

# Annual Report

## 2021



### President`s Message

I would like to begin my first Annual Report by recognising the work of the members of the National Team from 2017 - 2021 who have now stepped down and also to recognise the new members who have joined the Team. During the first part of 2021 I thank my predecessor, **Jackie Gill**, for leading the National Team in the early work on the Mission Statement for CLC in England and Wales (CLCEW). This work has now been brought to completion and finalised by the new CLC National Team, for proposal and adoption, to the membership of CLCEW, at the National Assembly, June 2022. Jackie has accepted the demanding role of Formation and Retreat Team Coordinator from **Pat Callaghan**, who had the role for the past 12 years. **Mark Trombley**, who also gave great assistance in the work done on the Mission Statement, acted as the London and South East Region Representative, and has now moved to the United States; his role has been filled by **John Lavery**, who also distributes the Mail-Chimp version of our Focus magazine. Also moved to the United States is **Matt Pace** whose role as Membership Secretary is now occupied by **Margaret Dimambro** in addition to the role of Administrator, for many years in the capable hands of **Jenny Armstrong**. Thanks also to **Judy Makin** who was our Secretary over the period, a role now held by **Natalia Marsden**, and to **Peter Dimambro** Regional Representative in the Midlands, a role

now filled by **Ann Kelly**; and finally to welcome two new Team members, firstly, my own replacements in the North West Region, **Judith and Tony O'Neill**, who have accepted the joint role of Regional Representative. We have also created a new role, accepted by **Olivia Lavery**, whose marriage to John was announced in the December Focus, the very significant role of Youth Advocate on the National Team. Sincere thanks to all who served CLCEW during the past four years and to those who have agreed to step into their shoes.

Following my appointment as President (4th July 2021) the National Team met in October (16th - 17th) and committed to the the pastoral priorities identified by the World ExCo in 'Projects № 176 June 2021', following a survey of all 67 National Executive Councils (September 2020):

- Formation
- Youth & Family
- Ecology
- Collaboration

#### Formation

Having identified Formation as a priority, the World ExCo announced a Global Formation Gathering, in August 2022. This event is to be preceded by three virtual meetings using the Zoom

### Vision Statement

The Christian Life Community in England and Wales is passionate about our Ignatian lay tradition and identity.

We are a faith community journeying together, listening and accompanying one another to deepen our personal and communal spirituality.

We discern our call, in collaboration with other Ignatian communities, to go beyond our boundaries, in mission, for the greater good.

platform, with the fourth, the Global Formation Meeting, in Manresa, Spain, 8th—13th August 2022; the first virtual meeting was held, 16th October. The Formation and Retreat Team, headed now by Jackie Gill, met in November and began to explore formation in the areas of Commitment and Leadership.

### Youth & Family

**Michelle Ellison** had already established a team of young adults, who were able to attend the Zoom virtual ‘International Youth Gathering’, that took place in July 2021 with the Theme: ‘Embrace the World in an Ignatian Way’. Having already established five groups in London in just 18 months, the team are now eager to apply what they have learned.

Michelle and **Siobhan Regan** (South West Regional Representative), have also been actively engaged with a new initiative from CLC in Europe, ‘The Family Clock’. This has been piloted in the South West and you will be hearing more about this prior to its roll-out across England and Wales from 2022 onwards.

### Ecology

Since Pope Francis’ encyclical letter, *Laudato Si’*, in 2015, greater awareness has been reawakened for the need to protect the environment, hence, as recommended we are committed to this cause. We have added the **Laudato Si’ Action Platform** to the CLCEW website and, in addition, we will be looking for ways to encourage and enable members to make small changes in their daily life that will make a difference.

### Collaboration

Our past President established links with the

Ignatian family and attended the meetings organised by the Jesuit Provincial Superior, and also with the Jesuit Spirituality Implementation Group, coordinated by Fr David Smolira SJ. These connections are being maintained, with your current President continuing to contribute and participate in these meetings. At the last meeting of the Ignatian Family, your President was invited to make a presentation, to inform and explain the workings of Christian Life Community, at the next (May 2022) meeting at the London Jesuit Centre, Mount Street, Mayfair. It is envisaged that this will enable greater collaboration, within the wider Ignatian family, with CLC.

### New Ecclesiastical Advisor

It was with great pleasure that, as the year came to a conclusion, we were able to announce the appointment of our new Ecclesiastical Advisor, Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR, Bishop of Hallam. Your President welcomed Bishop Heskett with a visit to Bishops House, Sheffield, where together they spent 90 minutes discussing the Christian Life Community and our pastoral priorities for the coming year.

