts a strategic framework and plan of action for the following four years, developed by the working groups at the World Council, which take into account the financial reality of the movement;
- g. fixes the level of membership fees;
- h. examines problems concerning the activities of International YCS and in particular, those which are submitted to it by Member Movements;
- i. undertakes all the other functions assigned to it by the Statutes or the Rules of the Procedure.

## 5.2 Composition of the World Council The World Council is made up of:

a. Student Representatives from national movements, the number and nature of which is determined by the International Team responding to the reality.

- b. All members of the International Team:
- c. Collaborator and Contact movements of the International YCS, selected by the International Team, as observers;
- d. Chaplains and adult animators/assistants, invited by the International Team, as observers;
- e. Representatives of IMCS (Pax Romana), as observers.

## 5.3 Quorum

- a. For a session to be valid there must be 51% of member movements with the right to vote either present or represented.
- b. If the required quorum is not achieved an extraordinary World Council will be convened with the members present, which will require all decisions made to be ratified by a simple majority of member movements through postal vote, in which a non response will be interpreted as approval.

## 5.4 Voting Rights

- a. Each member movement of the International YCS shall have one vote. Collaborator and Contact movements have no right to vote.
- b. The International Team makes public, before every ordinary meeting of the World Council, the list of movements not having paid their dues since the previous ordinary meeting and thus not having the right to vote.
- c. The delegation of votes is admissible either before the Council or during its progress.
- d. A movement can delegate its voting right to another member of the World Council through any form of communication (official e-mails or in formal letterhead).
- e. If, during a session, voting members have to leave the room, they are asked to delegate their own or delegated votes to a Member movement, and to inform the Presidium of their leaving and returning.
- f. A member can receive a vote delegation from only one other member

#### 5.5 Presidium

- a. The Presidium is chosen at the start of the World Council sessions in order to ensure the practical organization of all the meetings. The Presidium proposes the agenda for the meetings.
- b. The World Council is chaired by the Presidium composed of the Secretary General and two delegates from the national movements (member or collaborator movements). The meetings are chaired in turn by the different members of the Presidium.
- c. The Secretary General can delegate the responsibility of the role of the presidium to any lay member of the International Team when needed
- d. The International Team may also invite an external professional moderator to assist the Presidium

#### **Article 6: The International Committee**

The International Committee is the main decision making body of the International YCS between the World Councils. It meets at least once a year (besides the year of a World Council), and more often if necessary, if the majority of its members, consulted in writing, agree.

#### **6.1 Functions of the International Committee**

The functions of the International Committee are:

- a. to ensure that the decisions and plan of action of the World Council are carried out:
- b. to do an evaluation of the whole movement:
- c. to monitor and decide on the roles and work of all international team members. The mandate of any International team member can be terminated by a two-thirds majority vote at the International Committee due to breach of commitment to the International YCS. This will be done only in consultation with the Advisory Body.
- d. to set up the commissions judged necessary for the successful working of International YCS, take decisions on their proposals and receive reports on their activities;
- e. to take all decisions necessary for the promotion of the work of International YCS;

- f. to approve the annual budget and ensure financial management;
- g. to decide on the granting of Collaborator status to those requesting it.
- h. ratifies the Regional Coordinators as members of the International Team;
- i. To elect the International Chaplain after consulting all national movements, preferably 6 months prior to the World Council.
- j. The International Committee may also make decisions through written communication

## 6.2 Composition and Voting Rights of the International Committee

- a. The International Committee consists of:
- the International team (Secretary General, Program Coordinator, International Chaplain, all full-time Regional coordinators and one coordinator from each region with only part-time or volunteer coordinators);
- ii) The representative of one elected National movement from each region;
- iii) According to resources available, the International Team may, on a rotation basis, invite a regional chaplain, as well as other observers, to meetings of the International Committee.
- b. Each member of the International Committee (except the International Chaplain and, if present, the Regional Chaplain, or any other observer) has a right to one vote.
- c. If a member of the International Committee cannot be present, each may designate a proxy to another member of the Committee. This designation must be submitted in writing to the International Committee.
- d. A National Movement representative, elected by those present, presides the sessions of the International Committee, assisted by the Secretary General.

