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XVI NATIONAL COUNCIL ANTHEM

Poverty - Money
Starvation - Plenty
Equality - Disparity
Exploitation - Philanthropy

**Ch: Come let's make some noise & join in the fight
Come let's break this down & bring in the light. (2)**

Justice - Injustice ,
Freedom - Suppression ,
Violence - Peace of mind
Genocide - Humanity

**Ch: Come let's make some noise & join in the fight
Come let's break this down & bring in the light. (2)**

Bring in the light, join in the fight, join in the fight, bring in the light (2)
Come let's make some noise & join in the fight.
Come let's break this down & bring in the light.
Bring in the light, join in the fight, join in the fight, bring in the light (3)

**Music & Lyrics - Edward Thma & Donald Syiem
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Shillong, Meghalaya**

YCS/YSM ANTHEM

**Ch: Let YCS light shine, Let YSM light shine
Let the light shine bright and clear for all the world to see**
1. True to our own motto, build a just society (2)
In peace and equity, freedom and love, national integrity (2)
2. See, Judge and Act, our review of life (2)
Let communal harmony, human dignity reign in our land and the world (2)

THE YCS/YSM PRAYER

Heavenly Father, in your entire wisdom and love, you created us and chose us to be the members of YCS/YSM. You have blessed us Indians with multiple languages, religions and cultures. Give us the wisdom to appreciate this diversity. Through the Review of life, YCS teaches us to avoid selfishness, discrimination and hate and urges us to live in a “we spirit” which builds cooperation, collaboration and solidarity. Grant us the strength to work for true justice and freedom and to be of service to others, thus building a “better society” where all people live with dignity befitting your children. Amen

YCS/YSM CREED

All human beings have been created in the image and likeness of God, equal in dignity. When this dignity is trampled upon, it is an offence to the creator. All people are responsible in enhancing and protecting the dignity.

YCS/YSM as a movement of the students, by the students and for the students, is a space to exercise this mission. In this process, they are accompanied by chaplains and animators. YCS/YSM is an action oriented movement, liberative in nature and aims to remove structures and systems that do not respect human dignity. Motivated by our prophetic spirituality and with the Review of life (See, Judge and Act/ Awareness, Reflection and Action) as our way of life, students are transformed and empowered to go beyond self in solidarity with the struggles of the weak and marginalized. Through interpersonal relationship with the whole of humanity and with the love at the heart of every action, the YCS/YSM enables human persons to become a family, a community after the heart of the creator whose compassion, care and justice are its pulse. An alternative community is within our reach when we put our faith in human goodness, which is inspired by God.

PLEDGE AS A MEMBER OF YCS/YSM

I believe in a living and loving God who is present and active in every event of my life. I am created in the image and likeness of God so also every human person. I promise to respect all the members of the Movement and work for the equality in the Movement.

I promise to respect my parents, elders and animators, ready to take their guidance and work with them.

I promise to accept the aims and objectives of my Movement and always strive to achieve those values of equality, love, justice and peace propagated by the movement. I accept the spirituality of the Movement, as one of God experience, restoration of human dignity, respect and dialogue with other religions and spirituality of action.

I accept the Review of life, Methodology of the Movement and try to practice it as a process of growth for me in finding my role in the society. I accept the idea of leadership through service and do my best in search and struggle to achieve our Goal "A Better Society". I promise to do my best to contribute my refection and service for the growth of the Movement which I accept, will shape my life and responsibility in the society.

I promise to accept the welfare of the Movement and my neighbor as the prime concern and do not indulge in partiality or anything that goes against the ideals of the Movement. I promise to do everything possible to ensure National Integration, Harmonious living, Environmental protection and Dignity to every Human being.

I will not discriminate people, the spark of the divine, on the basis of caste, creed, language, religion and gender socio economic backgrounds. I will not give or take bribe or indulge in mal practices of any sort. I will be the voice of the voiceless.

I will join hands with people and Movements who promote Human Rights and Dignity, justice, peace and equality. I promise to be sincere, truthful, honest, open, frank, hardworking, committed and dedicated.

I take this pledge fully knowing my responsibility; asking strength from God and loving Father, and requesting the support and encouragement of my animators and companions. I offer this option and pledge in solidarity with all the members and animators in the Movement for the cause of "A better Society".

5 RULES TO THE MEMBERS OF YCS/YSM:

1. Do a good deed everyday
2. Say a prayer for peace everyday
3. Respect your parents, teachers, elders and every human being
4. Fast a meal a week and share it with the poor
5. Respect the Mother earth and save its resources

CARDINAL JOSEPH LEO CARDIJN

- THE PERSON WHO INSPIRED US



YCS has the roots in YCW founded by Cardinal Joseph Cardijn in 1920s in Belgium after the 1st world war. YCS is an offshoot of YCW movement dates back to 1929 in Belgium.

Cardinal Joseph Cardijn:

Born in Belgium on 13 Nov.1882 (Nov 13 Founders day)

- His father had a small coal merchant's business. As a small boy he was helping his father. His hobbies were talking to beggars, cobblers, sailors, bakers etc in the village square. He used to help them in their work. His mother used to give him money saying "have money - you will meet beggars- give or spend. Choice is yours".
- He was Sensitive to every type of human suffering. But one group got his attention. They were factory workers. He heard their cry. He used to peep and see them working from his home. Workers were going with their children to work. He used to wonder where the little ones were going - places they do not belong to! So as young he had a deep concern for people, a great sense of justice - qualities which YCS greatly values.
- After his school studies his parents thought of taking him a job in the factory with the other working class boys. But he had other ideas-to become a priest. He joined the seminary. After some time his father died. Seeing his father who had worked hard all his life, he swore to become a priest of the working people. While on holidays from seminary, workers saw him as a little priest who joined with other forces that oppressed. This wounded him. But he vowed 'I will give my life to saving the working classes of the world'.
- He was ordained Priest on 22 Sept. 1906. He went around finding solutions for the workers from the trade unions, scouting etc. But was not satisfied. In 1916 during the war, he worked actively in the underground. He was arrested for speaking against German armies. During his time in prison, he set plans and directions for YCW.
- **First YCW:** First he founded a group for young women needle workers and also a group for young working boys. He said "we are setting out to conquer the world". In 1924 the young trade unionists became YCW with the

founder Joseph Cardijn as National Chaplain.

- **First:** He wished to create the most powerful, strongest, most united organization in which workers feel the solidarity of their interests and the invincible power of their union.
- **Second:** To enable each worker to educate his own individuality, to uplift himself morally and intellectually so that he may feel the need of more wellbeing and more justice.
- **Approach:** Changing the whole environment that surrounded young workers. His saying **"You don't give tonic to the fish that is suffering from the effects of polluted water, you have got to change that water.....the environment"**
- In March 1925 Pope Pius XI received the founder in Rome and gave the Movement the sanction of the Church.
- On 12th Feb.1965 Pope Paul VI consecrated him as a bishop and made a Cardinal.
- Cardijn passed away on the night of the 24th July 1967 at the age of 85.
- **"We are still at the beginning, we are always at the beginning, we are just beginning."** Was his famous saying.

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NORTH EAST - THE PARADISE UNEXPLORED

7 SISTER STATES

North East which is known for its enchanting beauty of mountainous regions endowed with thick evergreen forests and peeling mystery of variety cultures, creed, colors, customs, languages & dialects, etc. comprises of seven states viz: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura. These states cover an area of 255,511 km², or about 7 percent of India's total area with a total population of about 44.98 million, 3.7 percent of India's total. Although there is great ethnic and religious diversity within the seven states, they have similarities in political, social and economic contexts. It has its own history, ethnic and religious composition, natural resources, independence, and origin of the sobriquet, etc. which make one surprises and wonder of this unexplored land of North East India.

History

When India became independent from the United Kingdom in 1947, only three states covered the area. Manipur and Tripura were princely states, while a much larger Assam Province was under direct British rule. Its capital was Shillong (present day Meghalaya's capital). Four new states were carved out of the original territory of Assam in the decades following independence, in line with the policy of the Indian government of reorganizing the



states along ethnic and linguistic lines. Accordingly, Nagaland became a separate state in 1963, followed by Meghalaya in 1972. Mizoram became a Union Territory in 1972, and achieved statehood - along with Arunachal Pradesh - in 1987.

Ethnic and religious composition

Except for Assam, where the major language is Assamese, and Tripura, where the major language is Bengali, the region has a predominantly tribal population that speak numerous Tibeto-Burman and Austro-Asiatic languages. Meitei, the third most spoken language in this region is a Tibeto-Burman language. Hinduism and Christianity are the predominant religions in this region. The large and populous states of Assam, Tripura and Manipur remain predominantly Hindu, with a sizable Muslim minority in Assam. Through the work of Christian missionaries, Christianity has become the major religion in the states of Nagaland, Mizoram and Meghalaya.

Natural resources

Main industries in the region are tea-based, crude oil and natural gas, silk, bamboo and handicrafts. The states are heavily forested and have plentiful rainfall. There are beautiful wildlife sanctuaries, tea-estates and mighty rivers like Brahmaputra. The region is home to one-horned rhinoceros, elephants and other endangered wildlife. For security reasons, including inter-tribal tensions, widespread insurgencies, and disputed borders with neighboring China, there are restrictions on foreigners visiting the area, hampering the development of the potentially profitable travel tourism & Hospitality industry.

Interdependence

The landlocked Northeastern region of the country comprises seven separate states whose geographical and practical needs of development underscore their need to thrive and work together. A compact geographical unit, the Northeast is isolated from the rest of India except through the Siliguri Corridor, a slender and vulnerable corridor, flanked by alien territories. Assam is the gateway through which the sister states are connected to the mainland. Tripura, a virtual enclave almost surrounded by Bangladesh, strongly depends on Assam. Nagaland, Meghalaya and Arunachal depend on Assam for their internal communications. Manipur and Mizoram's contacts with the main body of India are through Assam's Barak Valley. Raw material requirements also make the states

mutually dependent. All rivers in Assam's plains originate in Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and western Meghalaya. Manipur's rivers have their sources in Nagaland and Mizoram; the hills also have rich mineral and forest resources. Petroleum is found in the plains.

The plains depend on the hills also on vital questions like flood control. A correct strategy to control floods in the plains calls for soil conservation and afforestation in the hills. The hills depend on the plains for markets for their produce. They depend on the plains even for food grains because of limited cultivable land in the hill.

To provide a forum for collaboration towards common objectives, the Indian government established the *North Eastern Council* in 1971. Each state is represented by its Governor and Chief Minister. The Council has enabled the Seven Sister States to work together on numerous matters, including the provision of educational facilities and electric supplies to the region.

Origin of the sobriquet

The *sobriquet*, the Land of Seven Sisters, had been originally coined to coincide with the inauguration of the new states in January, 1972, by Jyoti Prasad Saikia, a journalist in Tripura in the course of a radio talk show. Saikia later compiled a book on the interdependence and commonness of the Seven Sister States, and named it the *Land of Seven Sisters*. It has been primarily because of this publication that the sobriquet has caught on.



Message

I am happy to note that the National Commission for Youth (Young Christian Students / Young Students Movement (YCS/YSM) will have its National Council at Bethel, Shillong from 19-28 May 2013 and will be releasing a Council souvenir at the end of the National Council.

*Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in his message for the Twenty Seventh World Youth Day held in Madrid 2012 said to the Youth: Be enthusiastic witnesses of the new evangelization! Go to those who are suffering and those who are searching, and give them the joy that Jesus wants to bestow. Bring it to your families, your schools and universities, and your work places and your friends wherever you live. You will see how it is contagious. You will receive a hundredfold, the joy of salvation for yourselves and the joy of seeing God's mercy at work in the hearts of others. And when you go to meet the Lord on that last day, you will hear him say: **"Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your master's joy"** (Mt 25:21) May this desire of Pope Benedict be realized in and through the National Council.*

*I sincerely hope that the theme of the Council namely, **"Students education in modern era"**, with the thrusts on **"Interculturality, Religious Pluralism and Universal Culture of Love and Life"** will inspire and clarify the vision of a new way of being Church, lead to deeper understanding of Youth involvement in Building God's Kingdom of love, peace and harmony.*

I invoke God's blessings on the organizers and specially our youth.

+ *Oswald Gracias*

Oswald Cardinal Gracias
Archbishop of Bombay & President CBCI

N.B: Thank you for your generous contribution



Member
Mizoram Legislative Assembly
Aizawl, Mizoram



Message

I am delighted to know that the YCS/YSM India and YCS/YSM North East Region are organizing the YCS/YSM Formation Session and XVI National Council on the theme "Students' Education in Modern Era" from 19th – 28th May, 2013 at Bethel, Shillong, North East.