*Alan Smith, National President*



## National Chaplain

The most fundamental aspect of the National Chaplain's role is assisting and supporting the Ignatian Charism of the National Community. This is particularly important in this Ignatian year and is in many ways the richest element in my work. At one level I endeavour to do this through my participation in the labours of the National Team and the Formation and Retreat Team. This year (with one exception through illness) I have attended each meeting of both teams and have been well pleased with their continuing work to enhance and update knowledge of the CLC Charism. I have also been able this year to coordinate, direct on, and supervise the CLC 8 day individually guided retreat at St Beuno's—a time of rich grace and deep prayer for all. It has been possible to set up the 2022 retreat with a variety of options within the 8 day framework with the hope that this will enable more CLC members to experience the power of a retreat and indeed to fulfil that part of their membership engagement. It has also been possible to be of assistance to CLC members making St Beuno's retreats at other times of the year and to those CLC members who direct retreats from time to time.

A second element of my engagement with the National Community is, of course, with individual members and, as in previous years, I have had many online and face to face encounters in the context of spiritual conversation and spiritual direction as well as what may be called business and social matters. A key element has also been assisting with the process of discerning the Vision and Mission Statement which has now been finalised after a

widespread discernment over the last two years or so. This has been a very encouraging procedure and credit is due to those who helped initiate it, particularly Mark Trombley and Ruth Holgate. A final element this year is the support of the New National Team and the President as they find their way into the joys and complexities of ministering to the Community at that level.

Covid has continued to have an impact across the National Community and plans to bring face to face Area Chaplains and Guides for a formation day have had to be postponed. For some time, my hope has been to encourage people to make permanent commitment to CLC at the National Assembly. However, since it was necessary to hold this on Zoom for a second year running, the symbolism of a community witnessing and supporting such a commitment is considerably lessened. Hopefully it will be possible to hold the National Assembly face to face during 2022 and to witness again such commitments.

*Br Alan Harrison, National Chaplain*



# Treasurer`s Report

## Annual Report for the Year ended 31 December 2021

**Income:** our total receipts came to **£16,061**. This includes membership fees of **£10,943** paid by 208 members, about three quarters of which is Gift Aided, which has increased the donors' original contributions by 25%. **£4,364** of tax was recovered from HMRC under the Gift Aid scheme, but note that this was for two tax years, the claim for the preceding year having been delayed.

**Expenditure:** our total payments came to **£9,504**. Our regular running expenses amounted to **£4,249**. Our contributions to the Europe and World CLC communities were **£2,750**. We spent **£2,505** of our Legacies Fund on subsidising a St Beuno's retreat.

**Assets:** we had **£107,236** in the bank at the end of 2021. After putting aside an annual **£1,000** towards the cost of sending our delegates to represent CLC England and Wales at the next **World Assembly** in 2023 (in France), we are free to spend **£47,712** – that was our 'net worth' at 31 December 2021. This is in addition to **£59,526** of accumulated legacies (including John Ruming's legacy of **£55,469** received in 2019) which we can spend on bursaries and anything else that furthers our objectives as a registered charity and is permitted by the Charity Commission.

Members are invited to ask the Hon Treasurer at any time for further details, or breakdowns, of any categories of income or expenditure, and comparison reports. These do not take long to produce and enable us to understand how we are managing our resources.

*Julia Lane*  
*Hon Treasurer*



# Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2021

## Christian Life Community in England and Wales Registered Charity no 1056891

### 2021 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

#### RECEIPTS

Members' subscriptions Gift Aid	8,018.70
Members' subscriptions non-Gift Aid	2,924.50
Unrestricted Gifts	80.00
Literature Sales	312.72
HMRC Gift Aid Tax Refund (2 tax years)	4,363.94
Bank Interest	10.55
World CLC returned donation for Loyola project	350.58

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** 16,060.99

#### PAYMENTS

World CLC dues	2,477.94
Europe CLC dues	272.50
National Team expenses	995.70
Formation-Retreat Team, Chaplains, Guides	258.75
Retreat subsidy from Legacies Fund	2,505.00
Focus printing and distribution	1,878.47
Literature production and supply	660.60
NCLA, NBCW, NRA: annual subscriptions	90.00
Zoom (£28.78 monthly subscription)	359.75
Website domain renewal	5.50

