



Lay Claretian Movement

General Council

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Dear Lay Claretian brothers and sisters,

After this Christmas season, during which we hope that Baby Jesus has found a place in your hearts to remain there throughout the year, we want to inform you of the steps we are taking as well as some news.

The General Government of the Claretian Missioners have now appointed our **general advisor, Father Manolo Tamargo**, who has assumed this role with great energy and enthusiasm. The General Council has already had a first Skype meeting with him and we all are regularly in touch to continue developing the allocated tasks.

The date for the first meeting has been set between the 20th and the 29th March in Lima (Peru), coinciding with the Holy Week. From there we will divide and, between the 22nd and the 24th, two of us will go to Cochabamba (Bolivia) and the other two to Arequipa (Peru) to visit groups in both places. The rest of the days will be dedicated to programming, visiting the group at Lima, meeting up with the YVM responsible, other members of the Provincial Government of Peru-Bolivia and some Claretian missioners responsible for the lay Claretian groups.

In response to the concern emerged at the past General Assembly on how to provide **support to groups without region, we have appointed five delegates** to undertake this task in five different zones. Martha Salazar will support the groups without region in Chicago, Los Angeles, Canada and Mexico. Iris Vázquez (Puerto Rico) will support the groups of Central America: Guatemala, Panama and Honduras. Nené Saroba (Uruguay) will accompany the groups of Argentina, Uruguay and the South of Chile (Curicó). Edison Chalco (Peru), from the General Council, will take charge of Peru, Paraguay and the North of Chile (Andacollo). Przemek Wilczyński (Poland) will support the groups of England, Italy (Altamura) and Poland.



For now, support to the other groups, in particular those of Asia and Africa, will continue to be provided by the General Council until we have a better understanding of their situation and needs. The Council member responsible for this coordination is Bernardeta Arbaiza.

The Identity Deepening team has already started functioning and resuming work. Many of the people from the previous period remain. The team includes: Mamen Espejo (Spain) as coordinator; Dolors Serradell (Spain) as secretary; and Nailett Narváez (Venezuela), Milagros Vicente (Spain), Teresa Bicheiro (Brazil), Nancy Burgos (Puerto Rico) and Justy Sánchez Caballero (Colombia). The Council member responsible for this team is Miguel Ángel Sosa.

A **website commission** has been set up, with support to be provided by the communications delegate Luis Antonio Rodríguez. Angel Roldán, Ángel González and Moncho Arroyo are in that commission, together with social media collaborators Narciso Ramos and José Portaz, all from Spain. As we already informed you in the previous bulletin, M^a Jesús Pérez Solano is the delegate for the news and coordinator of the translation team. The Council member responsible for this area is Bernardeta Arbaiza.

Thank you to all of you who have stepped up to supporting us in the different tasks. We continue to need help to be able to undertake all the challenges that we have set ourselves at the Assembly, so we will continue requesting your collaboration in the future.

We place our Movement upon Mary's hands. We always count on her loving protection, and the grace and the impulse of the Holy Spirit. For that to happen, we encourage you and ask you to pray for this Movement and for this Council.

We send you a fraternal hug

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