It gives me great pleasure to write a message to the students' member of YCS/YSM India, because, it is in them and this movement that I invest all my thoughts and my vision. My sincere wish to all the Students, Animators and Chaplains would realize if "We become the Weapon of Change" in this beautiful country India. I do hereby invite all of you to make a change in building a new society – God's kingdom.

My heartfelt gratitude goes to National Chaplain Fr. Charles Menezes, Regional Chaplain Sr. Agnes Sanihe, MSMHC and wish them the very best for the successful organization of the YCS/YSM Formation Session and XVI National Council at Bethel, Shillong, North East.

John Siamkunga

N.B: Thank you for sponsoring Resource Materials



Message

I am glad that the YCS/YSM is organizing a programme with the theme “Students education in the modern era”, at Shillong from the 19th to the 28th of May 2013. It is an occasion when students from all over India train themselves for creative leadership and mobilization of peoples power for social change.

The youth movements “Young Christian Students” and “Young Students Movement” are active and effective in different educational centers and all the dioceses of India. The training programme is focused on the formation of students and teenagers, particularly stressing the integral and holistic development of a person which would lead to personal transformation and bring them closer to God. His Holiness Pope Francis in his Message on Easter Monday has said that “Christ has fully triumphed over evil once and for all, but it is up to us, to the people of every epoch, to welcome the victory into our life and into the actual situations of history and society”. (2nd April 2013, Vatican City) Formation of young people with the values and virtues of the Risen Lord would shape them to be proud citizens, committed believers and develop concern for humanity.

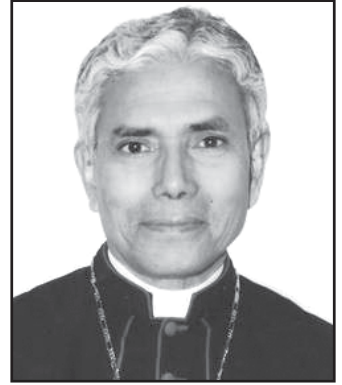
I congratulate Rev. Father Charles Menezes and the National Team on this memorable national event. I felicitate all the participants of this YCS and YSM training programme and all the Organizers, Resources Persons and Animators for their generosity and dedication. I am with you in spirit and praying for you for God’s grace, guidance, inspiration, enlightenment and blessings. In conveying the Apostolic Blessings of His Holiness Pope Francis, I remain.

Your’s sincerely in Christ

Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio
Apostolic Nuncio

N.B: Thank you for your paternal blessings

Message



*My dear young friends,
Prayerful greetings to you all!*

I am happy that you have successfully held the National Council and hope made remarkable inroads towards giving a new direction to the movement to forge ahead with faith according the signs of time. I am sure that it will pave way for another successful era ahead for the next team and term.

I had the privilege to participate in one of your NTA/EXCO meeting at Gujarat and I wondered how committed and dedicated you are to the cause of YCS/YSM which has made a deep impact on your personalities. At this young age, your enthusiasm and lively thoughts at discussions were an eye opener to me and I resolved to do even more than what I have been doing so far to accompany you. I hope you have kept up the same flame in the National Council as well.

Hearty congratulations to the Northeast region for accepting to host this event and doing every bit of it for the success of this council.

Unfortunately I could attend the National Council due to my meeting at Rome. I prayed that all of you may achieve what you want to, in the interest of young students and teenagers of India. At the end of it, I hope you all have grown in faith in Jesus and resolve to work for the salvation of hundreds of your friends by being witnesses to them through the "Word" who dwelt among us.

The theme that you have chosen "Students education in the modern era" and deliberating on the specific thrusts on Interculturality, Religious Pluralism and Universal culture of Love and Life, will enable you to understand better the reality in the society and help thousands of our members to adapt themselves to the situation at present, which will pave the way for a successful career. Remember that you have to give much more to the society than you have received from it, coz God blesses you in the measure you give.

I appreciate the efforts of Fr. Charles, our National Chaplain and the former NTA/EXCO members who have spent almost two years in preparation for this event and Northeast region for their goodwill. I wish all the very best for the present NEXCO team to bring about a change which we all aspire for. May God bless you all.


- **Archbishop Leo Cornelio,**
Bishop in charge, CBCI Office for Youth.

N.B: Thank you for your generous contribution



*Rt. Rev. John Thomas Kattrukudiyil
Bishop of Itanagar Diocese
Chairman Bishop of NERYC*

Message

I am very happy to know that the XVI National Council of Young Christian Students and Young Students Movement will be held from 19 to 28 May 2013 at Bethel Barapani, Shillong North East Region and that the theme of the council would be "Students education in Modern Era". It gives me immense joy to note that around 200 students from 11 regions across the country will be participating in the National council to study and reflect on the theme and plan for the future.

YCS/YSM is a formative movement. It helps and evaluates the lives of the students and brings attitudinal changes through the methodology of SEE, JUDGE and ACT. It helps them to improve their personality, talents, and leadership skills and overcome fear, shyness and develop self confidence. Above all this movement prepares the students to become better youth for our society.

Education as we know is the most important means for individuals to improve personal endowments. It helps students to acquire knowledge, assimilate it, and interact effectively in the society. It gives them a platform to grow into fully integrated persons. So it is necessary for every YCS/YSM student to take education seriously. I am grateful to my brother bishops of North East; North Eastern Regional youth commission team who are cooperating to make this event a memorable one.

Most Rev Bishop John Thomas Kattrukudiyil

N.B: Thank you for your support, guidance & contribution



Message

Hello YCS/YSM young friends,

*I am very happy to tell you that North East was so **fortunate to host the XVI National Council, at Bethel, Barapani, 19th to 28th May 2013.** At first, it was a worry for us as to how to organise and manage the ten nights and ten days programme, though we had the VIII ICYM National Convention conducted at Shillong Archdiocese. But, the words of Jesus, “fear not I am with you”, really pushed us forward to take courage and do it. The number of meetings and preparatory sessions, all the more set us to move forward. We geared up as the days came closer, everyone felt that it is our programme and so let us do it.*

*On 18th May as the delegates started reaching North East, what joy filled our hearts seeing the delegates though, unknown brothers and sisters. No sooner we meet each other, we felt like belonging to the same family. What was that made us feel so? It is the YCS/YSM Creed which reads, **all human beings are created in the image and likeness of God, with equal dignity.** When we realise this fact we really forgot all our differences and began to live not like friends but, like brothers and sisters. This was the feeling of every delegate taking part in the XVI National Council, **though, belonging to many cultures, races, and creed.** The National Council really brought the **Young YCS/YSMers to live happily and joyfully**, creating an atmosphere of brotherhood and sisterhood.*

I would like to thank Fr. Charles Menezes, the National Chaplain of YCS/YSM and all the NEXCO's for suggesting to hold the XVI National Council at North East, not forgetting Sr. Bhanu Daimary, MSMHC then the Chaplain of YCS/YSM, North East, who said YES to the whole programme. I too take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Our Regional Bishops, NERYC staff, DYD's, DYLA's, and special thanks to Regional YCS/YSM co-ordinator Sr. Agnes Sanihe, MSMHC, for taking up all the responsibility to hold this Council.

*To conclude, **Let YCS light shine, Let YSM light shine, bright and clear for all the world to see.***

Fr. Marcus Lakra SDB NERYC, Director

N.B: Thank you for your wholehearted support and active participations



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Message

Cardinal J Cardijn had a far reaching vision when he said “Every young worker is worth more than all the gold in the world.” He saw the potential in moulding future leaders who will in turn stabilize and add value to society. The International Young Catholic Students (IYCS) and the corresponding YCS/YSM national units are results of his brainchild IYCW which has been revolutionizing youth formation globally.

It is an honour to know that the Indian Young Catholic Students/Young Students Movement (YCS/YSM) celebrating its 47 years of service to the teenagers of India is holding its XVIth National Council at Bethel, Shillong, Northeast India and; that after more than 25 years of its existence in Shillong, YCS/YSM Shillong gets the prestigious honour to host the XVIth National Council.

Every student, animator, ExCos, NTAs and Chaplains past and present should be proud of this journey and this movement. As a former National Exco I’ve been blessed and will always be indebted to the movement’s formation methodologies of See-Judge-Act.

Congratulations to everyone involved both at the State and National level. Here’s hoping and praying that the movement will always continue with the same fervour to bring about positive change in the lives of the student leaders and the society at large.

With pleasant wishes from the beautiful hills of Shillong, Meghalaya.

Edward Thma, Shillong

N.B: Thank you for sponsoring bookmarks

Message

Move forward as torch bearers...

It makes me really glad to learn that the YCS/YSM, North East Region is hosting the National Council this year. It's a matter of pride for all those who are a part of this movement in the region. As we all know that North East India is a home of diverse cultures with its own natural beauty. I'm sure that there will be a lasting impression on all those who participate in this great event.

As a youth director of Diphu diocese in the region, I know the challenges the promoters face when they are in the field. In spite, the NERYC team and the DYDs have done tremendous work in promoting the movement in the region. It'd be worth grabbing this opportunity to congratulate and appreciate the wonders YCS/YSM regional team has done. It is my utmost desire that the methodology, "See, Judge, and Act" not only remains for the members of the movement, rather they become useful instruments in spreading this methodology to everyone in the society to make our society a better one. I hope that, this council will take a step further in the growth of the movement especially, to have many more dedicated promoters to achieve the aim "to build a new society- God's Kingdom".

- Fr. Saji, DYD Diphu Diocese



Message

Dear Father Charles,

I just wanted to say congratulations on the success of the council. It was wonderful to be there though for a very short period. It was really nice to see everyone so active and participative. It reminds me of the good old days. Happy for all those who were part of it, at least these are the moments and experiences for them to keep for their lifetime.

With you as our guide YCS India will never go astray. You have brought a lot of changes to YCS. You have worked hard and I hope and pray that one day we will get our recognition as true YCSers.

All the best and best wishes,

Balawansk Adreena Lynrah
Shillong



N.B: Thank you for sponsoring Notebooks

The President Speaks...

THE REAL SUCCESS



"Do your duty and a little bit more with perseverance and you will always have success"

It is a simple fact of our daily life that only few of us fully follow and are satisfied with whatever duty we need to finish in every single day. We have noticed people who want to get away with doing as little work as possible, provided they get their pay at the end of the week or month. Then there are those who are continually grudging the work they have to do and they would prefer not to do it. On the other hand, there are people who are always ready to do more than what they are being paid for. Out of these popular people in the work place we find people who are willing and happy to do their job, get more satisfaction from doing their duty and that is successful for each one of them.

Real success is the combination of a whole lot of things. We can say that many great thinkers were successful in their own ways but there is no other person who has been more successful than JESUS. His readiness to sacrifice his life for his people was his mission and that makes him a successful person ever. True success comes only with a lot of sacrifice. Hence, sacrifice done with enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When we do anything let us do it with our might and put our whole soul into it. Stamp it with our personality. Be active, be energetic and be enthusiastic and faithful. With these we

will be able to accomplish our objective. Nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm. Success and enthusiasm are two things that go hand in hand but it is always enthusiasm that precedes.

Success is for everyone. God intends success for all of his creatures. All we need is to be ready and available as Benjamin Disraeli says "The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes". Hard work, dedication to the job at hand and the determination whether win or lose are the prices of success.

Sacrifice is a choice. It does not come by chance. The greater the sacrifices the more we climb the ladder of success.

The real success to be achieved by all YCS / YSMers is to do something for transforming the world. We can bring joy and happiness to the broken world by spreading the light of Christ to our companions through our little acts of charity and words of encouragement.

I thank you for giving me a chance to serve you in this movement and I promise to change myself and be a change that you wish to see in me as a witness to the world. Let's build this New society unto the perfect example of Kingdom of God.

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world".

- Jimmy Pdang

National President 2013-2016, YCS/YSM India

THE JOURNEY THAT I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD TRAVERSE....

- Dymphna Joyce John, Kolkata

National President 2010-2013, YCS/YSM, India



The journey.... that began amidst confusion and tears....

The journey... that takes a new turn now... yet leaves me in crossroads of my life as a more joyous, a more responsible and a more confident person...in all a "Changed person"!!!

It is this remarkable journey's experience that I take the unintelligible joy of sharing with you...