**TOTAL PAYMENTS** 9,504.21

**SURPLUS** 6,556.78

### 2021 BALANCE SHEET

#### ASSETS

Santander Current Account	131.76
Santander Savings Account	107,105.55

**TOTAL ASSETS** 107,237.31

#### LIABILITIES

Legacy Discretionary Fund	56,525.62
World Assembly Fund	3,000.00

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** 59,525.62

**OVERALL TOTAL** 47,711.69

Note 1: The Trustees consider that £10,000 is an adequate reserve

Note 2: Deposit of £500 paid in 2019 for National Assembly 2021 at Hinsley Hall held over for 2024

Note 3: Deposit of £596.70 paid in 2019 for National Assembly 2020 at High Leigh held over for 2022

Note 4: £1,000 pa set aside each year to fund CLCEW attendance at 4-yearly World Assembly

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 15 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by

Alan Smith, Trustee and President

Judith O'Neill, Trustee

# Vision and Mission

Over the course of the pandemic, the National Team gathered virtually to update a Vision and Mission Statement for the Christian Life Community in England and Wales. This is a brief account of the journey. The updated Vision and Mission statements can be found on the front and back page of this report.

In the light of the 2018 World CLC Assembly and what was communally discerned there, we sought to carry out the same process and reflect on our identity and how we express this in an ever-changing world. We therefore set out on a process of discernment, namely, to deeply listen to where God is calling us, as is encouraged by Pope Francis, in order to clarify how our community is called to deepen, share and go forth.

We felt we needed an experienced facilitator to guide us through this process. With this in mind, the Former Southeast Rep and project leader, Mark Trombley, initiated conversations with the now Director of St Beuno's Spirituality Centre - Ruth Holgate.

This is what followed:

1. **Preparation** - formation as necessary, clarifying focus, praying for freedom and gathering information and material (CLC charism etc.)
2. **Prayer and discernment** - individual prayer and group discernment. *The team divided into 3 groups which met via Zoom in June, July and August 2020.*
3. **Feedback from groups**
4. **Review of options** - The feedback from the groups was considered and options for wordings were formulated. The pros and cons of each option were discussed and we spent time in further prayer and discernment within groups
5. **Final stage** – Further finalising of the statement followed, omitting duplications and establishing equal weight for each of the points. This final version was then approved by the Extended National Team, to be presented at the National Assembly June 2022 (AGM Annual Report).

*Siobhan Regan, South West Rep*



# The Regions

## The North West

As the period began, members of the Discernment Team were still taking a very much needed break after the stress, strain and sheer hard work of planning and running the National Assembly.

For three years the Discernment Team had been the key means by which the Regional Rep had chosen to run all aspects of the Region that would otherwise have fallen largely on the Rep.

themselves. Since being created the Team has consisted of: the Regional Rep, an Events leader, two leaders for Outreach and Growth, three Consultors (one of whom has become Team Secretary), three Chaplains, a Focus link and, latterly, a Young Members lead.

Resuming after the Assembly it was felt that we should undertake a Review / Evaluation of the work of the Team and discern the way forward. This evaluation process, aided considerably by John O'Sullivan's help, happened with prayer, group discernment and two online meetings. The outcomes from the second meeting will continue to inform the forward planning process of the Team and Representatives.

Formation of members and encouraging wider involvement in CLC activity outside of individual group attendance are two issues which were seen as priorities, as well as encouraging groups to consider where and how they might spread the message of CLC and nurture new group development. Our concerns include the unpreparedness of the existing membership for growth of membership and new group nurturing. We see formation as very significant in this. A fuller set of plans that flow from the Review will be drawn up in early 2022.

Only one group has a guide (untrained) and none have accompaniers. Groups are very used to this situation and don't see that as a problem for a group. However, it creates a serious problem when considering outreach / sharing the gift of Ignatian spirituality. A Week of Guided Prayer, for example, may well lead to participants wanting something to follow-on and the creation of a new

group would require an accompanier and guide. Existing groups, largely quite happy running without help, tend not to recognise the needs of a new group where nobody has contemplative experience. It is hard to overcome this problem without finding a way to persuade existing members to train as guides and accompaniers and having that training available within the region or online. Overcoming this problem is vital if CLC is to grow or even maintain its existing scale.

In November, a regional gathering was held on Zoom at which members from most groups were present and news of CLC events and formation opportunities and initiatives were announced and promoted. A lovely Prayer Service was prepared and held to mark our becoming the area Reps.

