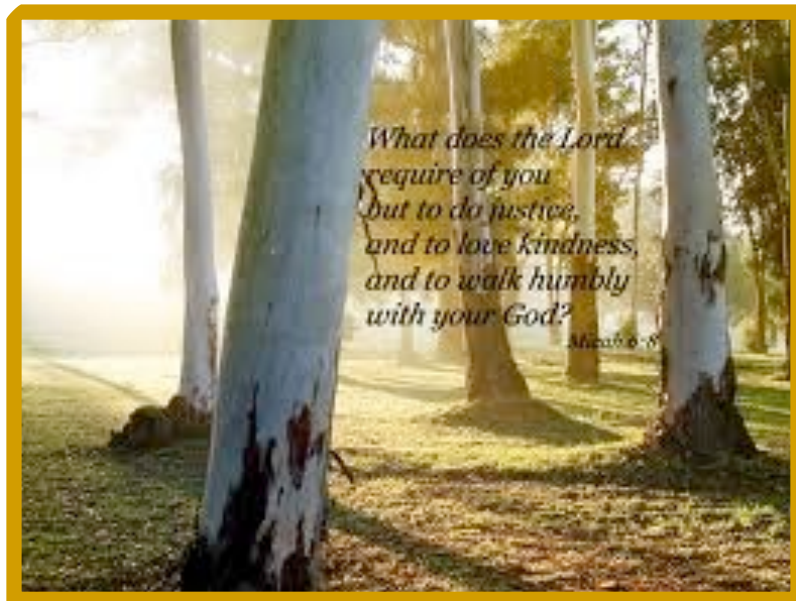


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CLC Prairie Region-Fall Formation 2011
Introduction to Social Analysis



...We thank you for the tools provided here, gathered from Your people across the world and across time... Opening Prayer.

Unfolding grace on the journey to the heart of the matter

“Where you are is exactly where God needs you to build the Kingdom.” Prairie Region members were encouraged to experience and analyze specific and systemic effects of poverty and isolation in their families, workplaces and communities.

On the following pages we share some of the highlights from our regional formation experience.

Gratitude to all those who have gone before us and encourage us on the way.

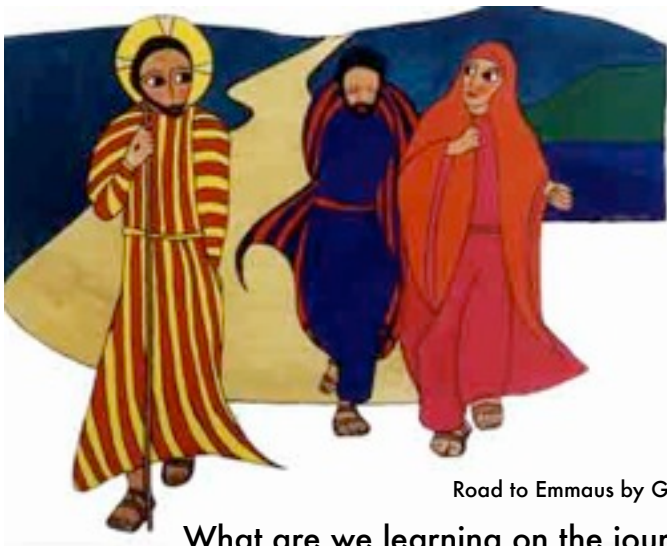


Shoes of St. Ignatius

Mission & CLC-General Principle #8

As members of the pilgrim People of God, we have received from Christ the mission of being his witnesses before all people by our attitudes, words and actions, becoming identified with his mission of bringing the good news to the poor, proclaiming liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, setting the downtrodden free and proclaiming the Lord's year of favor.

Our life is essentially apostolic. The field of CLC mission knows no limits: it extends both to the Church and the World, in order to bring the gospel of salvation to all people and to serve individual persons and society by opening hearts to conversion and struggling to change oppressive structures.



Road to Emmaus by Gisele Bauche

What are we learning on the journey?