It all began in the year 2009 when I joined YCS (reluctantly though), on the very first day as my unit President, all under the generous guidance of Sr. Regina, my first Animator. Then I made it to a work camp organised by YCS Kolkata and that marked the first transition in me, from a timid and pampered child to one who learnt to wash her clothes for the first time in a hardly usable toilet!!! From a girl who hardly worked at home to a girl who rebuilt roads for villagers in a village affected by a cyclone... that was my first change. There happened the encounter with four very special souls who are the sole reason for me being The Ex National Convenor I am today- Fr Jude Sebastian, Suzan di, Amit da and Jyoti di. All of them saw the potential in me even as I was ignorant of... They took me for the NATIONAL COUNCIL in

Mangalore and there I fell in love with the YCS movement. Six months from then, I was elected as the National Convenor... I was shocked... More disappointed cause somehow I thought I wouldn't be able to do justice. Perhaps I came from a conservative family. Amidst tears a wonderful animator Miss Bipasha held me and said I was to do it and I would do it right!!! I was very happy for the only reason that my Nexcos were amazing and my Chaplain certainly the BEST!!! He won my family's heart and trust so easily that they sent me for all my endeavours with full faith on me and my movement!!! It was his hilarious yet remarkable sense of dedication that gave me the confidence to cross boundaries...and made me realise that I don't come from a "conservative" family but am happy to belong to a "protective" family. I then embarked on the journey... the journey of discovery...

I discovered the sense of sacrifice and humility in my ever hard-working partner Frank, the admirable strength in Jovita....the power to make your presence felt in Valan.... the aura of being so gentle yet so firm in Laranzia...the beauty of just a smiling face in Jennifer... the warmth of a loving brother who delightfully kept you

happy in Melwyn... the art of fighting your own battle with determination and faith in Alice ...happy go luckiness of Mohit.... The victory of love over language in Neelmani and the fieriness of living amidst struggle in Sugandha ... the astonishingly sweet nature of Rosaline and the awe inspiring benevolent yet soooo loving and stern motivation of Leo anna!!! All perfectly blended with the garnish of Fr Charlie's endearing and enterprising nature made our dessert of the YCS NEXCOS perfect!!!

I hold great admiration for Fr Esthakiyus, Fr Ranjith Minj, Fr Philip, Fr Chetan , Fr. Bala, Fr Mari, Fr Mark, Sr. Agnes, and Fr Sabu who graced this council with their presence and made it all the more meaningful, working with them for the last three years, it is their determination and love for YCS that fills me with joy. A special mention to Fr Ranjith for always being there, be it a meeting or a leadership programme I commend him for his full attendance all throughout and making such a big impact on YCS Orissa!

My heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for all the spiritual and financial support from His Grace Archbishop Leo Cornelio, who stayed with us one entire day during one of our Nexco meeting, making us feel so special and part of the CBCI Youth Commission. Thank you! A Big Thank you to the CBCI for having loved and supported us for the last three

years. We look forward to the same support so that all the coming Conveners may know the joy of being a Young Catholic Leader under your guidance like I did.

How could I not mention my Anna- the man of less words and more action...the man who breathes YCS and lives the spirituality ...the man who sharpened us the NEXCOS into whatever we are and the only man who accompanied and supported our beloved Chaplain in innumerable ways... the man who himself is a role model for so many... Thank You for being there Leo anna. I mean it when I say I don't know what I would have done without you!!!

Last but not the least my sincere gratitude to all of you reading this... because the fact that you are reading this article in the souvenir declares how you are in some special way related to and hence part of my favourite YCS movement...with the definite assurance that as a YCSer your contribution, however small, has in some way changed your life and that of others, I'd like to thank you for that!!!

Three years before, my first message as the newly elected National Convener, I envisaged a dream of my tenure as a leader being the canvas and the many YCS experiences being the shades of colour and you dear YCSer being the brush.. I would like to declare with immense joy that now as I look**my Canvas looks Beautiful!!!!**
THANK YOU!



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Message

To the 16th National Council of YCS/ YSM India,

It is our great joy to send you the greetings of the IYCS International Secretariat on behalf of YCSers around the world. As you gather together for this important occasion we want you to know that you are united in solidarity with 3.5 million members of our movement around the world.

The theme “Students Education in Modern Era” is a crucial one for us all. We congratulate you your decision to SEE, to JUDGE and ACT in this area!

This weekend of your Council, as we celebrate together the Feast of Pentecost we see that you are gathered like the disciples, ready to receive the new burst of spirit that will send you back to the student world ready to create the peace and justice that is needed.

And of course this call for peace and justice is the Universal Culture of Love and Life which is something common to all our different religious traditions. We remember from our visit to India learning the chant “YCS, YSM, We are ONE!” We hope you continue to give life to this song is your movement there.

We urge you to ask yourselves these questions throughout your National Council and Formation Session, taken from our plan of Action for 2013-2015.

- ◆ How are we developing the level of student ownership in our movement so that high school students are truly the leaders taking the key decisions in the movement?
- ◆ In every situation we examine, what are the causes or consequences of this that go beyond our own national borders? How can we therefore link with YCS members in other countries.
- ◆ How can we connect our local and national actions with the IYCS global campaign “Fight Poverty-Build Peace” focused on the Post - 2015 Development Agenda and the Education for All goals.

You are all in our prayers and we hope we are in yours

Yours in Peace and Solidarity,

Devett O'Brien

On behalf of the IYCS International Team

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Message

TO ALL STUDENTS, ANIMATORS CHAPLAINS, SPEAKERS, AND GUESTS OF THE INDIA YCS/YSM FORMATION SESSION AND 16TH NATIONAL COUNCIL IN BETHEL, BARAPANI, SHILLONG, INDIA

Dear all,

SALUTATIONS AND WELL WISHES FROM THE IYCS ASIAN SECRETARIAT

May the blessings of the Holy Spirit fill and empower you especially after just celebrating the Feast of Pentecost and a warm greeting from the Asian Secretariat of the International Young Christian Students (IYCS) in the Philippines.

I would like to first apologize for not being able to make it to this youthful and meaningful event after the India YCS/YSM National Team together with Reverend Charles Menezes have graciously extended an invitations. I believe it is myself and my team mate who is feeling more unfortunate for not being able to join all of you gathered in Shillong.

Both my team mate and I wishes to express how glad and proud we are of the India YCS/YSM for being able to organize the National Council for the 16th time, this truly reflects how our members from India are full of zeal in the mission to improve and change the student world. We also find it inspiring that this event took place two years after the monumental IYCS World Council in Delhi which again, India YCS/YSM made us proud. This is the kind of spirit and passion in which more students in Asia, and even the world, look up to.

With the theme, "Students' Education in the Modern Era" which focuses on issues such as interculturality, religious pluralism, universal culture of love and life, and the environment, evidently displays both new and continuous efforts that the world needs today. Being the world's second largest populated country in the world, India is undoubtedly full of a variety of cultures and religions, which is a wonderful element yet often viewed as difficult by many in the world. Ask yourselves, how can peace and harmony be expressed in such a diverse country and what will you do about it? What is the definition of love and life in today's world? In a world where fast-paced developments are taking place especially in the region of Asia, what are the costs to attain them and what are the effects on natural resources?

Through the 16th National Council, let us not only be contented to represent our local cells and groups from the different parts of the country. Rather, let us learn from one another and motivate each other and find more efficient and effective means to generate more impactful changes and actions both locally and even globally. As the late Cardinal Cardijn strongly believes in the young workers of his time that they are able to make meaningful changes, I strongly believe that you too can make equally impactful actions, with the cooperation and support of parents, family members, teachers, animators and chaplains as well.

I wish to thank all the students, parents, animators, teachers, chaplains, resource persons, speakers, honorary guests and all the others who have contributed to make this event happened. A special thanks go to Reverend Charles Menezes, the National Chaplains and the India YCS/YSM National Team for giving us the opportunity to take part in such a significant event. I wish everyone all the best and may God Almighty bless you.

Sincerely,

Ralph Balan Langet
 Coordinator

SCHEDULE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

- 19th pm: Arrival and registration; Putting up of Regional exhibition, Introductions, Expectation sharing, Committee division, Rationale
- 20th : Orientation to the Council & Present day reality of the movement Presentation of the new Excros, Inaugural Mass Inauguration of the Council and Exhibition – Key note address on theme, Welcome performance by LOC
- 21st: **SEE** - Orientation to Exposure – Based on the new theme Exposure - Experience Sharing, Reporting on the exposure
- 22nd: **JUDGE** - Deepening of the theme & Thrusts
Input on Interculturality - Reflection on Study theme
YCS spirituality, Theological Reflection & Review of Life
Input on Promoting culture of love and life - Reflection on Study theme
- 23rd: **Input on Religious Plurality** - Reflection on Study theme
Deliberation on Cell life, Cell meeting, Animation
ACT – Evolving the theme, deepening the theme, Plan of action for the forthcoming 3 years –Personal, Regional, National.
- 24th: **National Council Proceedings: Agenda of the National Council**
Introduction of process, Rule of procedure
Regional Reports based on National theme & thrusts - Climate change, Food crisis and Human rights, YCS/YSM National Movement Evaluation Report, NT report, National Office Report, Presentation of Financial statement, Presentation of Budget, Draft of Council Statement
- 25th: Study and approval of YCS/YSM Constitution and amendments, Election of NT
- 26th: Darshan – Chirapunji, Mass, Caves, Shillong Peak, Cathedral, Shopping
- 27th: Final statement –Presentation and voting, Evaluation, Concluding Mass/program - Handing over of NT, LOC night/Campfire
- 28th: Departure – After breakfast

THE TIME-TABLE FOR THE COUNCIL

Day 1 19th May 2013

12.00 pm	Arrival, Registration, Lunch,
3.00 pm	Region-wise orientation and meeting Group building/ dynamics of the council,
4.00 pm	Putting up exhibition of the region
7.00 pm	Mass
8.00 pm	Dinner, Preparation for the next day

Day 2 20th May 2013

8.30 am	Orientation to the Council
11.00 am	Present reality of the movement
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	Preparation for Inauguration
4.00 pm	Inaugural Mass, Inauguration of the Exhibition
6.00 pm	Inaugural Program and Welcome performance by LOC/ Local Groups
8.00 pm	Supper
9.00 pm	Evaluation, Committee meetings, to bed

Day 3 21st May 2013 - Exposure

6.30 am	Mass, breakfast
8.00 am	Departure to exposure sites
9.00 am	Meeting, Sharing, Performance, Discussions, Clarifications, Reporting
1.00 pm	Lunch, Visit to Don Bosco Museum
4.00 pm	Back to venue, Sharing and Reporting of the groups, Thrust wise Compilation of the report, Get ready for presentation

Day 4 22nd May - 27th May 2013

7.00 am	Mass/prayer
8.00 am	Breakfast
8.30 am	Animation
9.00 am	Session I
11.00 am	Session II
12.30 pm	Prayer
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.15 pm	Animation
2.30 pm	Session III

4.30 pm	Session IV
6.00 pm	Long break
7.15 pm	Mass/prayer
8.00 pm	Supper
8.45 pm	Recreation / evaluation
10.00 pm	To bed

Meetings:

Steering committee, NTA/EXCO and LOC

24th May 2013: National Council -Time Table

9.00 am :	Opening Prayer
9.10 :	Roll Call
9.15 :	Welcome and Explanation of the Purpose of the Council
9.25 :	Introduction to Process, Explain Voting Rights, Establish Quorum
9.30 :	Vote on Rule of Procedure
9.40 :	Vote on Provisional Agenda
10.00 :	Regional Movement Reports
11.45 :	YCS/YSM National Movement Evaluation Report
12.30 pm :	Lunch
2.00 :	National Office Report
2.30 :	National Team report
3.00 :	Presentation of Financial statement
3.30 :	Presentation of Budget
4.00 :	Tea Break
4.30 :	Presentation of the draft of Council Statement
5.00 :	Any other matter

25th May 2013:

9.00 am :	Study and approval of YCS/YSM Constitution and amendments
5.00pm :	Election of NT

26th May 2013: Outing - Free day

27th May 2013:

9.00 am :	Final statement -Presentation and voting
11.00 :	Evaluation
4.00 pm :	Concluding Mass
5.00pm :	Concluding Program, Handing over of NT, LOC night/Campfire