All North West plans for formation and potential growth over the next three to four years would be helped if we could be certain that we would not be asked to plan, prepare and run another National Assembly for a very long time ahead. We have run the 2021, 2018 and 2015 Assemblies. We are in favour of National Assemblies in alternate years and would like to see this pattern begin immediately. Perhaps some other form of event could take place in the alternating years when National Assemblies were not taking place.

Number of groups 11 + Leeds

Number of group members 67 + Leeds

Number of lone members 17

*Tony and Judith O'Neill, North West Reps*



# The Midlands

## 1. Activities January – December 2021

- Midlands News/Updates sent most months via email. Group contacts asked to pass them on to members not on email.
- Several members of the region have National responsibilities including our National Treasurer, Formation and Retreat Team, Administration (until the autumn), Literature, Membership, Focus and other literature proof reading.
- 14th and 28th January: Information evenings via Zoom. A new virtual group (Inigo Zoom) has been established as a result.
- 20th March: World CLC Day by Zoom with input by Eddie Langton: My journey to CLC and discovering its basics; and AGM at which Peter Dimambro stood down as Regional Representative and Ann Kelly was voted in as the new Regional Representative.
- On taking over as Regional Rep spent some time contacting Groups to update details, and also some members on the database that were not in contact to see if they wished to remain in contact with CLC.
- We would normally have had a Regional outing/picnic, but most people were not ready to travel at this point. Some groups arranged their own outings locally or met up socially during July and August.
- 1 member from the Region took part in the CLC Retreat at St Beuno's in August. (2 others had to drop out.)
- A Regional Team Meeting was held on 4 September via Zoom, with 5 people attending. All groups sent in a report of their activities.
- Some groups have re-started face to face meetings
- A regional Day took place via Zoom on 30th October 2021 with Austen Ivereigh, focussing on the Synodal pathway
- Consultations have taken place regarding participating in the World CLC Synodal process

## 2. Aspirations to December 2022

- To continue to keep in contact with Groups in the Region and develop contact with lone members.

- To hold Regional Days in March and October 2022, hopefully as in person events.
- To organise a Regional Summer Outing and explore other possible events, e.g. Day of Prayer.
- To hold Regional Team Meetings in February and September.
- To find a Regional Chaplain.
- To increase membership and establish new groups.
- To promote Ruming Retreats
- To encourage participation in the synodal process in line with the outcome of discussions at National Team meetings.
- That Manresa House will re-open and be available for meetings.

Formation and Training for the above:

- If we wish to establish new groups we will need Group Guides or Accompaniers, who will need formation.
- Training or support for Regional Chaplains: should we find someone we could approach to take on the role?

## 3. Concerns/Challenges

- Undertaking the World CLC synodal process
- Uncertainty about meeting up in person.
- Unwillingness of people to come forward as Group Guides or Accompaniers
- Lack of success so far in identifying a possible Regional Chaplain

*Ann Kelly, Midlands Rep*



## South West

On reflection it does seem to have been quite a long and eventful year as our Christian Life Community groups navigated the challenges of life amidst living in the pandemic and also finding ways to continue to “meet”. It certainly has been a case of stop and start, some reprieve then stop and change again! However I feel we are sincerely grateful for the gift and joy which CLC brings. Groups have used Zoom, email, WhatsApp and other means to continue meeting as well as when able in person (when restrictions allowed and of course when individuals felt safe). We now have 16 groups in the South West; the most recent being formed after a series of Nurturing The Seed sessions between September and December - we wish them joy and prayer as they continue their journey. Sadly we said goodbye to our dear friend Fr Tony Horan SJ in September here in Boscombe. I remember Tony telling us although he was a Jesuit, Christian Life

Community was also a huge part of his family. His love for us, passion, accompaniment and his service will never be forgotten.

*Siobhan Regan, South West Rep*



## London & South East

This year has been eventful for the South East and London region, even though the impact of the Novel Coronavirus and the sporadic easing and tightening of lockdown measures. This has, inevitably, led to movement of some groups to being online, and as restrictions eased, tentative returns of some groups back to "in person".

One bright spot has been additional and fruitful growth of the younger new groups, especially through our partnership with the Jesuit Young Adult Ministry. We have also seen others grow, including one started by Michael Dorey - largely over 35 - formed in December 2020, and another supported by Sr Margaret Scott. We are grateful to have had Margaret's involvement as an ACI sister based at St John's Wood.