## **Article 7: Regional Committees/Councils**

During regional formation programs that are open to all national movements in the region, and according to the needs of each region, spaces should be created for Regional Committees or Councils, in order:

- a. to determine the implementation of the International YCS Plan of Action in the region;
- b. to set up regional bodies or secretariats, where necessary, as an extension of, and in a spirit of co-responsibility with the International Secretariat of the International YCS, to assist the coordination of the work of the region;
- c. to elect the Regional Coordinators;
- d. can propose candidates for Regional Chaplains to the International Chaplain;
- e. to approve the audited regional accounts and budget submitted by the Regional Coordinators.

## B) Executive Body

#### **Article 8: The International Team**

The International Team has the responsibility of running the movement on a day-to-day basis. All members of the International Team are to work in a spirit of collegiality and coresponsibility.

#### 8.1 Functions of the International Team

The functions of the International Team are:

- a. to be responsible for the efficient running of the International and Regional Secretariats and to propose the working conditions of all those working in them for approval by the international committee and operate under these conditions;
- b. to take all the decisions necessary for the promotion of the work of International YCS, according to the orientation and related decisions made by the World Council;
- c. to make decisions in an emergency on matters normally reserved to the World Council as long as these decisions are approved through postal vote (according to Art. 5.5) by member movements:
- d. to maintain close communication with all national movements;
- e. to appoint and delegate representatives of the International YCS to official bodies and other agencies;
- f. to undertake all the other functions which may be delegated to it by the International Committee;
- g. to have the main responsibility of organising the World Council and the meetings of the International Committee;

- h. to co-opt volunteers and interns for specific tasks when necessary. These volunteers and interns must be current or former students, with experience of the student apostolate in their country;
- i. to develop formation resources for student leaders, animators and chaplains;
- j. to undertake all other tasks attributed to it by the Statutes and the Rules of Procedure and in accordance with them, by the World Council or the Regional Committees/Councils.
- k. to be responsible for the financial sustainability of the International YCS.

## 8.2 Composition of the International Team

The International Team is made up of:

- the Secretary General;
- the Program Coordinator;
- the International Chaplain;
- all full-time Regional Coordinators; and
- one coordinator from each region with only part-time or volunteer coordinators.

#### 8.3 Location of the International Team

The Secretary General, Program Coordinator and International Chaplain, along with the necessary personnel are based in the International Secretariat. Other members of the International Team are based in the Regional Secretariats or their places of origin.

## 8.4 The Secretary General

The Secretary General is elected by the World Council for a mandate of four years. This can be renewed for one more mandate if the person fulfils the rules of procedure for candidatures of international team members based in the international secretariat

The Secretary General:

- a. is the main spokesperson of the International YCS;
- b. is the main face of the movement for all internal and external relations:
- c. coordinates representation to the Holy See, United Nations bodies & agencies, and other International Organisations;

- d. presides at the sessions of the World Council;
- e. carries out the work that the World Council, International Committee and International Team might entrust to them;
- f. is a member ex-officio of all committees and commissions.

### 8.5 The Program Coordinator

The Program Coordinator is elected by the World Council for a mandate of four years. This can be renewed for one more mandate if the person fulfils the rules of procedure for candidatures of international team members based in the international secretariat.

The Program Coordinator:

- a. coordinates and promotes the International YCS global campaigns;
- b. oversees all programs of the International YCS with the assistance of the other members of the International Team:
- c. carries out the work that the World Council, International Committee and International Team might entrust to them;
- d. is a member ex-officio of all committees and commissions.

## 8.6 The International Chaplain

The International Chaplain, also known as the General Ecclesiastical Assistant, is elected by the International Committee for a mandate of four years and confirmed by the Pontifical Council for the Laity (CIC, can 324 § 2). This nomination requires having previously obtained the consensus of the Ordinary to whom the priest is accountable. This mandate can be renewed once.