28th May 2013: Mass, Breakfast, Departure

DELEGATES OF XXV STUDY & FORMATION SESSION & XVI NATIONAL COUNCIL - 2013

Archbishop Leo Cornelio - Chairman CBCI Office for Youth

Most Rev. John Thomas - Regional Chairman, Northeast

A. LOC and Organizers

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|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. Fr. Charles Menezes | - National Chaplain |
| 2. Fr. Mark Lakra | - NERYC Director |
| 3. Sr. Agnes Sanihe | - NERYC YCS/YSM Coordinator |
| 4. Sr. Regina Mareem | - NERYC RYLA |
| 5. Leo Joseph | - National Office Coordinator |
| 6. Sr. Paula Marak, DYD Guwahati | - LOC |
| 7. Pranay Minz, NERYC | - LOC |
| 8. Sanjeev Daroga, NERYC | - LOC |
| 9. Lohit Basumatary, NE RYP | - LOC |
| 10. Justine, NERYC | - LOC |
| 11. Fr. Felix Antony, DYD Miao | - LOC |
| 12. Sharmila Dhan, Diphu | - LOC |
| 13. Sr. Mary Stella, Nongstoin | - LOC |
| 14. Balawansuk Adreena Lynrah, Shillong | - LOC |
| 15. Emelan, Shillong | - LOC |
| 16. Ronica, Guwahati | - LOC |
| 17. Rebecca Khiangte, Aizwal | - LOC |
| 18. Balari Kharbani, Nongstoin | - LOC |
| 19. Fr. Athew Mathew, DYD Imphal | - LOC |

Jesus Youth - Guwahati - 5 persons

Mr. Celestine Lyngdoh - MLA of Umsning, Nongpoh - Guest of Honour

Ms. Joyce John - The Chairperson of NC

Sr. Mary Thomas, msmhc - The venue incharge

B. Resource Persons

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| 1. Fr. Mathew T. | 2. Mr. L.P. Xavier |
| 3. Sr. Philomena Mathew | 4. Edward Thma |
| 5. James Sylvester | - Moderator for Constitutional amendments |
| 6. Manoj Mathew | - Moderator for National Council |
| 7. Fr. James Chacko | - Moderator for Formation Session |

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1. Augustine Hrangkhawl
2. Euniki Molsom

3. Gilbert Lalhimpua
4. Helen Lalremruati
5. Cherrylyne Marbanian
8. Komolsing Rongpi
9. Nowami Singson
10. Trishna Gogoi
11. Ganguanglung Obadiah Malangmei
12. Ronaldo Dkhar
13. Dipanker Gogoi
14. Soney Mossang
15. Shintim Mossang
16. Humanso Tamblu
17. Joyful Paliar
18. Jimmy Pdang
19. Nancy Teresa Thomas
20. Lucy Anungsi Shimary
21. CM Mayonmi
22. Bishwamitra Kalita
23. Khongalou Azo Rosu
24. George Gilbert Lyngdoh
25. Christina Lalrinfeli
26. Andrew Malsawmtlunga
27. Monica Minj
28. John Thongni, NE REXCO President
29. Anita Tirkey, ICYM rep
30. Jyothi Tanimari

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1. Joyce John Dymphna, National President, WB Region
2. Jovita D'Souza, National Secretary, Karnataka Region
3. Frank Russel Felix, WB Region
4. Mohit Michael, Bijhan Region
5. Rosaline Hansda, Bijhan Region
6. P. Laranzia, Tamilnadu Region
7. Valan Antony, Tamilnadu Region
8. Alice Antony, M.G. Region
9. Melwyn Titus, M.G. Region
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11. Sugandha Barla, Odisha Region
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E. Bijhan Region

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3. Fr. Edwin Correa - A

4. Fr. Ronald Veigas - A
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6. Sr. Pushpalatha - A
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8. Avil Prakash D'Souza
9. Rosalia Cardoza
10. Melwyn D'Costa
11. Sheetal Lobo
12. Roshan Melwyn Lobo
13. Frivita D'Souza
14. Justine Pinhiro
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6. Bipin Kishore Kullu
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5. Kingshuk Middy
6. Vaishali Longma
7. Suzan Munurose Topno
8. Annette Ling

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2. Simran Monica Sharma
3. Merwyn Edward

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1. Sharine Preminger - A
2. Manuel Jude
3. Jude Anil

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Logistics & Transportation	: Pranay, Sr. Agens, Fr. Mark & NERYC
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Program Committee	: Fr. Felix, Emelan, Joyce, Johny, Sr Agnes & NERYC
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Animation and Cultural Committee	: Fr. Felix, Lara and groups
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Rosaline Hansda	Mohit Michael
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George Lyngdoh	Christina Lalrinfeli

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Fr. Sudhir	Manuel Jude
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Amiyalata Tigga	Praveen
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Jyoti Toppo	Deepak Sulia
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LIST OF BISHOPS FOR DAILY HOLY MASS

DATE	REGIONS	MAIN CELEBRANT	THEME
19.05.2013	Excosp	Rt. Rev. John Thomas, Regional Bishop-in-charge of Office for Youth, Bishop of Itanagar	Students for Love & Friendship
20.05.2013	Northeast	Most Rev. Dominic Jala, Archbishop of Shillong	Students for Knowledge & Understanding
21.05.2013	Northern	Bishop Jose Mukala, Umroi	Students for Educational Rights
22.05.2013	A.P	Rt. Rev. Michael Akasius Toppo, Bishop of Tezpur	Students for Social Rights
23.05.2013	T.N	Most Rev. John Moolachira, Archbishop of Guwahati	Students for Justice & Peace
24.05.2013	Orissa & W.B	Rt. Rev. Andrew Marak, Bishop of Tura	Students for Human Rights
25.05.2013	Bijhan & M.G.	Most Rev. Thomas Menampampil, Archbishop Emeritus of Guwahati	Students for Christian Leadership
26.05.2013	M.P	Fr. Alexander, DYD of Bhopal	Students for Commitment & Life
27.05.2013	Karnataka	Rt. Rev. George Pallippambil, Bishop of Miao	Students for Spread of Good News
28.05.2013	Excosp	Fr. Charles Menezes, National Chaplin	Students for a New World

YCS/YSM INDIA



Ms Betty King

Introduction and Basic Information:

What is YCS/YSM:

It is a student movement where students come together in small groups of 8-10 to share their interests, problems, experiences, anxieties etc and find a solution of their own through the YCS methodology See, Judge and Act i.e. Awareness, Reflection Action and Evaluation.

History:

It was founded in Belgium somewhere around 1928. It was inspired by YCW groups founded by **Cardinal Joseph Cardijn in 1920**. Later on accepting the suggestion of **Pope Pius XI** initiated the Young Christina Students (YCS) in 1931. Though its roots were found in India in 1950 by the visit of German and Sri Lankan YCS leaders, it was said to be started in Madras by **Ms Betty King** a YCW extension worker/ volunteer from Australia in 1960-1962.

It was officially organized by **Sr. Jeanne Devos ICM** on 16th January 1966 at Chennai for the YCS groups of Madras and Bangalore. IYCS Chaplain Fr. Louis Sena was present at that occasion. YCS and YCW groups of boys and girls were recognized by the CBCI in 1966 under INCAL. Some guidelines were outlined by the student representatives for the



-Sr Jeanne Devos ICM

movement at Madras in 1968 and with the appointment of **Sr. Jeanne Devos ICM** as the **First National Advisor CBCI** officially recognized YCS movement on **6th December 1969** as a National Movement in India and YSM was recognized in 1970 for the students of other faiths. The Movement was affiliated to International Young Catholic Students (IYCS) as Collaborating movement in July 1969 and member movement on **14th August 1970**. With the formation of CBCI Youth Commission YCS/YSM was recognized officially by CBCI in **September 1981 as National Catholic Organization engaged in service of Young and Humanity**.

Beginning: Topics like Students Life, the World around Them, Faith, Reflection and Social Work etc. were the focus of interest in the movement, in these early days. However, from 1971 awareness of the need of an involvement in national issues began to intensify. Many members had gone to help in the Andhra cyclone in 1967 and the Bangladesh refugees in 1970, while in their respective places units took up collection drives for these helpless people. This experience of involvement with the people inspired members to commit their life to the service of poor villagers. At this time village projects in Orissa and Goa came into existence (YSMD).

The first National Training Program for animators was held at Holy Cross students Home Bangalore and an orientation session for student leaders and animators in Bombay. Social consciousness and social responsibility began to make a positive impact on the movement and the movement was then ready to accept this as its orientation and final objective.

Now the YCS/YSM in India caters to the students of High School, Higher secondary, Junior College. It sees to an all round personality - development, leadership - training and a greater depth and breadth of vision of Christian life and action. The movement helps the student from a tender age to become conscious of his social surroundings, to eschew the narrow limits of caste and provincialism and to work towards greater understanding and deeper fellowship with others in a spirit of Christian attitude and commitment. The movement encourages the student to work together for the development and upliftment of the human person.

While the traditional Catholic associations like the Sodality, Vincent De Paul and Legion of Mary, etc. are playing an important role, they do not seem to be adequate to fulfill the needs of the student in the modern context of India, where students, have to mix with others of diverse religious convictions, values and attitudes. The YCS/YSM is making conscious efforts to fulfill this need so that the Christian student already from a tender age may be encouraged to collaborate with brothers and sisters of other faith in the making of a truly human society.

In particular, the movement attempts to make the student more aware of:

- a) His/her importance as a person and personal responsibility as a Christian or a child of God.
- b) The pressures and forces which break up persons and society
- c) The ways and means to counteract the above mentioned pressures and forces through meaningful actions and programs where-in he / she gets an opportunity to evaluate values and attitudes worthy of a Christian and a human being
- d) The need and necessity to play a more conscious role in his / her Christian witness and commitment.

YOUNG STUDENTS' MOVEMENT (YSM):

In 1970 the First National Council was held in Pune where the student delegates evaluated the Movement. YCS had a deep impact on the students of other religions who, right from the beginning, had shown a keen interest in the movement. YCS gradually opened its doors to the Students of other faiths. Hence in 1970 some of the students initiated the name YSM (Young Students Movement). This is a significant contribution of the Indian YCS to the International YCS. Since then students belonging to various religious beliefs and social backgrounds had been searching together to find a new identity in the society and their role in building it. Today YCS / YSM exist in most of the states of India, with ever increasing active and dedicated leaders.

Present scenario:

The student members are drawn from the age group of 13 to 18 or in some cases 21. At present, the Movement exists in **65 Dioceses** in India out of 164 dioceses and has around 1.5 lakh student members and around 3000 dedicated Animators and youth workers spread out in 12 regions. The Movement has formed active and dynamic church leaders, social workers and liberators who are involved in the process of socio-economic-political-religious welfare of the people all over the country.

VISION:

To evolve a new society, where people live in harmony, where there is total freedom for the complete growth of the individual, where each and every person is respected in dignity hence valuing peace, love, truth, justice and equality.

Aim: "Building A New Society" - God's Kingdom.

Objectives: Self change - Change others

- ❖ To help the students to realize their response to the situations, the signs of the time and the people they live with
- ❖ To create awareness and enable the young to participate in the life of the society as a liberative force.
- ❖ To orient the students towards building up a Basic Human Community at all levels.
- ❖ To train the young through self-discovery, personality development, interpersonal skills, analytical and critical thinking, counseling, formation, animation and group reflection.
- ❖ To foster a good and effective leadership committed to faith and social norms.
- ❖ To enable the students to take up their responsibilities by strengthening their values, attitudes and faith.
- ❖ To make greater efforts to organize the rural and unorganized students/young and conscientize them for their integral development.
- ❖ To bring unity, peace and harmony promoting ecumenism and inter-faith dialogue
- ❖ To foster Eco-spirituality and holistic health
- ❖ To collaborate with other similar and likeminded Movements and organizations.
- ❖ To work in fellowship and solidarity with young people all over the world to serve their real and concrete needs.
- ❖ To enable the personal growth of catholic children, students and young people promoting and strengthening their faith and commitment in Christ and Church and society.
- ❖ To enable the students to have better understanding of religion and a deep personal experience of God in their life.
- ❖ To start, organize, revitalize and strengthen the Movement at Regional, diocesan and unit levels.
- ❖ To help the students to imbibe kingdom values.

Methodology: See, Judge Act, (Awareness, Reflection, Action) - **Review of Life.**

YCS METHODOLOGY (Review of life)

- a) It is not mere technique; rather it is a way of life, an approach to life or reality to make our lives more purposeful and useful accomplishing. For the success of the review, we have to believe in the process of becoming and God is active in History and speaks to us through the events of life.
- b) The Review of life is the main method of formation used by the YCS. It helps the students discover God in their world and the response they make. Through it they learn what their vocation is here and now in daily life, the role God asks them to play as co-creations in the plan of salvation.
- c) Family, School, Neighborhood, Parish are the immediate environments that immediately shape the students' values and attitudes.
- d) The Review provides them with the opportunity, the motivation, and the means to reflect on and deepen this natural involvement with others in a group. They can come to learn what God is saying in daily life and what He is asking them to do, supported and challenged by the group.
- e) The awareness of the environment at a deeper level, behaviour, attitudes, values, the causes and effects of a particular situation and every other information had through the methodology followed by reflection and

action from sound principles. It solves the dualism between faith and life, religion and social involvement.