An unfortunate but inevitable corollary is that due to the pandemic we did not hold any events as a region, but we hope soon to restart them again in the coming year. One sub-regional event that went well was an in person/hybrid event feeding back to the groups associated with the Jesuit Young Adult Ministry about the CLC world youth meeting in July 2021 - see the youth report for more!

Since December '21/January '22, John Lavery has stepped into the big shoes left by previous South East Regional Reps - most recently Mark Trombley, and John O'Sullivan who shepherded us in a short interregnum since Mark left the role.

John is now excited to be taking up the rep role and to work with the excellent National Team, led by Alan, to contribute to the life of our community.

The key priorities over the next year and more are:

- Supporting ongoing formation, especially for accompaniers and group guides
- Integrating our newest groups with the wider community in the region, including younger groups recently formed in London
- Exploring the meaning of Mission in the South East and how that is explored across the region.

Please do pray for the region as we enter this new phase; we will be praying for the whole community. If you want to get in touch, do please email John via [clcsoutheastregion@clcew.org.uk](mailto:clcsoutheastregion@clcew.org.uk) and I'll do my best to respond.

*John Lavery, London and South East Rep*

# EuroLink

**March 2021.** A meeting was held over Zoom between CLC England and Wales National Team and the new CLC European Team. This was a great opportunity for new introductions and for the new teams to ask any burning questions. An opportunity which arose and was made possible from our common Covid experience.

**Eurolinks and Ecclesiastical Assistants** met on Zoom 22nd May—23rd May 2021 (due to Covid). The theme for this year's meeting was inspired by the encyclical of Pope Francis: "Fratelli Tutti—Called to be Co-Creators of a World in Transition," led by Fr. Paul Pace SJ.

**CLC National Assembly 2021.** Just a reminder about the great opportunity we had of opening up our National Assembly to English speaking European CLC members as we were online. This was taken up by a number of European CLC members who were very grateful to participate.

**CLC Europe -Youth Frontier.** One of the Euroteam members led the CLC Europe Youth Working group Zoom gathering to begin the conversation in preparation for the World CLC Youth Event which took place on Zoom at the end of July 2021 (This meeting was originally meant to take place in Loyola Spain). Two Youth reps, from CLC England and Wales Youth Frontier Working Group, have attended both of these events (please

see their reflections later in this report).

**Family Frontier.** 'The Family Clock' Ignatian pastoral tool has now been fully translated and is being launched in March 2022. England and Wales have been invited to attend another Family Encounter Event in July 2022 to explore more resources for the 'Pastoral Care of the Family'.

*Michelle Ellison, EuroLink*



## Youth in CLC Initiative

### Context

Following the report from John and I in October on the experience of attending the Ignatian Youth Gathering 'Embrace the World in an Ignatian Way', our working group (John Lavery, Olivia Lavery, Natalia Marsden, Tom Smith and Michelle Ellison) has met three times.

In addition, we have attended a meeting with the Euro-Link to explore our feelings on our next steps personally, as national communities and as a European community following the meeting and the development of the Youth Manifesto. We have also published a condensed version of our previous

report as an article in Focus, highlighting the Youth Manifesto.

Siobhan Regan has taken a step back from the group to focus on her other work as Regional Rep for the South West and organising the 2022 National Assembly. Thanks to Siobhan for all her support!

### Report November 2021- March 2022

We have continued to pray with the Youth Manifesto and reflected on our experience of listening to other young people in Europe.

As with other instances of meeting CLC members

from around the world, this experience has been a rich mix of recognising the shared gifts and challenges, as well as understanding how structural and cultural differences shape our experience of CLC.

From our sharing, three common themes emerged:

1. **Mission:** this has been with our group since the listening event in May, where it was evident that young people have a desire to be engaged in mission with their groups, or with the national community. In England and Wales, CLC's expression of mission is for groups to accompany individuals doing mission in their own lives. However, for the young people we have listened to, this is not enough, and they are looking for CLC to provide other ways to live out mission. We think that the current national formula or structure does not empower young people to take mission forward as a part of their CLC journey together, and when the community reports (e.g. through Focus), greater emphasis is placed on the pillars of spirituality and community.
2. **Transition:** this was a common issue throughout the European meeting, where young people struggle to move from school, university or young adult groups into mixed age or older groups. We want to consider how better to signpost people towards established CLC groups at times of transition.
3. **Intergenerational dialogue:** this is taken from one of the points of the Youth Manifesto. Whilst there is value in separate student or young adult groups, particularly where there is existing support from Jesuit or other Ignatian communities, it was clear from our listening event that one of the gifts of CLC is being able to hear a variety of perspectives. We want to encourage groups to be open to taking on younger members, rather than wanting to point them towards specific youth groups.