A few words on our Fall 2011 formation process

Following our Regional Assembly, group guides and coordinators proposed that our Fall 2011 formation evening support engagement in the Regional vision and focus on mission skills, specifically, deepening discernment through a more thorough awareness of social analysis skills.

Building on the positive responses to the 2010 Fall formation session, reflection and resource material was provided well in advance. Group guides and coordinators encouraged and supported reflection and resource review in each group.

Resources

Resources were compiled from CLC Leadership Formation Encounter modules as well as material from the book, *Social Analysis, Linking Faith and Justice*.

Copies of the resource compilations are available from Mariette Ternowski
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Next Steps on the Way

Following Regional evaluation additional social analysis resources will be available for group use.

Group Guide & Coordinators' Peer Group

This peer supervision group meets 4 times a year to support formation of CLC groups and regional leadership.

Next GGC Meeting-November 17 Focus

- Formation project evaluation
- CLC Stages of Development- Stage One-link:

http://www.cvx-clc.net/l-en/documents/Formation_Supplement-Tables_ENG.pdf

- Group Guide & Coordinator Mentoring



As Prairie Region CLC we are called as groups and individuals to connect and collaborate with marginalized people, the Society of Jesus, First Nations, and others challenging the root causes and effects of isolation and poverty.

For the greater glory of God-Discern Send Support Evaluate

Prairie Region Formation History

Regional Formation Workshops & Resources (2004-2011)

- Communal Discernment-September 2004-Spiritual Exercises, Morris & Olsen-10 *Movements of Discernment*
- Leadership-October 2004-CLC Leadership Manual & *Heroic Leadership* by C.loney
- Visioning-February 2005-*Ignatian Invitation; Remember & Imagine*-David Fleming SJ
- Individually Directed Retreat Day-October 2005
- Examining CLC Commitment-Lakeshore Retreat-July 2006-Atlantic Resource
- Group Guide Workshop-January 2007- Elaine & Peter Regan-Nightingale
- Communal Discernment Saturdays-February 2007
- Examining Commitment in CLC- Lakeshore Retreat-July2007-Atlantic Resource
- Leadership Formation Encounter (LFE) April 2008-Lois Campbell, Gilles Michaud
- Communal Apostolic Discernment Workshop (CAD)-January 2009-Peter Bisson SJ
- Listening Workshop & Skype with Thunder Bay-October 2010- LFE Resource
- Fall 2011 Formation Project & SKYPE with Thunder Bay-Discerning Mission-Social Analysis Skills and Practice-LFE Resource & *Social Analysis Linking Faith and Justice* by Peter Henriot and Joe Holland



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Sharing the feeling of our experiences

complexity & joy, joy & sorrow-defied expectation, awareness & lack thereof, inability to see where I fit in, find social injustice in our own lives, do what is in front of you, walk into a situation without expectations, hope, enlightenment, desire to give, thoughtful and heartfelt giving, desire to serve inside and outside the home, prioritize our giving, spiritual renewal retreat, joy & frustration, new awareness, it takes time, surprise at others' capacity to show love, reflection of God's love, amazement in our capacity, joy & sorrow around a place of belonging & support

Sharing the heart of the matter

softening your heart, change within us-softening our hearts, responding with love & respect, accepting our limits, compassion for self and others, heart for compassion and hospitality, need for personal patience, helping the vulnerable in your own home, diversity of gifts and ways of serving, generosity of time and talents, responding when sad, forging ahead in the midst of apathy, being is just as important as doing, acceptance and self acceptance, called to be in the Lord vrs doing for the Lord, trusting in God's driving skills we are the car, love revealed in the quality of our responses, let God do the work of directing

