

OMCC  
Minutes of Third Ordinary Meeting  
July 29-30, 2009  
Los Angeles, California, USA

Present: **Asia/Pacific Group – A/P:** Tam Ngyuen (July 30<sup>th</sup> only), Margaret Morris;  
**European Group - GET:** Francis A, Napoli, Joseph Luís Yeo; **Latin American Group**  
**- GLCC:** Roció Ramírez Munera, Lucia Sanchez Toro; **North American Caribbean**  
**Group - NACG:** Sheelagh Winston, Fr. Syd Miffelen; **Executive Committee:** Juan  
Ruiz, Gail Terrana, Maribel Gomez, Jim Wells, Fr. David Smith  
**Observers: OMCC:** Yvonne , Peter McMahan  
**NACG:** Antonio Escamilla, Antonio Hernandez, Robert Kostin

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After a prayer and introductions, Juan introduced the incoming OMCC and NACG and welcomed the observers. He also explained the symbolic transfer of the OMCC Executive Committee to Australia that will occur at the IV World Ultreya but-that the actual transfer will take place on January 1, 2010. Juan asked for all officers to officially sign the already approved minutes from our Second Ordinary Meeting from July 2008.

**1. OMCC Activity Reports:**

Reports were given by each International Group.

**A/P Report** was given by Marg Morris (report attached in English and Spanish)

The main points are the following:

- 1) Held 20<sup>th</sup> A/P Encounter in Saipan, Nov 6-9, 2009
- 2) Decision was made to extend term of coordinating group to be in-line with OMCC. Tam will serve until Dec 2013.
- 3) Korea voted a new National Secretariat as did the Military Cursillo Center in Okinawa, Japan.
- 4) Hawaii will resign with APG and join the USA APG. There are nine official members in APG: Australia, CNMI, Guam, Korea, Military Ctr. Japan, Oceania Korea, Taiwan, Philippines and Vietnam in Diaspora.
- 5) Preparations under way for outreach to American Samoa for first Cursillo weekends in September and October.
- 6) Next Asia Pacific Encounter will be held in Los Angeles, USA by Taiwan Cursillo in September or October 2010.

**GLCC Report** was given by Rocio (report attached in English and Spanish).

The main points are the following:

- 1) Regional encounter for all Regions to be held July 31 with three themes: Spirituality, Life and work of St. Paul, and theme of encounter.
- 2) Lay out and future of GLCC planned.

**GET** Report was given by Francis (report attached in English and Spanish).

The main points were the following:

- 1) Pre-Encounter held in Esztergom (Hungary) in October 2008 with emphasis on the youth in Cursillo.
- 2) Fundamental Ideas Summary of activities was given and discussion regarding travel costs.
- 3) Revisions of the Statutes were explained and on-going study continues.
- 4) Successfully introduced Cursillos in Durban South Africa in June 2009 after years of planning. Two Cursillos were held with team members from Gibraltar and Ireland and Francis Napoli was rector of both weekends.
- 5) Also in Durban the structure for the Ultreya and School of Leaders was set up. The next Women and Men's Cursillos will be held in March/April 2010.
- 6) Difficulty with finances has been faced but overcome by the generosity of individuals.
- 7) Final Encounter in Zagreb, Croatia, October 15-18, 2009

**NACG** No report was given. Sheelagh asked to wait until we talked about the NACG on the agenda the following day.

**OMCC Executive Committee** Report was given by Gail (report attached in English and Spanish).

The main points were the following:

- 1) IV World Ultreya summary of preparations
- 2) Visit to Cardinal Sandoval for requesting an address from the Holy Father for the World Ultreya.
- 3) Statutes approval of extension by the PCL.
- 4) Fundamental Ideas planning meetings
- 5) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Meeting minutes approval through emails.
- 6) Finance Report summary
- 7) Website updates for OMCC [www.orgmcc.org](http://www.orgmcc.org) to make it a "virtual office" still in progress.

The opportunity was given for questions after each report.

## **2. GET New Name**

The GET met and voted in favor to change their name to GECC – European Group of Cursillos in Christianity. Juan asked for pre-approval here and then it would be ratified at the next World Encounter. Motion was made to pre-approve new name. Unanimous, all in favor.

### **3. IV World Ultreya**

Juan summarized the activities and agenda for the IV World Ultreya. With the difficulty in securing Visas to the U.S. we expect 5,000 attendees though 8100 seats are available. A bookstore will be available, Cardinal Sandoval is attending along with 3 Bishops, approximately 60 priests and 20 deacons. Francis commended Juan saying the World needs this and it should be done more often.