Having been established as a group to provide support and formation before the Youth Gathering, we are starting to discern what the next steps for our working group should be. Our reflections have led us to three broad areas to focus on:

- Providing a platform for young people to become more involved in the work of the national community, by offering a space to 'shine a light' on issues, share ideas or best practice and offer new ideas to the National Team.
- Raising the profile and offering solutions where there are structural issues in the national or international community that prevent young people from joining and flourishing in CLC
- Working towards a specific event for young people in CLC, to give the opportunity for them to feel a sense of community with each other, whilst also encouraging them to join in with other regional and national events.

### Moving forward

We are always open to new members of our group, and want to extend the opportunities to meeting with other young CLC members both in England and Wales and internationally, to as many people as possible.

Finally, there are an increasing number of offers of Ignatian retreats for young people, as well as weeks of guided prayer and upcoming gatherings like World Youth Day in Lisbon. Although our primary aim has not been to simply increase the number of young people in CLC, we think these offer a great opportunity to signpost people towards CLC as a way to continue the spiritual journey started on retreat. Whilst there are wider issues around availability of group guides and accompaniers, it should be possible to accommodate a small number of new members within existing groups.

*Olivia Lavery, Youth Advocate*



# National Formation and Retreat Team

The team has met by Zoom 3 times during 2021; on the 27th February, 5th June and 20th November as COVID and lockdowns made physical meetings impossible.

## Membership of the Team

I took over from Pat Callaghan as co-ordinator of the team at the end of the 5th June meeting but Pat agreed to stay on until the end of 2022 to ensure a smooth transition.

The other Team members are: Alan Smith, Brother Alan Harrison SJ, Maje Alfaro, Una Buckley, Fiona Craven, Eddie Langton, John O'Sullivan, Anne Shelley (until her death in March 2022) and Kath Gee and Joanna Teixeira who joined the team during the year.

Pat prepared a report on the work of the team for the virtual National Assembly in 2021. That report referred to a European meeting by Zoom.

Since then, World CLC has set in motion a Global Formation Encounter and Pat has set out the following very helpful summary of the process and the actions that Alan Smith, Pat and myself have undertaken in this ongoing process.

## Global Formation Encounter

Jackie and Pat attended the first meeting in October 2021, with two further meetings in February and May 2022 before a physical meeting in Manresa, Spain, 8-13th August 2022.

The communal discernment process being used is the same as used at the Youth Encounter (which John and Olivia reported on in a report they presented at the National Team Meeting in October 2021 and which was circulated amongst our team members).

Jackie and I were put into different sharing groups at the 16 October meeting and so we had a virtual meeting following this to share on our experience of the day. At that meeting it was agreed that Jackie, Pat (and now Alan), will meet to share our prayer and what has emerged from future global Zoom meetings. The purpose being to hear one another's experience of the prayer and what emerged in our small groups on Zoom and to seek to apply the experience to E&W CLC. It was also agreed Jackie would report to the National Community through an item for Focus. This was done for the October meeting and after the February meeting.

## CLC-St Beuno's IGR August 2021

Betsy Jones and Alan Harrison facilitated this

retreat on CLC's behalf with both giving input on CLC at the start of the IGR and holding a meeting at the end for retreatants to share on their experience. Alan subsequently guided on the retreat with Rita McManus.

Betsy reported that retreatants were very positive about the experience and felt it should be repeated. Articles have been subsequently published in Focus.

## Issues referred from the National Team

- The National Team were dealing with arrangements for a retreat at St Beuno's in 2022 with 3-day, 5 day and 8 days running concurrently
- The key issue for the National Team was Commitment, particularly the small number who have made a permanent commitment
- Training for Regional representatives and also training for group accompaniers and guides, the latter being linked to people being prepared to come forward
- Ecumenical sensitivity. It was important that the Catholic origins of CLC and its nature was included in information sessions. Subsequent to this, there is currently some very helpful material on Pathways to God about Mary in an Ecumenical context, including passages relating to Our Lady in the New Testament
- CLC charism document to be available online to all and access not restricted
- Importance of reviewing the meeting plans 1-6 which are our key formation material
- It is clear that the material coming out from the Global Formation Encounter is very much the key going forward.