The role of the International Chaplain is:

- a. to focus on the spiritual development of the International Team;
- b. to appoint regional chaplains or chaplaincy teams to accompany the regional coordinations;
- c. to assist national movements to obtain the necessary chaplaincy services;
- d. to keep in contact with chaplains on all levels, and to promote the creation of spaces for formation and exchange among them;
- e. to produce letters/documents/resources for reflection;

- f. to advise the International Team and other levels of International YCS on pastoral, theological and social matters;
- g. to carry out the work that the World Council, International Committee and International Team might entrust to him;
- h. to assist the International Team in developing relationships with the hierarchy and other dimensions of the Church;
- i. may appoint an Assistant Chaplain, if the need is expressed by the International Team, who could be based in his home country or in the International Secretariat depending on the needs and means

## 8.7 The Regional Coordinators

The full-time or part-time Regional Coordinators are elected in their respective Regional Committees or Councils. They work in close cooperation with the International Secretariat and the members of the International Team in a spirit of co-responsibility for the international movement and its orientations.

The specific functions of the Regional Coordinators are:

- a. to make sure that the issues present in the regional student milieu are reflected in the international orientations and programs;
- b. to undertake the representation of the International YCS in regional institutions and bodies;
- to maintain regular communication with national movements, to guide and coordinate the work of the movements in the region and to promote extension;
- d. to organize meetings and studies session in the region;
- e. to develop and circulate formation resources for leaders and groups in the region;
- f. to promote the vision and activities of the International YCS;
- g. to present a report on the situation, challenges and work undertaken in the region to the annual International Committee and Regional Committees/Councils.

## 8.8 Termination, Incapacity and Resignation

a. In consultation with the Advisory Board and the National Movement concerned, the work of each member of the International Team is reviewed during the annual International Committee. If a member is deemed to have breached commitment

- to the International YCS their mandate can be terminated by two-thirds majority vote at the International Committee.
- b. In case any member of the International Team is incapacitated or resigns, the International Committee, in consultation with the Advisory Board, must propose a new candidate for the vacant post.
- c. All new elections shall be decided by the International Committee
- d. If a Team member wishes to resign, a minimum of three calendar months notice should be given in writing, through a letter addressed to the International Team, with copies to National Movements in the region.

#### C) Advisory Bodies

## **Article 9: International Advisory Board**

The International Advisory Board, with a mandate of 4 years, is made of 3 members of the immediate former International Team and at least 2 other prominent former members or friends of the International YCS. They are nominated by the International Team and are elected at the World Council. Their term can be renewed

The functions of the International Advisory Board are:

- a. to ensure transmission of memory, to evaluate the work of the International Team and the International Commissions, and to offer other general advice;
- b. to offer suggestions to the International Committee for reflection;
- c. to assist the International Team in the process to replace an International Team member who has resigned or whose services have been terminated;
- d. to meet the International Team at least every second year and to be in regular communication with the International Secretariat.

#### **Article 10: International Commissions**

a. In order to help in developing the vision and work of the International life of the movement the following International Commissions shall be established from the working groups of the World Council to carry out the work that the World Council, International Committee and International Team may entrust to them:

- Finance
- ii. Campaign
- iii. Resource and Publication
- iv. Extension and Promotion
- v. Theology and Chaplaincy
- vi. Advocacy and Representation
- b. Each commission will be composed of at least 1 National movement (elected for 4 years at the World Council), 1 International Team member appointed by the International Team and an individual invitee by the commission. The national movement elected should appoint its representative for a minimum of two years.
- c. Each commission will function through electronic communication, and must submit a report with recommendations to the International Committee each year.

#### IV. REPRESENTATION

### **Article 11: Representation**

- a. The representation of the International YCS is normally ensured by the General Secretary, who can decide to entrust it to any other members of the International Team or to a leader of a member or collaborator movement.
- b. The Secretary General can appoint ambassadors or special representatives to international organizations and for special missions. These representatives must follow the instructions of the International Secretariat.

