

Results of reflections
Missouri Region Visioning Day
October 21, 2007

What was energizing?

- Quality and content of presentations
- Movement by leadership: World →US→local
- Growing cultural diversity in CLC as in Church
- Hope in youth
- Hearing about Vietnamese and their families
- Engagement of participants
- Increased competence in guides/coordinators for more sophisticated participation
- Going back to roots
- Positive side of programming
- Excitement about movement to greater clarity
- Older members look to CLC for support; newer ones look for discernment
- Culture and diversity
- Community is physical/social
- Structuring can include spiritual
- Moving away from predominantly white structure

What were blocks or unease?

- Regional level not inclusive — culturally or geographically (don't include OK, Denver, KC)
- This meeting: no new people, small number of participants
- No CLC groups listed in Mary Wescovich's report (same people again)
- Follow up on concerns, accountability
- Information not always filtering down to local groups
- Lots of ideas, but not getting things done
- How we communicate with each other: disconnect group to group and leaders to groups
- Individualistic attitudes; people 'hang out' with CLC, but don't pay dues or take other responsibilities
- Are we becoming too structured, like a Third Order?
- Young Adult leaders in region writing own manuals
- US culture is individualistic. Does this mitigate against forming CLC?
- Going back to roots not reflected in local CLC groups.
- Celebration of Trinity lacking/weak in groups
- Comment heard: Community is not a place I would go for discernment

What is response?

- Improve communication
- Support diversity
- Structure for young needs to be flexible
- Local CLC needs to impact local Church
- Members need to feel a part of region and larger CLC community
- Shorter time for regional meetings
- CLC move from individualistic→community mission
- Liturgy marking formation/commitment rituals
- Include celebration of Trinity in local groups
- Broadening leadership circle
- Continuing to develop more professional/competent CLCs (improving quality)
- What do we (region) expect to accomplish with universities?
- General Principles need to be updated; language more accessible
- CLCs need to become communities that discern, send, support, evaluate → mission

Focus for next year

- Group guides development
 - Availing ourselves of what is coming from National Leadership
 - Ann Padberg and Mary Ann Wachtel will follow up on this.
- Accountability and communications
 - Shorter regional meetings, restructuring
 - Share powerpoint presentations (Pat Carter, Kitty Gray, Peggy Edwards)
 - Linda Leib, Mary Wescovich, Kitty Gray, Peggy Edwards and Bob Costello, SJ will follow up.
- January Workshop
 - Focus on the communal experience of Ignatian Spirituality
 - January 18-19, 2008
 - Pat Carter will have an outline of the weekend and place by end of November, 2007