### **4. Mixed Cursillos**

Juan explained the difficulty in “specialized” Cursillos – youth, 2-day, etc. They should not be called “Cursillo”. Francis agreed however, thought it would not make a difference unless those in Fundamental Ideas can be convinced to add this to Fundamental Ideas Book. It was clearly stated at the World Encounter in Korea that mixed cursillos were not Cursillos. Discussion continued regarding problems with mixed cursillos. Francis suggested making a decision in our meeting in writing to the Fundamental Ideas Commission. More discussion. A 3 sentence statement was proposed and modified, and re-presented. With the final statement as follows:

*The OMCC, at its 3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Meeting is aware of the mounting concern over confusion regarding the charism of the movement and our difficulty in achieving unity in our understanding.*

*It recommends to the Fundamental Ideas Commission to clearly define the ideal of the 3-day Cursillo to avoid any deviations that may interfere with the openness to the three encounters, and provide the accompanying rationale (Reference Fundamental Ideas #239-241).*

*Some of the concerns that have come to our attention are:*

*2-day weekends, mixed weekends (men and women), youth weekends, specialized weekends, and what is meant by heterogeneity in the context of Cursillo.*

There was a motion to accept the above statement for submission to the Fundamental Ideas Commission.

3 voted in favor, 1 abstained, Motion passed.

### **5. Statutes.**

Juan distributed a letter from the Pontifical Council for the Laity granting an extension of the “ad experimentum” of the OMCC Statutes until 2014.

Marg distributed a revised copy of the Statutes with minor corrections. She read each correction and all discussed and approved every point. A copy of the revised Statutes are attached.

Discussion on fundamental Ideas needing approval. It was decided that a separate statement should be disseminated to all Diocesan and National secretariats in the operational structure to approve Fundamental Ideas. This should be a function and service of the OMCC. Marg will write a brief description of this process for discussion at a future meeting and through emails and internet. (copy of 1<sup>st</sup> draft is attached)

## **6. Financial Report.**

Jim Wells gave the Finance Report of the OMCC. Questions were asked about the separation of Fundamental Ideas from the OMCC. Jim will pull out all expenses related to Fundamental Ideas.

## **7. Fundamental Ideas Commission Report on Progress**

Juan distributed the Sub Commission of the Fundamental Ideas report and timeline. It was proposed to change the date in 3.5 (c) to December 31, 2010 to give more time to review.

All agreed to change this date.

An explanation of what has been done was requested. Juan said the previous two meetings were supposed to produce a working draft but it did not happen. Their work is now advancing. Two members were replaced: Angel Delgado replaces James Roddy and Fr. David Smith replaces Fr. Modesto Perez.

Finances of Fundamental Ideas were discussed. Not all expenses have been reported from this 2009 meeting. It was decided that the collection at the IV World Ultreya Mass would go to the Fundamental Ideas project. Jim Wells will clarify all expenses for Fundamental Ideas and keep separate reports and summaries.

## **8. NACG - Canada**

Sheelagh expressed concern over the membership of NACG and gave two suggestions: 1. Reduce the OMCC to three International Groups or 2. Add more countries to NACG from the GLCC. **The proposed countries to be included in NACG were listed and an explanation given of how their inclusion would make the membership of the International Groups less inequitable.**

It was stated that any country whether active or inactive is still served by an International Group. Definition of "active" was addressed as the NACG only has two active members as defined by communication existing. It was suggested to the NACG to continually and consistently attempt to communicate with inactive countries. Although language and culture was expressed by Sheelagh as an obstacle all agreed that every IG has that same difficulty and has been successful in overcoming it by seeking friendship as the key. **I don't recall this being stated by me. What I did say was that when NACG was**

constituted, after being restructured from the IELG, it consisted of the US, Canada, and the English speaking countries of the Caribbean. There was never any mention of either Cuba or Puerto Rico and it is news to us that they should be considered as part of NACG. It now appears we should have been attempting to bring them in to NACG. (This of course would mean changing the Bylaws or Operating Guidelines of NACG. Not mentioned at the meeting but for clarification only)

I also asked how would those countries in the GLCC feel about being transferred to NACG. In addition I asked what would be the process for bringing this about, would they be invited to join NACG or simply told that the two International Groups involved were being restructured. There was some response from GLCC.

The minutes also fail to reflect what we said about the consistent efforts made by NACG regarding maintaining the communication with the Caribbean. i.e even going as far as the Sp Advisor to NACG, Fr Syd Miffen , writing a letter to the Bishop of Saint Vincent, with no response.

I also said that just as you cannot have a group reunion with only two members, it isn't possible to have an International Group with only two active countries. Canada has repeatedly asked for OMCC to address this problem. It is a serious matter that we had hoped would be addressed. Although it isn't just about money, practicality demands that each International Group have sufficient 'active' membership to sustain their activities. \$500 per year affiliation fee from each of the 'active' member countries provides only enough funding to pay the annual dues to OMCC. It leaves nothing for any projects within the International Group.

In addition the minutes do not include the concern expressed by Francis that with only two 'active' members, the seat of OMCC will rotate to one or other of those two member countries every 16 years nor the discussion following that.

We feel that only with these things included in the minutes will those who were not in attendance, grasp some indication of the ongoing difficulties facing NACG. The discussion regarding NACG was in lieu of a report.

There was a unanimous decision to keep four International Groups in the OMCC. NACG will continue to seek friendship with all countries in geographic proximity in order to increase their service to them as well as eventual membership and this will be a task for the new NACG to continue.


Tam thanked Juan and Fr. David for all their efforts and commented how Juan's service has been a great motivation for him.

The meeting was adjourned.

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President – OMCC



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Secretary - OMCC

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