Link to Peace Prayer by John Foley SJ
performed by Steve Bell

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kMEXWpfwml>

Engaging reality together as Prairie Region

quality & nature is important, I am in you & you are in me, creating space for prayerful contemplation, take me as I am, Lord, supporting one another in our communities where we are-not judging-including ourselves, quality of our interactions determines outcomes, be open and respond-coming from a faith point of view, be more objective at the start in our hearts (before we become subjective), affirm and build each other up in our community, God is at work even if we can't see the bigger picture, micro- macro level of equal importance, mission at home before outside, gift of self is the essence of mission, Prairie Region-walk humbly with our God-love tenderness and mercy, be curious about the "others"-first nations & be with them where they are, CLC reveals shared humanity & dignity, be patient because the journey takes time, Prairie Region-support & encourage each member-it is a long journey, its a journey-no short term gratification-be patient-no short easy answers, personal freedom & full human development, carry one another's burdens, Galatians 6.2

Prayer & Grace

Our God of All,

Our God in All,

We pray for the grace to discern the presence of the Spirit in the midst of our experiences, to hear the call, and to be open to learn.

We thank you for each member of our group, gathered today intent on finding you and loving you, where ever we find you.

We thank you for the tools provided here, gathered from the suggestions of Your people across the world and across time. We pray that we may use them humbly, as we look through them, to find You and your pathways.

Help us to see You in our world. We ask that Your Spirit descend upon us, and that the light of Your presence in our world and our lives' experiences reflect back to our opening eyes and minds and hearts. May we search for-and find-those many flashing beacons of Your presence. May we recognize them joyfully, and see them clearly enough to follow them along the paths of justice and peace You have chosen and prepared for us.

In the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer by Pat MacRae-Kairos



Listener Reflection

"We place ourselves in a listening "posture "in order to allow the Spirit to speak and resonate in each of us as we listen. For we have been listening participants all evening in the unfolding dynamics of this formation session. Let us ask the Spirit to help us recognize and understand the movements among us and in us within the experiences of this evening.

"First, the gathering of the different members of our Prairie region (including Thunder Bay by Skype, the welcoming and hospitality showed the signs of generosity and joy in being with each other, some meeting one another for the first time. In the conversations of the sharing of the simple meal we heard the quiet joy of 'yes, it is good to be here'.

"Then in the round of how we were all coming, we heard the mixture of gratitude, hopefulness but also fatigue after our work day. The reminder of our Mission statement as the backdrop to tonight's session, the opening prayer and the reading of Micah's clear announcement of what God requires of us – to act justly, to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God – gave us the orientation of the more in-depth sharing that followed. The attentiveness and silence accompanying these opening activities spoke of quiet peacefulness and desire to enter the process, it seemed to me. The sense of frustration and disappointment was evident when our Skype technology refused to cooperate to incorporate Thunder Bay members. But acceptance of what was, at that moment beyond our control, followed.

" A reminder that the Spirit was at work in the different moments of the social analysis and theological reflection we had prepared for and were engaged in tonight – our concrete experience of poverty/isolation/vulnerability, the understanding of this one experience in the wider contexts of political, economic, educational, religious, etc. structures, the further reflection on the values (or lack thereof) that are revealed to us by our reflective understanding and prayer, leading us to some further concrete response toward transformation of our world –

" In the small group (triads) sharing, there seemed to be energy and an openness (signs of the Spirit's presence) to each other in sharing the diverse experiences in the group. The back and forth action of small and large group, with our hymn asking the "Lord.. make us a means of your peace" manifested a growing and deepening awareness of the Spirit's invitations to be a part of God's work in and through us, even with the recognition of the fragility and the struggle of this transforming action in our individual and communal lives .

" It seemed to me that even the "tensions" in some of our comments in the large group from the experience of the small group sharing did not undermine the consoling movement of openness, moving forward in the Lord, desire to grow and give of ourselves for others in need, hopefulness, patience,, supporting each other – all signs of God's Spirit at work.

"The experience of our own struggle in this process of social analysis and theological reflection on our world's "joys and hopes, its grief and anguish" in our brothers and sisters was also a sign of the Spirit calling us to a deeper vision and response in Christ Jesus our Lord.

"We leave tonight with these graces of the Spirit through our sharing in faith, hope and love. We have grown in awareness, in understanding and reflection moving us a step forward in our concrete response.

" Let us be grateful to God." Fr. Charles Pottie-Pâte SJ, November 7th, 2011

Thank you....