*Jackie Gill—Formation and Retreat Team*

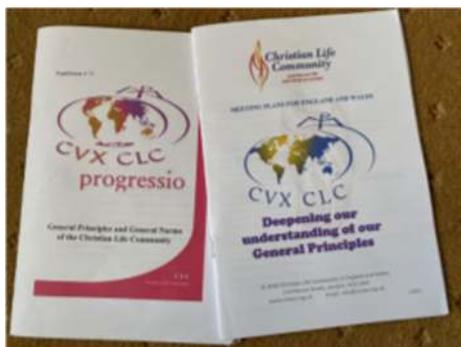


# Literature Support

Thanks to all who have helped me in one way or another this year, particularly the **Literature Sub-group** of the National Formation and Retreat Team: Jackie Gill, Alan Smith, John O’Sullivan and Maje Alfaro who oversee the authenticity of what we produce; Judy Makin who has looked after the **production and distribution** week in and week out, and Ignacia Arteaga for the Resources website page.

## What has been done:

- **Website:** With the new website, we had the opportunity of making literature more available and Ignacia Arteaga provided a new RESOURCES page, designed to enable visitors to read some literature, especially the Publications List and open-source materials, and to order any literature directly from the website. I hope you all have had a look for yourselves. See [www.clcew.org.uk](http://www.clcew.org.uk)> CLC RESOURCES tab. Feedback would be welcomed.
- **Sub-group meetings:** There have been 7 Zoom meetings during 2021, which has enabled several outstanding issues to be resolved. During the year we have produced:
  - \* Deepening our understanding of the General Principles (meeting plans)
  - \* God’s Gift to us through St Ignatius
  - \* The next step (for MPset1)
  - \* How to Join –revised
  - \* Caring for Creation – from draft to final
  - \* New Introductory Leaflet, Poster and promotional letter (see below)
  - \* Revised Publications List for 2022
- **Promotional materials.** Zani Design with AtKat Marketing have produced a professionally designed introductory leaflet, a poster and a promotional letter for us and 2 Zoom meetings have been held with the



Regional Reps to work out how best to use the material. Each Rep will decide for themselves in the light of the situation existing in their own region. We have now 5,000 leaflets and 400 posters to support this. Total cost for the project has been within the £1,000 budget (£679.56 to date).

## What is in progress:

- **For new CLCs**—an amalgamation of existing leaflets into a booklet—held until CLC Meeting leaflet is revised
- **CLC Meeting leaflet**—we would like feedback from individual groups on the nature and form of their actual meeting, as the existing leaflet does not appear to reflect current practice.
- **Retreat in Daily Life**—new version, waiting final approval.

## What is still to be done (brought forward):

- **Review of Meeting Plans for New Communities**—Jackie has undertaken a review of all MP sets.
- Additional material about the **Review of the Day** from Alan Smith.
- **Spiritual Conversation** (includes third round of sharing) by Evelyn Maloret. To be considered.

## Remaining from the previous priority list

- **Group Pack** – revise
- **DSSE** articles
- **FOCUS ON** – additional articles
- **Christians in the World** – revise

P.S. I am very pleased to say that Anne Granby has offered to work with me on Literature Support and Chris Lynas has offered to take the Production and Distribution role from Judy Makin.

*Brian Austin– Literature*



## Mission Statement

### **Spirituality and Discernment**

We deepen our charism guided by the Spiritual Exercises using discernment to listen for, and respond to, God's will.

We use our charism and our experience of listening to explore together our gifts, talents and skills for service of others.

We desire to develop an awareness of how the Spirit is continually working within us as we look out for new shoots of growth and service.

### **Community and Support**

We create a safe and supportive environment to encourage trust and growth in joy, to allow us to challenge ourselves with ongoing formation

We walk together with a radical vision of Church and we seek the building up in holiness of present and new communities with joy.

We share and go forth in hope, whilst supporting and inspiring within the context of Christ's love and joy found in our hearts.

### **Love in Action**

We seek to identify people of all ages and backgrounds who are open to the Good News of Jesus, and to help them on their path to holiness.

We endeavour to live authentically reaching out beyond our boundaries in service and mission.

We open our eyes and find Jesus there by our side, already at work!

### **CLC National Team 2021-2022**

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