- f) Joseph Cardijn developed the review as a way of helping persons discover and respond to the contradictions between faith and the reality of people's lives in the world. The method of Review of Life is (See, Judge and Act) Awareness - Reflection - Action.

AWARENESS:

The review of life follows a way of critically questioning the reality in which we live, because there are more things below the surface than what appears to us and they are taken for granted. This awareness, rather than 'blind seeing', is not limited to external only but tries to see the reality in depth: behaviours, attitudes, values, morals, the causes and effects of a particular situation, and every other fact that could be fitting for an intense understanding. To do so, we follow a way of consciously living in the present situation making an attempt to discover, asking questions -

- ❖ What happens? When? How? Where? Who are involved?
- ❖ What are the causes and consequences?
- ❖ Who favours and opposes the event?
- ❖ Why?

REFLECTION:

The various values, attitudes, actions, facts, etc. are reflected upon with reference to the teachings in the scriptures. This avoids both irrelevant and intellectual discussions, and a reflection with prejudices, proceeding to solve the dualism between faith and life,

religion and social behaviour. Reflection in groups helps the group to discover in and through a common vision. The group is thus more committed to each other and to the group life. Ask them while reflecting -

- ❖ What does the religion tell us of those values?
- ❖ What attitudes and values do we think people should adopt in such situations and Why?
- ❖ Do Jesus/ your religion/belief promote or discourage these values? How?
- ❖ What is our personal opinion?
- ❖ What needs to be changed - in you, - in others, - in the situations?

ACTION:

The YCS/YSM is a dynamic movement. Responding to a stimulus is a natural tendency. Here this stimulus is the effect of "Awareness, Reflection". Are you satisfied by the existing unjust situation? The option of change can only be decided by Plan of Action. Are you going to make a commitment to change that reality and make it human and Christian?

- ❖ With what actions are you going to respond?
- ❖ What are you going to change in yourself first? How?
- ❖ With whom are you going to share these values you have discovered? How?
- ❖ Is there something you can do about the 'fact' you began with? How?
- ❖ What you need to do as a cell or unit?

EVALUATION

In your life, in and outside the movement, reflection on the success or failure of the action is an integral part of Review or Evaluation. It is at this stage that you will learn from your Actions positive or negative.

- ❖ How was the co-operation of the members?
- ❖ Was the action carried out at all?
- ❖ Did it produce a basic change - in you? - In the situation / problem?
- ❖ Did you gain experience?
- ❖ Did it increase your awareness?
- ❖ What was the personal effect on the people involved?

CHARACTERISTICS: It is a movement of gathering and sharing of experiences of the members and evaluating the life situations to form an attitude towards value based pro life actions.

NATURE OF THE MOVEMENT

(1) It is a Movement:

It means that it is not stagnant. It is ever ready to change for the better. It does not stress rigid fixation. It is viable, making it relevant to the needs of the time. It is creative and dynamic in its presence in History. It is not a set form static organization with unchangeable rules and regulations. It forges ahead, ever changing, growing and becoming.

(2) Students' Movement:

Similar to the words of Abraham Lincoln, we could state that the movement

is by **the student, of the student and for the student**. Opinions of students are voiced freely in the movement. Student committees plan, conduct and evaluate all programs with the help of animators. YCS / YSM is neither an organization nor a club but a movement where students search and struggle together for a better growth and to live a meaningful life. The movement is not limited to the students' life in the school but also in his mentality and outward behaviour in his neighborhood, home, etc. At present the membership is largely from high schools and junior colleges (+2). However attempts are being made to extend the movement to technical schools and teenage dropouts.

(3) An Awareness Movement:

The students try to know themselves of their personality traits-intellectual, physical, spiritual, social and psychological. They must be aware of their student milieu – The conditions of students in the various areas of the society whether it be home, parish, neighborhood or school. Historical awareness that brings to light the various forces that control the students in the religio-politico, economico-cultural world.

(4) An action - oriented Movement:

The movement stresses the aspect of action for transformation. It is not just a discussion group. It is an awareness and reflection group that brings about changes through action in the social, cultural, intellectual and spiritual areas of the student world.

(5) A religiously inspired Movement:

God is the ultimate force, who motivates the student to build a better

society and His presence is experienced in every aspect of the movement. Though it is a Christian inspired movement it helps every person to understand and practice his religion. YCS / YSM students are fully determined to respect others' religious feelings and views and strive to work together as brothers and sisters.

(6) A cell based Movement:

It consists of 8 to 12 members. It does not believe in bigger groups. The advantage is that in the cell they feel a sense of belonging, acceptance, better participation, better involvement, action and inter-action. The cell life helps for the identity search and development of the talents. It inculcates more responsibility and accountability.

SPIRITUALITY:

The movement is rooted in a spirituality of action and reflection. It calls to enlighten oneself and enlighten others. It is a call to promote human rights and restore human dignity thus affecting harmonious living. Thus the methodology becomes Review of Life, Way of Life and Spirituality of the movement.

Relationship with Reality – My presence in the Reality– Truth of Life

Relationship with God – Presence of God in the Reality/ Scripture – Truth of Faith

Relationship with the Other - Process of becoming/Transforming self - Truth of Method

Cells are the basic units of the movement.

Student members become a well knit group in sustaining the fraternal relationship in sharing the life experiences to accept each other as their own.

Animators are the backbone of the movement.

Animator is a friend, guide, the one who accompanies the members always in their growth process. The Animator needs to have a deep faith in God and Prayer, Commitment to Word of God, commitment to Student members and colleagues and commitment to God's Kingdom. He/She needs to be a visionary and learner, accepting and listening to students as they are in their spiritual and growth process.

STRUCTURE OF THE MOVEMENT:

Cell : Group of 8 - 12 having a Leader and Secretary for the Cell

Unit (Parish/School): Cells form unit having President, Secretary, Treasurer and Animator

Diocese : Units form Diocesan team (DTA/DTS) - DEXCO

Region : Dioceses form Regional team (RTA/RTS) - REXCO

Nation : Regions form National team (NTA/Exco) - NEXCO

National Chaplain, National coordinator, Convener, secretary, treasurer

Asia : Asian team - Office in Manila, Philippines

International YCS: International team - Office in Paris, France

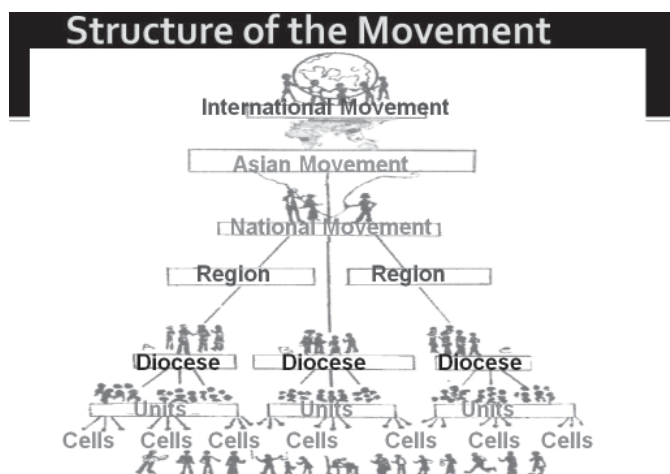
YCS IN ASIA: In Asia, the YCS has a history of over 50 years. The privilege of being the oldest movement in existence today goes to Sri Lanka. We are present in:

South Asia : Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

South East Asia : Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia

East Asia : Hong Kong, China, Korea and Taiwan

Extensions : Brunei, Japan, Macau and Myanmar



The Movement in Asia is coordinated by the International YCS Asian Secretariat is usually made up of two lay persons, one lay animator and one Chaplain. The Asian team is given a three year mandate to promote the work of IYCS.

ASIAN TEAM: This team takes care of the movement in Asia. The National YCS / YSM have been able to offer considerable support and leadership to the movements in other

Asian countries and have undertaken to work in collaboration with our neighboring countries in Asia. The Asian Council elects the AT for a term of three years. The Asian office is in Manila.

YCS INTERNATIONAL: International, YCS office is in Paris which co-ordinates Member Movements of 85 countries. It consists of one Secretary General, one Program coordinator and a Chaplain. It has an advisory body and an International Committee comprising of one representative from each region. The International YCS organizes International Committee meetings every four years to evaluate and prepare the orientation of the IYCS.

Finally what does YCS/YSM do: Build friendship, encourage and support each other, review of life and plan actions for and with people respecting the age levels of its members, formation of students to social awareness, responsibility, leadership and involvement in the spirit of faith, hope and love as the fundamental work of YCS/YSM.

CELL MEETING: YCS/YSM is a cell based movement. Once a week groups of 8-12 students sit in cells for 45-60 minutes avoiding class room atmosphere to share their feelings on the given situation. Topics should be student related issues which happen frequently, that needs immediate attention and that leads to possible action plan.

- ❖ A YCS/YSM Cell consists of 8 to 12 students freely come together, to discover the meaning of their lives for themselves, for others and for the society.

- ❖ They make their aim, the aim of the movement, i.e. to create a better place for people to live. And to this they follow the methodology of the movement in their lives and meetings (Awareness - Reflection - Action)
- ❖ They are like a family, accepting each other and supporting one another to grow.
- ❖ It is an action-oriented group. By their action, they involve in the lives of other people around them and help to create better circumstances of living.
- ❖ They are helped in all this by the animator whose guidance they need very much especially in the beginning.

YCS/YSM Cell Meeting: A meeting is where a group of persons come together to share, to discuss, to plan, to decide upon some issue. There are various kinds of meetings according to person's urgency and needs.

In an YCS/YSM meeting, a group of students come together to share about their life situations. They think reflect on self, situations and the purpose of their life. They relate to people, learn values in their group sharing and try to live them. He cherishes deep human values as equality, love, freedom and justice. They take challenges in life and struggle with people for meaning in life. In the course of the several meetings, they learn to believe in one another, help and build confidence and respect each other.

The meetings are held weekly or according to necessity and convenience. The

topics of discussion and sharing are chosen by the students, initially helped by the animator. A good meeting expresses the real life of the movement.

PROCEEDINGS OF A CELL MEETING:

- ❖ Start with an ice breaker followed by a short prayer
- ❖ Read out the minutes of the previous meeting
- ❖ Brief the group on the agenda
- ❖ Discuss on the selected topic in CELLS (keeping in mind the YCS methodology)
- ❖ Take specific group / individual activity to perform.
- ❖ Agenda for the next meeting
- ❖ Short prayer and close the meeting with YCS/YSM anthem.

CELL LIFE:

It is a setting where educational/religious proposals become personalized; it is a place for expression and responsibility; it is a place to prepare an action plan; it is a place of commitment and an opportunity for interpersonal communications.

What happens after cell meeting? :

Besides achieving the objectives, parent – student relationship increases, student relationship gets stronger, and their belongingness to the society (Church, institution etc) becomes meaningful.

Attitudinal change takes place, positive attitude increases, they study better, they face the reality better, they find meaning in helping others, their decisions gets affirmed and they take up leadership roles.

Remember they are coming from different backgrounds. All cannot be

weighed equally; they need to be recognized as they are and to be guided.

STUDENT REALITY:

Students in their teens, experience an urge to surpass others in everything. They aim at excellence and perfection. Yet being in a transition stage they experience insecurity, confusion, and conflicts of an emotional, intellectual and spiritual nature. This creates in them the need for acceptance, recognition, love, support and guidance from the people around them. It is as though their life is derailed, broken away from their childhood safety, without it yet not knowing where they are heading. The students are constantly searching for answers to their many questions.

It is the role of education, religion, mass media, the traditions and customs in the society to help them. The present education, though productive and functional, does not give full formation. The exam oriented educational system which stuffs them with information, is irrelevant to their actual life. Its very approach of pouring in knowledge smothers the creativity and individuality of the students. This educational system which should form the student and help him / her fight the evil forces of society is in fact fostering these very values of individualism, rivalry, inequality, and submissiveness to these very forces. The students are caught up in the educational system, which is used by the whole social structure for its own maintenance.

The family though providing the basic love, concern and devotion between parents and children, inhibits the freedom of

thought and action in the student through customs and traditions. The mass media creates a fantasy world, an escape from reality. It does not provoke thinking and creativity, but instills unhealthy values and attitudes which acts as opposing force in the student and add to his confusion.

As a response to this situation the YCS / YSM fulfils the student's needs of a more relevant education by promoting formation of students to social awareness, personality development, leadership and social responsibility which are geared towards making the student an effective instrument of social change.