#### V. FINANCES

#### **Article 12: Finances**

- a. The financing of International YCS will be assured:
- i. by the annual membership fees and contributions of the Member movements, and by registration fees of the programs;
- ii. by generous contributions from partners and individuals;
- iii. by the income from investments.
- b. All accounts must be audited by a Chartered accountant before being presented at the World Council or International Committee.
- c. The financial year runs from the 1st January to 31st December.
- i. Financially speaking, the International YCS is only obligated to

- a third party through the signatures of the General Secretary or the Program Coordinator, and within the limits laid down by the International YCS Statutes.
- ii. The International YCS's commitments are solely guaranteed by its assets. Its members or its bodies bear no responsibility.
- d. The International YCS will meet the financial commitments made by its Regional Secretariats in so far as these commitments are explicitly authorized in advance by the World Council or the International Committee.

#### VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

#### **Article 13: Amendments to the Statutes**

The provisions of the present Statutes can be amended by the World Council provided that there is a two-thirds majority of the votes of the member movements represented there. They then need to be approved by the Pontifical Council for the Laity. The Pontifical Council for the Laity should therefore also be consulted before the World Council about any proposed amendments to the Statutes.

#### **Article 14: Rules of Procedure**

The Statutes of the International YCS are complemented by Rules of Procedure which in order to be adopted or amended, must obtain fifty percent plus one of votes cast at the World Council

## VI. DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

## Article 15: Dissolution and Liquidation

- a. The dissolution of the International YCS can be decided by a World Council especially convened for this purpose. To be valid, the dissolution must each a 2/3 majority vote of the members of the World Council.
- b. Before submitting the resolution of dissolution to voting, the Pontifical Council for the Laity has to give its previous assent. The dissolution of the International YCS will be notified to the Holy See, United Nation bodies and all other partners concerned.

c. The liquidation of the International YCS is the responsibility of the International Committee and International Team. Any remaining assets must be transferred to the member movements.

## VII. OFFICIAL TEXT Article 16: Official Text

The official versions of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure are written in English, French and Spanish. In case of doubt the English text prevails.

Statutes amended and passed by the International YCS World Council in August 2007 at Kampala, Uganda and Approved by Vatican.







## RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL YCS WORLD COUNCIL

The Rules of procedure of the IYCS World Council are internal rules based on the IYCS Statutes and they may be modified by the official International bodies as and when required.

#### **Rule 1: ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- 1.1 At each session of the World Council, the provisional agenda shall be submitted for approval as soon as possible after the opening of the session.
- 1.2 Items on the agenda may be amended or deleted by the World Council by a majority of the members present and voting.

#### Rule 2: RIGHT TO SPEAK

- 2.1 All participants in the World Council, including observers, have the right to speak.
- 2.2 The members of the International Team can always have priority as far as the right to speak is concerned. However, the motions of the International Team have no special priority.
- 2.3 Precedence: The Chairperson (members of the presidium) and the Rapporteur (one who records the proceedings) of the World Council may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by their committee or subcommittee.
- 2.4 Statement by the International Team: The Secretary General or a member of the International Team designated by the Secretary General may at any time make either oral or written statements to any members, commissions or committees concerning any question under consideration by it.
- 2.5 Speeches: No representative may address the World Council without having previously obtained the permission of the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The Chairperson may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.
- 2.6 Closing of the list of speakers, right to reply: During the course of a debate, the Chairperson, may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the General World Council, declare the list closed. He may, however accord the right to reply to any member if a speech

delivered after he/she declared the list closed makes this desirable.

2.7 Time limit of speeches: The World Council may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker and the number of times each representative may speak on any question. Before a decision is taken, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, a proposal to set such limits. When the debate is limited and a representative exceeds his allotted time, the Chairperson shall call him/her to order without delay.

#### **Rule 3: VOTING**

## 3.1 Majority vote

Decisions of the World Council on the following issues shall be made by a two-thirds majority of the member present and voting:

- I. The Orientations and Strategic Framework of the International YCS;
- II. The Statutes and the International YCS Declaration of Identity;
- III. Afflation and Disaffiliation of members;
- IV. The suspension of rights and privileges of membership;
- V. Election of the Secretary General and Program Coordinator;
- VI. Election of the Commissions;
- VII. Election of the Advisory Board;
- VIII. Dissolution;
- IX. Operations of the International Secretariat and budgetary questions. All other issues shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present and voting.