ITS BASIC BELIEF:

God created man in His own image. In God we are related to each other as brothers and sisters. He calls us to share in His FREEDOM, LOVE and TRUTH. He endowed us with the powers and skills of body, mind and soul to beckon to this call to Freedom, Love and Truth among mankind. He invites us to build His Kingdom of Justice and Peace.

ITS' IDEOLOGY:

God made a Human 'Being' and not a human 'Bean' (Cardinal Joseph Cardijn). Movement acknowledges each person as person and not purely on the individual's qualities, good or bad. He / She is not an object. The Movement upholds Human Values. It strives to personalize, affirm and proclaim in thought and action authentic values. It systematically search's through review of life how to express the authentic values in the daily events of life, to bring about person in every man.

Why YCS/YSM for the teenagers?

1. This is the time of disintegration
2. Time of seeking attention
3. Time of seeking recognition
4. Time of seeking identity
5. Time of faith formation
6. Time of decision making
7. Time of attitude formation
8. Time to understand the childhood, elders, environment, reality and to get affirmed in the reality

They need to be organized to face the pressures of peer groups, mass media, change wrong attitude of the society and make them understand the world of true relationships. They need to be animated properly. They need role models and examples to be imitated, identified and belong to. They need to be integrated to build up their identity. It is the time of social exposure and excitement. It is the time of psycho-physical change taking place, hence needs to be guided properly.

CONCLUSION

YCS / YSM MOVEMENT AT GLANCE:

- ❖ YCS / YSM is a student movement. He / She observes, reflects and acts. He / She is religiously inspired to act. At the same time it is a cell-based Movement.
- ❖ The movement first originated from the Christian religious thought as the inspiration himself, Cardinal Joseph Cardijn was a Christian
- ❖ It has a dynamic presence in History,

alive to the student milieu and responding to its particular needs in relation to society.

- ❖ The membership is from High Schools, Higher Secondary, junior colleges, technical schools, parishes and hostels. It is making attempts to have membership for teenage workers, dropouts.
- ❖ It is an awareness Movement for it implies their search for social, cultural and spiritual concern of the varied situations of their environment in which they live. They, after being aware, reflect on the scriptural values to carry out definite and concrete plans of action.
- ❖ The members try to be aware of their own person, the milieu in which they live, the historical conditions, culture, political, economical and religious situations influences over people through the day to day events of life.
- ❖ It is a concrete and conscious action oriented movement for 'Being' within the scope and competence of the student.
- ❖ It is a religiously inspired movement because of the fact that individual members have to contribute from their respective religious heritage inspirations to achieve the goal of the movement. Practicing their religion according to their conscience and to the best of their ability is the very source of reflection for actions for the members of the movement.
- ❖ It is cell based movement because it

believes in the efficacy of small groups 8-12. It promotes participation, an atmosphere of homeliness, acceptance, and easy chance to discover them, creates opportunity for taking responsibility, easy chance to search together and break barriers of self-centeredness.

- ❖ It has strong belief in the group and its members. It presupposes to listen, communicate, share, participate and involve with an attitude of openness and belonging

Asia is said to be the fastest developing continent in the World. In the effort to catch up with the developed world, many countries in Asia embark on rapid economic development and modernization. This quick pace of change affects every sector of society but among the most affected are the students who have to cope with their personal growth and the expectations placed on them by parents, governments and society at large.

In Asia today we see tremendous changes in all aspects of our lives : political, economic, social and religious. The peoples of Asia, having lived in poverty for so long, are in a hurry to catch up with the rest of the world. For the past 20 years, governments in Asia have undertaken many and varied developmental policies in order to modernise their countries. To be more effective, the governments also encourage the citizens in general and private corporations in particular to play a bigger and active role in the economic development of the nation. Involvement of the private

sectors increased the cost of living by pushing up the prices of essential goods and increasing the charges of social services such as education, health care and essential amenities. Such trends saw the widening of the gap between the rich and the poor, thus marginalizing a large section of the population.

Even though the policy of development and modernization brought about economic wellbeing and affluence, many negative trends are beginning to surface.

Some of the negative trends that affect the students deeply are:

- a) **Consumerism** : a way of life which measures a person's worth in the externals, in what she possesses rather than in her being.
- b) **Individualism** : a way of life, which is interested only in the fulfillment of personal needs at the expense of others. Social issues are thus sidelined.
- c) **Technology** : though helpful, over emphasis on technology could lead to compartmentalization of life rather than its wholeness.

SPIRITUALITY OF THE YCS MOVEMENT

Spirituality is an integration of faith and life. Our 'Faith' is our belief in God, his works and his scriptures. Jesus has given us the truth by his message in the Gospel. It is through the worship of the sacraments, Holy Mass (the celebration of life), prayer, that we are in dialogue with Christ. He inspires us, motivates us and strengthens our dedication and commitment to create the 'Kingdom of God on earth'. This

Kingdom is nothing but life at home, school, neighborhood, society. In due process of change and creativity this challenge deepens and reinforces our faith - making it relevant to life. Thus one has to be a tune to the Voice of God. God's creative activity continues for human beings.

He wants to build a new world, a new heaven, a new earth. God is totally free, wants everyone to be free too. He invites us to participate in the struggle for freedom, the bonds of evil and exploitation. This liberation takes place first in us, in our values and life. All our actions become an invitation from God to create a new world.

In India where the movement is open to students from other religions, (YSM) the spirituality lies in the teaching of their Holy Scriptures.

METHODOLOGY

"Doing" becomes fruitful or effective when 'Becoming' is taken care of at every step. The richness of 'Becoming' and 'Doing' is based on the adherence to the methodology of YCS movement.

The process of review has three phases:

Observe: In short choose one fact. Get to know it deeper. Find out the people involved, their attitudes and values. Do these values exist in one's religion, politics and society? Are they present in our group? What are the causes for such a situation?

Reflect: What attitudes should people follow? What should the Group follow? What does religion tell us of those values? What stand should the group take? What needs to be changed in you?

Action: What is your step or group's step in practical action and follow up?

STARTING AN YCS/YSM CELL:

One interested person can be the beginning of a group. This person calls a few interested students and initiates a group. It can be informally or formally started. Knowing the talents, hobbies and interest of the young, begin the formation of the group from that level. Have spontaneous encounters at lunch break, after games, school, or church services and start off from there. Associate with group of friends or peer group.

Then prepare an official Notice concerning the Movement. Pass it around asking them to join. Through a formal speech, make known the Movement and ask them to join it. It could be followed by a camp, picnic or fellowship days.

Once it is initiated, make it a genuine community of love, acceptance, participation and involvement that leads to conscientious action. The meeting will depend on its purpose. You can have: **1) Review of life 2) Planning Sessions; 3) Leaders' meetings; 4) Evaluation meetings; 5) Fellowship meetings.**

Methodology, spirituality, vision, punctuality, participation, involvement, commitment, respect, acceptance, belonging and sharing should be kept in mind for an effective meeting.

The evaluation of the meeting or activity could be based on the preparation, accomplishment; regularity, progress; collaboration, support of each other;

weakness and strength of the members; action, transformation of the members and society, the evaluation meeting or any program.

How to start YCS groups:

- ❖ Brainstorming – Suggestions in a non critical situation
- ❖ Buzz Sessions – Consultation and discussion before a general sharing
- ❖ Group Dynamic “Games” – Learning through doing
- ❖ Provoked Incidents – To observe group response in real life situation
- ❖ Role Play – To present problem realistically to initiate discussion
- ❖ Miming – To present a problem realistically with imagination and variety
- ❖ Photo Language – Helps express ones views and discover oneself in the photo
- ❖ Film – To present a problem, life situation for reflection and action
- ❖ Songs, poems, quotations, Advertisements, etc. – To inspire life situations
- ❖ Symbols and objects – To express ideas, feelings, relationships etc
- ❖ Speeches – To present ones ideas for elaborate discussion, reflection and action
- ❖ Panel – To let different opinions expressed for reflection
- ❖ Debate – To argue a point of view in concise and logical way.
- ❖ Fishbowl – To increase participation
- ❖ Interviews – To become conscious of

opinions and enter into dialogue

- ❖ Survey – To find out the precise objective of the situation
- ❖ Awareness walk – To obtain first hand information and reflect upon it
- ❖ Case Study – To develop problem solving attitudes and skills
- ❖ Stepping into another's shoes – To become aware of life and problems of others
- ❖ Dreaming Dreams –Formulate vision for the future to give purpose to present life.

National office activities:

- ❖ NTA/Exco meetings
- ❖ National Animators and Chaplains Training
- ❖ NTA/Exco live in
- ❖ Inter-regional Leadership and Animation programs
- ❖ National Students Leaders Training Program
- ❖ Visitation to Regions and Dioceses
- ❖ National Council

Asian and International programs:

- ❖ South Asian Session (SAS)
- ❖ Asian Session and Council (ASC)
- ❖ International Coordination (IC)
- ❖ World Council (WC)

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ORIENTATION TO XVI NATIONAL COUNCIL - 2013

What is National Council:

The National Council is the highest legislative body of the movement - Apex Body of the Movement. It consists of the selected student representatives from the dioceses and selected animators from each region along with the NTA/EXCO.

It is held once in every three years having a National theme, input sessions, Exposure, Regional and National Reports and Evaluation findings help the delegates to analyze, study, reflect and to plan so as to give direction to the whole Movement.

RUNNING OF THE COUNCIL:

The NTA/EXCO with the help of the L.O.C will run the council.

XXV Formation Session and XVI National Council Duration, Place and Theme: 19th to 28th May 2013 at Bethel, Shillong, Northeast.

Study Theme of the Council: "Students Education in the modern era"

Thrusts: Interculturality, Religious Pluralism and Universal culture of Love and Life.

A. THE OBJECTIVES OF NATIONAL COUNCIL:

- To review and evaluate the action plan of the previous three years.

- To evaluate the movement reality
- To respond with concrete plans to the issues affecting the society
- To enlighten and empower the students to face the society
- Time of deeper reflection, evaluation and planning
- To challenge and to move towards realization of our dreams
- To focus more on the History and the spirituality of the Movement.
- To elect and approve the new National Executive Committee members
- To make amendments to the constitution and internal rules
- To make decisions on the basic policies and the orientation of the movement.
- To select a particular issue related to the life of the students for study
- To make action plan at cell/unit/diocese/region/national level for the next 3 years.

B. STUDY SESSION:

YCS/YSM Methodology-SEE, JUDGE & ACT

Exposure on the National Theme,
Input session on the theme and movement
Reports - Guide lines for reports
Spirituality and Theological Reflection

NATIONAL COUNCILS AND THEMES

Study Sessions & National Councils	Date & Year	Place	Theme
1 st Study Session	1966		Leisure activities
2 nd Study Session	1967		Encounter with Christ
3 rd Study Session	1968		Who am I?
4 th Study Session	1969		At home in today's world.
5 th Study Session & 1 st National Council	28 th Dec. 1969 – 1 st Jan. 1970	Pune	Say it as it really is.
6 th Study Session	1971		Towards a world without refugees
7 th Study Session & 2 nd National Council	7 – 13 th May 1972	Bangalore	The world around us: our concern.
8 th Study Session & 3 rd National Council	22 – 29 th May 1975	Bangalore	My response to our people.
9 th Study Session	1977		A new India: my responsibility.
10 th Study Session & 4 th National Council	27 th Dec. 1977- 2nd Jan. 1978	Nagpur	My school today and tomorrow.
11 th Study Session	1979		Reaching out the deprived child.
12 th Study Session & 5 th National Council	17 – 27 th May 1980	Poona	Education for our people.
13 th Study Session	1981		Education for a fuller life
14 th Study Session & 6 th National Council	18 – 28 th May 1983	Coonoor	Option for the poor (Part - I) in the school

15 th Study Session	1984		Option for the poor (Part - II) in the society
16 th Study Session & 7 th National Council	18 - 28 th May 1986	Ranchi	Students moved by faith towards option for the poor
17 th Study Session & 8 th National Council	14 - 24 th May 1989	Kazipet	God experience. Mass Media and Education
18 th Study Session & 9 th National Council	15 - 25 th May 1992	Mysore	Communal Harmony, Education of the heart and environment
19 th Study Session & 10 th National Council	18 - 28 th May 1995	Madras	Learn to Live, Live to Grow, Grow to Change
20 th Study Session & 11 th National Council	14 - 24 th May 1998	Calcutta	Enlightening the people for harmonious living God's Challenge today.
21 st Study Session & 12 th National Council	14 - 24 th May 2001	Sec-bad	Believe in Children's Dignity - Strengthen their Rights.
22 nd Study Session & 13 th National Council	9 - 19 th May 2004	Goa	Children, Image of the Divine, Ensure fullness of Life
23 rd Study Session & 14 th National Council	11 th - 18 th May 2007	Kovalam, Chennai	Empowering relationships for sustainable justice and peace
24 th Study Session & 15 th National Council	14 th - 20 th May 2010		Mangalore Responding to God's call to be simple, sincere and sensitive persons, let us envision and build a green and harmonious world
25 th Study Session & 16 th National Council	19 th - 28 th May 2013	Bethel - Shillong, NE	Students' Education in the Modern Era