## 3.2 Meaning of the phrase 'members present voting'

For the purposes of these rules, the phrase 'members present and voting' means:

- a. all members with voting rights, including those who have delegated their vote:
- b. members casting an affirmative or negative vote. Members who abstain from voting are considered as not voting.

## 3.3 Equally divided vote

If a vote is equally divided on matters other than elections, a second vote shall be taken at a subsequent meeting which shall be held within one hour of the first vote; and it shall be expressly mentioned in the agenda that a second vote will be taken on the matter in question. If this vote is also equally divided, the proposal can be declared rejected.

#### 3.4 Postal vote

The vote is closed twelve weeks after the date of the mailing of documents by the International Secretariat. Lack of response from the movements is interpreted as approval. Amendments to the Statutes, to the Rules of Procedure and to the International YCS Deceleration of Identity, as well as to the orientations laid down by the previous World Council, cannot be dealt with through the consent by latter.

#### **Rule 4: VOTING PROCEDURE**

- 4.1 The number of votes will be counted at the start of each session. Every delegate must give the vote card to the chairperson before leaving the assembly
- 4.2 For each vote, first are taken the votes against, then the abstentions, the remaining ones are considered as votes in favour.
- 4.3 The World Council shall normally vote by showing of hands or roll-card. However, upon request by two people with voting rights, the Presidium or two members of the International Team, the vote will be taken by secret ballot.
- 4.4 The Presidium may decide to take an opinion poll instead of a vote. When the results are known, the Presidium may adjourn the discussion on the point in question.
- 4.5 Any representative may request a vote by roll call. The roll-call shall be taken in the English alphabetical orders of the names of the members, beginning with the member whose name is drawn by a lot of the Chairperson. The name of each member shall be called in any roll-call, and one of its representatives shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention". The result of the voting shall be inserted in the record in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members.
- 4.6 After the Chairperson has announced the beginning of voting, no voting delegates shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting.

#### **Rule 5: ELECTIONS**

- 5.1 Candidates must be presented to the World Council at least 72 hours before the time fixed for the election with the motivation letter, and support from the individual's movement.
- 5.2 The candidates must be prepared, as far as possible, to commit themselves to the International Secretariat for four years.
- 5.3 All elections shall be held by secret ballot.

- 5.4 The Council elects three "scrutineers" people who will be entrusted with counting the votes.
- 5.5 Each nominating movement presents its candidate. The candidate is then given time to present his/her motivation and declares which post they are nominating for. Delegates may put questions to each one.
- 5.6 All candidates are then asked to leave the room, and a general discussion about them takes place.
- 5.7 If asked for, candidates can be called in again to answer further questions.
- 5.8 If an accusation is levelled against a candidate, during the discussion, the Chairperson must inform him/her and the candidate has the right of reply.
- 5.9 They will then leave the room for the voting process to start.
- 5.10 Each delegate with voting rights will be given a voting paper which bears the names of all the candidates and the post they are nominating for.
- 5.11 Each voting delegate then chooses, by ticking the appropriate box, which candidate they select for Secretary General and Program Coordinator. The scrutineers will subsequently announce the result.
- 5.12 Only candidates that achieve two-thirds of the vote for a particular position will be deemed elected.
- 5.13 If, after the first ballot, there have not yet been two people elected, another ballot will be cast up to a maximum of four ballots.
- 5.14 If, after maximum 4 ballots, two people have not yet been elected, the election will be concluded, and a procedure determined by the World Council for opening up a new process of nomination for the outstanding position(s).
- 5.15 If there are only two candidates, the above process still needs to be followed

#### **Rule 6: MOTIONS**

A motion is a formal process to introduce a matter for consideration by the World Council.

- 6.1 Motions can be oral or in writing and only member or collaborator movements have the right to table motions.
- 6.2 Every motion must be seconded by another member or collaborator movement.

- 6.3 A motion of order has priority over other motions. Motions of order are voted by simple majority.
- 6.4 A motion demanding the closing of a debate can only be tabled by a delegate who has not up to then taken part in the current debate or by a Presidium member. This type of motion is not admissible during a debate on the elections or on the admission of a member movement.

#### **Rule 7: ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE**

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may move the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against the motion, after which the motion shall be immediately put to vote. The Chairperson may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule.

#### **Rule 8: CLOSURE OF DEBATE**

A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate or the item under discussion, whether or not any representative has signified his wish to speak. Permission to speak on the closure of the debate shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the closure, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. If the World Council is in favour of the closure, the Chairperson shall declare the closure of the debate. The Chairperson may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule

#### **Rule 9: CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

The chairperson may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least two third of the members of the World Council are present. The presence of majority of the members shall be required for any decisions to be taken.

#### **Rule 10: OFFICIAL AND WORKING LANGUAGES**

10.1 English, French and Spanish shall be the official and the working languages of the World Council, its committees and its commissions.

10.2 All resolutions and other documents shall be published in the three languages of the World Council, but the official text of decisions is written in English.

The Rules of procedure for the appointment of Regional Chaplain and Candidatures of International Team members and International Chaplain are internal rules which are based on the IYCS Statutes and may be modified by the official International bodies as and when required.

## RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL CHAPLAINS

#### Introduction

Within our movements, there is a general consensus about the important role that a Regional Chaplain needs to play in accompanying each Regional Team. In order to ensure this, the International Chaplain, together with the International Teams, should actively help regions which do not have Regional Chaplains to identify possible candidates, and to follow the necessary procedures leading to their appointment.

#### 1: TASKS AND PROFILE OF A REGIONAL CHAPLAIN

Since the chaplain plays a key role in the functioning and growth of the movement, it is very important for all the students and all the candidates to be aware of the profile of a suitable regional chaplain for our movements. Within our movements, the chaplain is not the leader. The students themselves need to lead and own the movement. The chaplain is there to accompany, support and empower the students to exercise their leadership role adequately. This should be done through:

- regular participation in reviews and events of the regional coordination and of the movement as a whole;
- assisting and advising the Regional Team (both personally and organisationally) in the exercise of their tasks;
- promoting the spiritual life of the coordination and of the movement as a whole, through encouraging the celebration of liturgies and theological reflection, and providing personal, theological and spiritual formation, especially through formation in the Review of Life pedagogy;
- facilitating the relationship between the movement and the broader church;
- assisting in mediating conflict in both the internal and external functioning of the movement;

- promoting the recruitment and training of chaplains throughout the region;
- maintaining close communication with the International Chaplain.

## The Regional Chaplain, in order to fulfil these tasks, therefore needs to be:

- an open and flexible person, with a deep respect for the ability
  of youth to make their own decisions, and a patience to accept
  their weaknesses and accompany them in learning through their
  mistakes;
- a trusted presence, with a capacity for mediating conflict;
- able to work in a team, be open to learning, and facing personal limitations and weaknesses;
- experienced in the movement, and deeply rooted in the spirit and pedagogical tradition of IYCS, and hence in the spirit and theology of the Second Vatican Council (community building, lay participation, dialogue with the world and other religions, the centrality of work for justice in evangelisation, etc.).

#### 2: PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTING A REGIONAL CHAPLAIN

- 2.1 The Regional Coordination must, in a letter, ask all the national movements (the students) to seek and nominate candidates for the chaplaincy.
- 2.2 The Coordination then needs to enquire about each candidate's availability, interest, experience, and suitability for the task, and obtain their CV's.
- 2.3 All the information about the available candidates then needs to be presented to all national movements.
- 2.4 Each movement then needs: (1) to indicate which candidates would be acceptable to them, and (2) to list the acceptable candidates in order of preference. The wishes of the students are fundamental in making the appointment. Therefore, in the consultation, care must be taken to ensure that adequate space is provided for the students to express their opinions.
- 2.5 The order of preference, together with the reactions of the movements to each of the candidates, all the information relating to them, as well as a description of the processes used in the consultation, then need to be submitted to the International