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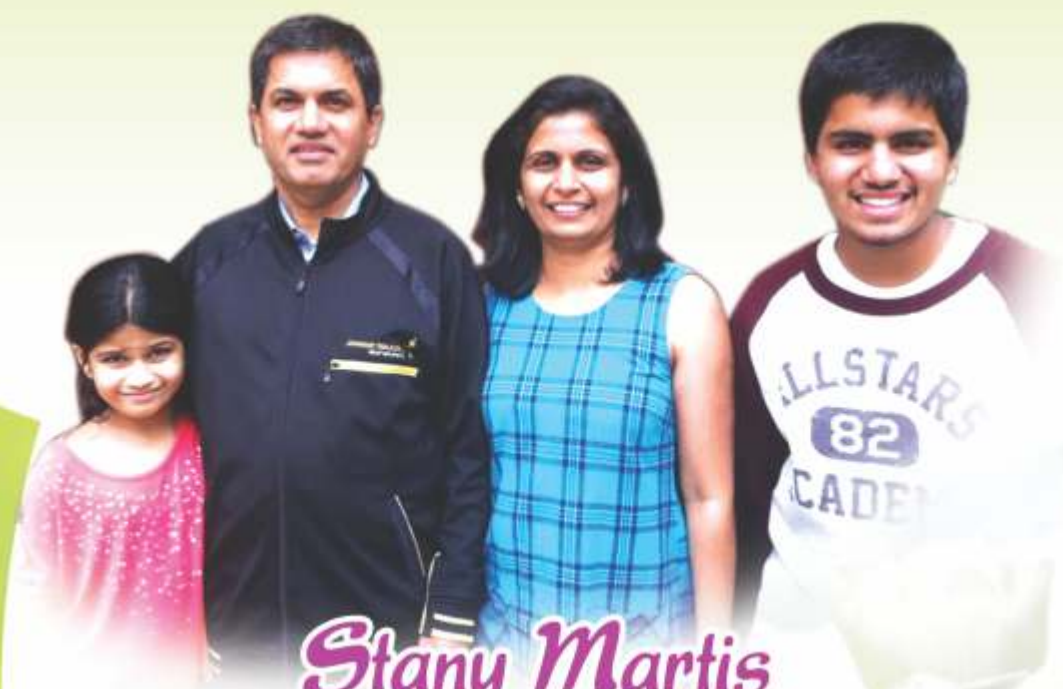






1. **Pencil:** Represents Educational rights for students
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 - a. **Green Leaf:** Hope and Environmental Conservation.
 - b. **Blue leaf:** Power and limitless ideas for students for building a society.
 - c. **Red leaf:** Sacrifice and bringing love among all.
 - d. **Golden leaf:** Excellence in every field.
3. **7 people on the hill:** Represent 7 states of northeast.
4. **1 bigger person in the middle:** All the seven sisters joining together with one Mother India.
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Article on the National Theme:

STUDENTS' EDUCATION AS MISSION IN THE MODERN ERA

This paper was presented at a seminar. This includes pointers which are very pertinent to our study theme. Some points are included to make it suitable to our theme. I request you all to go through this paper which will help us understand the theme better and that will help us elaborate on the thrusts and plan for the future course of action for our movement.

Introduction:

We are all partners in the mission of education. Thanks to our sense of shared mission we are able to carry on this great work in our institutions and associations with singular success. Therefore this study theme of Education in the modern era is indeed an occasion for all of us to come together and to reflect together on our common mission of forming and transforming the young people entrusted to our care. True, this is a challenging task. But, challenges are not necessarily daunting peaks to be painstakingly scaled. Rather, challenges are also attractive opportunities. Therefore a positive approach of enthusiasm, eagerness and personal engagement will help us understand the theme "**Students education in the modern era**" better.

Education is Mission:

As you know the Gospels describe Jesus as one who went about everywhere doing good to everyone through preaching,

teaching and healing. People called Him Teacher more than by any other title. What Jesus taught was about His Father. The Mission of Jesus was primarily to reveal the love, the goodness, the compassion, and mercy of His Father. Once the people really accepted that message they would be transformed, and as a result the world itself would be a different place. "Another world is possible" this seemed to be the message of Jesus a world transformed. A world where "life in abundance" is possible for all. He called it the Kingdom of His Father. It is the same mission that Jesus has entrusted to His Church. The Church is the servant of the Kingdom; the sacrament of the Kingdom; the nucleus of the Kingdom. All the service activities of the Church, be they her sacramental ministry, the ministry of the Word, the healing ministry, social ministry or educational ministry, are ultimately aimed at transforming the world into the Kingdom of God, making 'life in abundance' a reality. It is in this light that we have to understand Education as Mission.

Even though because of the changing situations and more pressing needs we make different options at different times in different countries, still, education has always had and will always have a privileged priority status in the Church's endeavor, because it is in the field of

education most of all that the human growth and transformation of the individual take place in body, mind and heart so that they in their turn become transforming agents in society. That is why even now, all over the world millions of students are being educated in an array of educational institutions such as Colleges, Schools and Technical Institutes. Everywhere the special focus of the Church has always been on those who are excluded and deprived of quality education so that they too have an opportunity to learn with joy and blossom in their human dignity.

Globalization and privatization has established the present social order that is extremely unjust and have created a very large degree of exclusion and consequent marginalization.

Presently in India Poverty, Inequality and unemployment are basically due to lack of education/deprivation of education. Therefore provision of a better education that can address the problems of our country should be the concern of catholic education policy.

Education is an essential tool for the full development of individuals and empowerment of people, especially of the poor and marginalized. Church is very much concerned about the poor and marginalized as a preferential option as Pope Francis says.

The Objectives of the Mission of Education: Here are 10 mission objectives of the Church's mission of Education:

1. Quality education to all: Every human being has a right to education. Not any

education but to quality education. This is not to be the monopoly of the privileged and the powerful but must be made available to all.

2. This basic human right is not just a right to go to school but the right to learn: Just by entering a class room the student does not necessarily learn. Learning is not merely picking up the art of reading and writing. In some educational institutions real learning does not take place. It is only when we learn that we really grow.

3. Searching for and acquiring the truth. As the Lord Jesus said: "The Truth shall make you free". Our students have to be enabled to arrive at this inwardly liberating truth. Presence of teachers is sufficient to teach how to read and write whereas we need 'Gurus' to lead us to the truth.

4. Critical reflection: This is particularly important today when there is a veritable explosion of mass media and an avalanche of information, both visual and textual available at the click of a mouse. We need to bring up a body of men and women who do not uncritically and mindlessly swallow everything that is dished out to them as the unimpeachable truth. Rather they should be able to critically analyze the information that they are constantly bombarded with in order to distinguish grain from the chaff.

5. Inculcation of basic human and universal values: Some values are perennial and universal. They cannot be confined to particular cultures and traditions. These values are essential for the very survival of humanity. Christian Education has to inculcate these values.

6. Human Excellence: Quality of being. Not so much academic achievement, athletic prowess or artistic accomplishment but constancy of character, integration of personality, nobility of relationships and practice of virtue. It is more important to know what kind of a person our student is than what marks or grades, diplomas or trophies he or she gets. Not even the economic success, political clout or social influence of our alumni/ae is to be the measuring rod to evaluate our educational enterprise.

7. Openness to the world of beauty, poetry and music: Christian education does not aim at Manufacturing human machines or robots. Life is not a factory. Therefore we have to educate our students to wonder at and appreciate the beauty and grandeur of Nature, music, art, architecture and poetry. Above all we have to awaken the heart, not merely feed the mind and inform the head.

8. Integral Education: Christian education has to be a fine blend of Imagination, Creativity, Critical Sense and Attitude of Service. The famous integration of Head, Heart and Hands means an integration of the spiritual, moral, affective, physical, academic, aesthetic, communitarian and social dimensions of a person's life.

9. Christian Education must form persons who are loving, not mere automatons: Love, compassion, kindness, tolerance, forgiveness etc are important in Christian Education. Such a person should be able to acknowledge, appreciate and enhance life everywhere.

10. Finally, the last objective of Christian Education is awakening and enlivening the spiritual dimension in our students: Our young people need to be open to the religious, mystical and spiritual dimension of human existence. This cannot be done by compulsion or coercion, but every Christian educational institution needs to have programmers meant to provide green pastures and life giving streams of spiritual sustenance to our young people. So too every Christian educational institution needs to have sacred spaces on the campus where our staff and students can enter into the zone of their inner life and bask in the realm of the Spirit.

The Pedagogy of Education as Mission:

Focus on the atmosphere that should prevail in a Christian educational institution: Education should take place in an atmosphere of freedom where the young people will be helped to interact with Nature, people, peers, mentors and whole wide world. There must be a lot of fellowship, friendship, joy, humor, laughter, playfulness on our campuses, not only at the early stages of education such as our pre-primary and primary schools but even at the graduate and post graduate levels. We need to involve the body in the process of transformation through education. Therefore, health care, yoga, physical exercises, good nourishment etc are very much a part of Christian campus culture. Christian educational pedagogy should not rely on a banking method of education where the students are made to cram with all the stuff that the teacher dishes out and

then reproduce it in their answer sheets. Rather ours has to be a pedagogy based on personal experience, invention innovation, imagination and creativity. Not learning theory from books but gleaning experience from life. Not learning to swim on the dry land but in the pools full of water.

With such pedagogy our Christian education will bear abundant fruits of joy in service, working for justice and collaborating with others on a common cause. Such pedagogy wills alumni and alumnae who are men and women of large hearts and high vision aims at transforming the individual in order to transform human society. Therefore we aim at the integral development of the human personality, by which we can form men and women for others, men and women who would be academically accomplished, morally upright, humanly sensitive, socially concerned and generally dedicated. Thus **Competence, Conscience, Compassion, Concern and Commitments** became five important aims of Christian model of education. Following the example of Jesus we question the so-called-values our contemporary culture propagates and ask whether another vision of reality is possible, another world is possible, a world of truth, peace, brotherhood, justice, fellowship, charity and humble service of our fellow human beings. We will find that it is indeed possible, provided human beings walked the way of Jesus. From being men and women lost in outward excitement, stimulation, pleasure, profit and activity we become men and women of deep thought, reflection and self evaluation.

We develop a reflective pedagogy. We learn to become aware of what is going on within us our thoughts, feelings and inner stirrings. We learn to sit the true from the false, the ephemeral from the enduring, the growth producing from the destructive. He begin to make choices and decisions not on the basis of our own likes and dislikes, our own preferences and prejudices, our own passions and attachments, but by the life, teachings and values of Jesus. We learn to cultivate an excellence which would be measured in terms of surrender of self love, self will and self interest. Our preoccupation now becomes how to excel in selfless service. With such a transformation taking place within us we begin to respond to the growing materialism of our day by the simplicity of our life; to the rampant cult of comforts and pleasures by a life of sacrifice; and to the craving for positions and power by humble service of fellow human beings. We seek to counter the shallowness of our times with an undiluted stress on solid learning and solid virtue. We make Reflection the key stone of our educational philosophy. Hence Contextualization – Experience – Reflection on Experience – Decision – Action – Evaluation become the key points in Christian educational pedagogy which is similar to YCS/YSM methodology of action - reflection.

In our times there are marked contrasts in India. We see enormous growth in economic power and at the same time abject poverty and misery. Palatial mansions of the rich exist cheek by jowl with the miserable hovels of the poor. We have the state of the art hospitals with the most sophisticated and

technologically advanced equipment and at the same time millions of our citizens are deprived of primary health care. We have many religions and very little spirituality. Globalization, poverty, social deprivation, religious fundamentalism, political corruption, endemic violence is eating at the vitals of our nation. Our educational institutions do not remain immune from this malaise. A market culture with the profit as the only motive has taken deep roots, finding expression in an obsession with high marks and ranks. Competition has overtaken the spirit of community and cooperative leaning. The students are gripped by the idea of lucrative gain, getting rich quick, wanting to pursue careers that bring quick financial rewards. They are dazzled by the latest electronic gadgets. They spend long hours surfing the internet. Ugly forces of division and disruption are raising walls between students along the lines of religion, caste, class, culture, language and region.