- Chaplain. The latter will then begin to engage in a dialogue with them personally, to clarify their expectations of the role, and their availability to fulfil it.
- 2.6 If it is clear that the candidates have been proposed through a transparent democratic process which reflects the support of the regional coordination and the national movements, and that they are seen as sources of unity and empowerment by the student leaders throughout the region, the International Chaplain, after consultation with the International Team of IYCS, will send a letter of appointment as the Regional Chaplain to one of them (with due respect for the priority requested by the students), or to a few of them (if only part-time chaplains are available and requested by the students).
- 2.7 If there is no International Chaplain, the respective International Team(s) will assume his responsibilities for the process of appointment.
- 2.8 In regions where there is a coordinating structure of Bishops' Conferences, the International Chaplain, together with the respective International Team and Regional Team, will seek endorsement of this appointment by this Episcopal structure.







## RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDATURES OF INTERNATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS BASED IN THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

## A) Secretary General and Program Coordinator

#### 1: Profile of candidates

In order to nominate for the position of Secretary General or Program Coordinator, the candidates must fulfil the following profile:

- Have a sense of service: internally, in relation to working together with and for the national movements; and externally, in relation to the student world, the Church and Civil Society;
- Be a witness of spirituality: able to celebrate the faith and relate within the teams in a community spirit and dynamic;
- Able to develop and share reflections: the teams should have a 'student attitude', i.e. a spirit of curiosity and of dialogue with the reality, which will lead them to develop common analyses, to systematise these analyses, and develop tools to share them within the movements;
- Be daring: to ensure the presence and the visibility of the movements in the different spaces of the Church and the international arenas;
- Have a good social and cultural understanding and vision, as well as a strong sense of belonging to the Church;
- Have been a member of a Member Movement of the IYCS and have a good formation and experience within the movement at the national and regional levels and understanding of the international level;
- Have a strong conviction about the importance of international work (the will and commitment to work in the international team);
- Have a maturity which facilitates dialogue with the other members of the teams coming from different cultures and experiences;
- Have an openness and willingness to collaborate with other students movements, especially the International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS – Pax Romana;
- To be close to the student world and the experience of students (i.e. having finished one's studies recently);

- Be a witness to the youth character of the movement;
- Capacity to work individually and as an active contributing team member;
- Effective communication skills and ability to problem solving;
- Capacity to be self-critical and to accept criticisms with a humble and open spirit;
- Ability to cope with stress, long hours and extensive travel;
- A minimum knowledge of data processing, communication and languages (preferably a good grasp of at least one of the three international working languages, namely English-French-Spanish.);
- Must be less than 30 years of age at the time of election;
- Preferably not be married.
- **2: Nomination Process** In order for nominations to be valid the International Secretariat must receive a letter of nomination of the candidate from his/her respective member movement, along with the candidate's letter of motivation and Curriculum Vita. As stated in the Statutes of the IYCS, candidates can be nominated up to 72 hours prior to the election.

## 3: Regional Quota

All national movements can present candidates. However there can be only one candidate per region. If there is more than one candidate from a region, the International Team will facilitate a process with national movements of that region to select one candidate. This should ideally take place at a regional gathering, however if this is not possible, a postal vote can be conducted.

Gender balance be preferably considered.

## B) International Chaplain

#### 1: Profile of candidates

In order to nominate for the position of International Chaplain, the candidates must fulfil the following profile:

- Have a sense of service: internally, in relation to working together with and for the national movements; and externally, in relation to the student world, the Church and Civil Society;
- Be a witness of spirituality: able to celebrate the faith and relate within the teams in a community spirit and dynamic;

- Able to develop and share reflections: the teams should have a 'student attitude', i.e. a spirit of curiosity and of dialogue with the reality, which will lead them to develop common analyses, to systematise these analyses, and develop tools to share them within the movements;
- Be daring: to ensure the presence and the visibility of the movements in the different spaces of the Church and the international arenas;
- Have a good social and cultural understanding and vision, as well as a strong sense of belonging to the Church;
- Have a good formation and experience within the movement at the national and regional levels and understanding of the international level (has been a chaplain at some level of the movement);
- Have a solid understanding experience with the methodologies of the IYCS;
- Have a strong conviction about the importance of international work (the will and commitment to work in the international team);
- Have a maturity which facilitates dialogue with the other members of the teams coming from different cultures and experiences;
- Have an openness and willingness to collaborate with other students movements, especially the International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS – Pax Romana;
- To be close to the student world and the experience of students;
- Be a witness to the youth character of the movement;
- Capacity to work individually and as an active contributing team member;
- Effective communication skills and ability to problem solving;
- Capacity to be self-critical and to accept criticisms with a humble and open spirit;
- Ability to cope with stress, long hours and extensive travel;
- A minimum knowledge of data processing, communication and languages (preferably a good grasp of at least one of the three international working languages, namely English-French-Spanish.).

#### 2: Nomination Process

Candidates must be nominated by a Member Movement and all Member Movements have the possibility to nominate a candidate. In order for nominations to be valid the candidates must send to the International Secretariat a letter of nomination from a member movement, a letter of consent from their Bishop/Provincial/Congregation Superior, a letter of motivation and their Curricular Vita.

#### 3: Election Process

After receiving all the nominations the International Team will present the Candidates to the International Committee. The International Committee will analyse the nominations and elect the International Chaplain, following a 2/3 majority vote. The International Chaplain must be elected at the latest 6 months prior to the World Council by the International Committee.





# THE PRESENCE OF IYCS WORLDWIDE

AFRICA: Member Movements		
Benin JEC	Burkina Faso JEC	
Burundi JEC	Cameroon JEC	
Central African Republic JEC	Chad JEC	
Congo Brazzaville JEC	Congo DR JEC	
Side d'Ivory JEC	Gabon JEC	
Gambia YCS	Ghana YCS	
Guinea JEC	Kenya YCS	
Lesotho YCS	Madagascar Tampikri	
Malawi YCS	Mali JEC	
Nigeria YCS	Rwanda JEC	
Senegal JEC	Sierre Leone YCS	
South Africa YCS	Sudan YCS	
Southern Sudan	Tanzania YCS	
Togo JEC	Uganda YCS	
Zambia YCS	Zimbabwe YCS	
Collaborator Movements:		
Liberia YCS	Namibia YCS	
Niger JEC	JEC Ethiopia	
EUROPE : Member Movements		
Austria KSJO	Catalonia MUEC	
France JEC	Germany KSJ	
Greece EKNE	Italy MSAC	
Luxembourg JEC	Portugal MCE	
Spain JEC		
Collaborator Movements:		
Ireland YCS	Slovakia HKSM	
<b>Contact Movements:</b>		
Croatia POMAK	Czech Republic	
Hungary KEFE	Lithuania ATEITIS	
Slovenia SKAM	Slovenia JKS	

ASIA : Member Movements		
Bangladesh YCS	Hong Kong YCS	
India YCS/YSM	Malaysia YCS	
Nepal YCS	Philippines SCA	
Singapore YCS	South Korea YCS	
Sri Lanka YCS	Thailand YCS	
YCS Vietnam	Taiwan YCS	
Collaborator movements:		
Indonesia YCS	Pakistan YCS	
<b>Contact movements:</b>		
China	Laos	
Myanmar		
<b>NORTH AMERICA : Member Movements</b>		
Québec JEC		
Collaborator movements:		
YCS Chicago	US Vietnamese YCS	
PACIFIC		
Member movements		
Australia YCS		
Staff movements:		
Fiji Islands YCS		
<b>LATIN AMERICA: Member movements</b>		
Bolivia JEC/MUC	Chile AUC	
Dominican Republic JEC/CEC	Ecuador JEC	
Peru UNEC	Peru JEC	
Collaborator movements:		
Haiti JEC	Colombia	
Contact Movements:		
Cuba MECU		
MIDDLE EAST : Member Movements		
Egypt JEC	Jordan JEC	
Lebanon JEC	Palestine JEC	
Syria JEC		
<b>Contact Movements:</b>		
United Arab Emirates JEC		



IYCS World Council, Uganda - 2007



IYCS World Council, India - 2011



IYCS World Council, Philippines - 2015

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