Mission to Transform:

Another world is possible only if the present social structures are transformed and only if individual human beings are transformed, this is what Jesus came to accomplish. This was His Mission. Therefore, we ask: what is our response today? **How would Jesus respond?** We have to delve deep into our own spiritual heritage and educational philosophy for an answer. This brings us to the four pillars of Christian Education as Mission:

1. Personal Transformation:

Christian Education has never placed

the emphasis only on academic excellence. It is created as a holistic formation - Integral development. The accent is on developing all aspects of a student's personality so that he or she grows as an integrated person. Keeping this in mind we focus on the following:

- Helping students develop a healthy self image through a positive school climate that creates an atmosphere of freedom and growth.
- Having a common minimum programme of participation in co-curricular activities resulting in students discovering their talents and developing them by putting them to the service of the community.
- Adopting programs in our schools that make for personal and social transformation e.g.: yoga, CLC, YCS/ YSM, AICUF, LTS, etc.
- Giving students the freedom to think, feel, judge and imagine, so that they remain in control of their lives.
- According high priority to programs that promote interaction among students so as to develop cross cultural friendships cooperation and leadership.

2. Intellectual Transformation:

Mastery of basic humanities and scientific disciplines through careful and sustained study, research, discovery and analysis based on competent, creative and committed teaching. In Christian Education special care is to be given to the imaginative, the affective and the creative dimension of each student in all courses of study. For this

purpose to be achieved the following is necessary:

- Activities that develop the creative abilities and affective dimensions of students.
- Training students to think, reflect, evaluate, analyze logically and critically.
- Making students active learners rather than passive observers.
- Project work that fosters cooperative learning that is joyful and interesting rather than competitive rivalry.
- Helping students to discover for themselves, arousing their intellectual curiosity and giving them the pleasure of personal research and discovery.
- Not clogging the minds of students with a load of information but creating an atmosphere of common search, critical analysis, free questioning and courageous expression of ideas and at the same time capacity and willingness to listen from one another.
- Developing critical outlook towards mass media, the techniques they use and the impact they have so that they are not easily manipulated by the media which seek to make choices for them.
- Promoting a culture of life in the school so that students learn to handle stress effectively and adopt a healthy life style.
- Encouraging athletics for all, with healthy participation and enjoyment and not competition and winning as the norm.

- Identifying skills and talents of every individual and developing them.
- Preparing students for life with skills that enable them to cope with life.

3. Social Transformation:

The primary educational objective of Christian Education is to prepare men and women at the service of others. Men and women who will live not for themselves but for their neighbor. Men and women who will be agents of social change. Men and women who will fight for justice for all. Communal conflict, social discrimination, gender justice, religious fundamentalism and crass materialism are some of the issues we have to deal with. Education must change the mindset of people. Hence we focus on the following:

- Admission policies that give clear advantage to the socially and economically disadvantaged groups.
- Recruiting teachers who are socially aware, sensitive and committed.
- Exposure programs for students to experience firsthand the situations of human poverty, misery, suffering and deprivation.
- Within the curriculum laying stress on justice issues.
- Enthusing our students to opt for social service among the poor.
- Helping teachers and students to confront their own prejudices.
- Teaching students to know and appreciate their own culture while at

the same time learning to appreciate and be open to other cultures.

- Including a respect for human rights, gender equality, communal harmony and ecological sensitivity.
- Cultivating attitudes of cooperation, kindness and harmonious living.

4. Spiritual Transformation:

Christian Education includes formation in values, in attitudes and in religious behaviour. Christian Education has to take place in the moral context. Hence we aim at:

- Helping students develop personal convictions in religious matters while at the same time learning to respect others' religious beliefs.
- Developing in them freedom from social conditioning so that they may make free choices and decisions and act out of convictions rather than conforming.
- Nurturing a culture that is rooted in trust, authentic relationships, service for all, inclusiveness, forgiveness, tolerance, reverence for the sacred, love of nature, respect for the environment and countercultural to the present trends.
- Training students to listen to their inner voice, the sacred zone of their life.
- Fostering an attitude of openness to the presence of the Divine in all things everywhere.
- Educating students in the tenets of

different faiths and through dialogue of life, prayer and action to cultivate in them appreciation and respect towards all religions while being rooted in their own faiths.

- Motivating students to live a life of integrity in spite of all pervading immorality, injustice and corruption in the world around them.

Practical Ways of Ensuring Education towards Personal Transformation:

1. Promoting a truly Catholic ethos based on Catholic intellectual traditions, vision and Value systems at the level of teaching, management and the overall educational programme.
2. Fostering and promoting Catholic values, faith formation, theology, Christian ethical principles in theory and praxis, especially when these institutions are situated in primarily Christian contexts and serve Christian and Catholic students. In non-Christian areas, misunderstandings and prejudices about the mission of the Church should be clarified, and a positive image of the universal values of the Christian faith developed.
3. Becoming agents of the evangelizing mission of the Church in ways that are appropriate to the particular socio-cultural, religious and economic contexts in which they work, especially in promoting dialogue between religions, cultures, reaching out in service with special attention to the

poor, and thus, foster mutual respect and harmony.

4. Developing a clear vision and mission, and become catalysts and agents in the promotion of universal values of human rights 'and dignity, social justice, freedom, solidarity, promotion of environment, gender equality and integral development.
5. Drawing up common guidelines and parameters for teaching and research, to define their Catholic identity in the context of religious pluralism and cultural diversity that is so characteristic of India.
6. Paying attention to careful recruitment, and on-going formation and training of the teaching staff. Irrespective of their religious identity, educators ought to be moulded in the overall mission of the Catholic institution they serve as educators.
7. Fostering a student-teacher relationship that leads to fruitful and lasting mentoring, guidance, and exchange both within the campus and later in their professional areas of work.
8. Promoting greater networking and collaboration among universities with communication programs, effective student and staff exchange, common updating, on-going formation and training programs, as well as sharing in the area of research, development of resources, teaching aids, publications, and electronic exchange. Collaboration with other Christian educational institutions and those of other religions should also be promoted.
9. Forming and training students to become responsible communication/media professionals with effective language and technical skills, enabling them to be integrated and ethically sound individuals rooted in Christian values, social responsibility and commitment.
10. Encouraging staff and students to be leaders, administrators, civil servants, politicians and to participate in mainstream media and professional organizations through their publications, productions and become agents of advocacy for the common good of society.
11. Developing systematic research on social, religious and ethical issues; Conduct periodic evaluations, feedback and review of the methodology, content and impact of formation and training programs for individuals and society.
12. Using the modern means of communication, but also promote, with greater commitment, alternative and low cost media in the academic curriculum, communication, theory and praxis to bridge the information divide that characterizes the communication situation in India.
13. Reaching out to the students of other faith and evangelizing them through the social and spiritual values will help

each one build ones' own self, especially through health and body fitness, emotional and psychological maturity, social sensitivity and leadership, intellectual and cognitive skills, moral and spiritual growth.

Conclusion:

YCS/YSM as a church association should promote quality and relevant education in the form of action reflection methodology (See, Judge and Act) to all, in particular the marginalized section of the society. An education that frees persons from social conditioning such as caste, creed, class, gender and other culture related prejudices, that prevent them from living as free persons. An education that fosters pluralism, cultural and religious diversity, individual and collective freedoms and respect for all and appreciation of differences. An education that forms men and women of character and patriotism and above all competence, conscience, compassion, concern and commitment, who will contribute to the evolution of a counter culture of peace and harmony.

Counter culture means dehumanizing culture of consumerism, greedy capitalism, competition, communalism, violence, caste, and class and gender bias. It promotes counter culture as against mono culture, where persons are important than things, inclusivism against exclusivism, inter religious dialogue and respect for other religions, religio-cultural pluralism as against cultural

monism. It also promotes belief of men and women for others, holistic formation of persons and transformation of society, experience based socially concerned curriculum, lay participation and collaboration. It promotes education to holistic transformation of persons, citizenship, empowerment of dalit, tribal and women and eco sensitive education.

It will promote societal transformation of each one's profession, career, job, social responsibility; preferential commitment to the marginalized, address the problem of dropouts, make everyone a winner and skill based, make students as stakeholders being transparent and accountable to what they do; human rights and child rights, child labour free, responsible parenthood and protection of environment.

We need to promote a campus culture with Christian values that respects diversities of language, cultures and religions. The curriculum should focus on religion and moral education, culture of life and ecology, human rights, gender equality, exposure to the realities of poverty, social analysis, secularism, patriotism and other relevant issues. It should promote learner centered pedagogy, cooperative learning methods instead of competitive methods, excellence keeping in mind the various talents of the students instead of preparing them only for the academics, cordial relationship with the local community to promote communitarian activities without prejudices.

INTERCULTURALITY

What is Interculturality? Interculturality came into currency a few years ago. This is very significant development with regard to the change in the perception of 'the other' by another cultural group of people towards another different cultural group. This cultural group brings us to another question i.e. what is culture. Culture is a very wide term which includes both material and non-material aspects. Culture consists of language, beliefs, religion, custom, technology, attitudes, ways of thinking, ways of life, science, art, institutions, laws, philosophy, rules of etiquette, sexual practices, food habits etc. In other words, culture includes everything that human being has created in a particular society. Interculturality has become very important in the present day world as more and more people migrate and move from place to another or from one country to another country in search of better life and greener pasture or opportunities. In some cases people migrate to escape from conflict, or persecution of various types. Interculturality can also generate racism, tribalism, nationalism, sexism, xenophobia between the native or indigenous people and migrants competing for scarce resources and employment opportunities. The positive side of interculturality is that there can be

mutual enrichment and creativity. Certain cultural blindness which an insider is already accustomed to, can be detected and pointed out by an outsider. Lastly interculturality can in its true sense of the term protect and promote the diversity of cultural expressions. In other words, interculturality can promote cosmopolitan outlook through healthy cultural cross-fertilization.

What is religions pluralism? It is primarily an attitude or policy of respect or toleration towards the diversity of religious belief systems in a society. What does religion consist in? it has a set of belief, a set of value and a set of ceremonies. The conflict between religions is mainly in the area of rites and rituals. The claim of superiority with regards to the belief systems leads to serious conflict and sometimes war. Since belief system or world view is not based on scientific or rational thinking, one should not adhere absolutely to the sole and exclusive claim of truth. As for example, if Judaism, Christianity and Islam respectively claim their own only real revealed religion by God then serious conflict/war is inevitable as evidenced by history during the crusade war in medieval times. Two or more religions with mutually exclusive truth

claims are equally valid can lead to peaceful co-existence in a society.

The attitude that the exclusive claims of truth of different religions turn out, after serious reflection and meditation to be just variations of similar universal truths that human kind has evolved since time immemorial. In order to have harmonious co-existence between different religions, the adherents should try to live by the value system of their religion and not so much emphasis on the myths, rites and ceremonies.

Lastly the universal culture of love and life can be developed if the adherents of

different religions make effort to live by the cardinal virtues and values of their own religion. It is because at the essential level, no religion preaches hate and destruction. Any evolved human being values love, life, justice, peace, compassion, sympathy, empathy etc. To promote the culture of love and life, we ordinary mortals should emulate the lives of Christ, Buddha, Lao-tzii, Muhammad, Bahaullah, Kabir, Guru Nanak, Socrates, Mahavira, Ramana Maharshi, Diogenes etc. the culture of hate and violence is the product of the disease of narrow mindedness.

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YCS/YSM INDIA REPORT OF XXV STUDY & FORMATION SESSION

Held at BETHEL, SHILLONG, NORTHEAST, from 19-28 MAY 2013

Day 1 - 19th May 2013: The 120 delegates representing 11 regions of YCS/YSM India from all over India have gathered at Bethel on 19th May for the XVI National Council.

On 19th as they gathered here were involved in the orientation of the programme. National Council takes place once in three years. It evaluates the movement activities for the past three years after the previous council held in Mangalore. The theme was **“Responding to God’s call to be sincere, simple and sensitive persons to envision and build a green and harmonious world”** It also dealt with thrusts of **Climate change, Food rights and Human rights**. A lot of action oriented programmes were conducted by all the units in different ways all through the past three years. The council now evaluates the programmes in view of activities conducted as well as personal growth and transformation of every individual which is the objective of YCS/YSM, Change self – Change others.

The objectives of the National council are as follows:

- To review and evaluate the action plan of the previous three years.
- To evaluate the movement reality
- To respond with concrete plans to the issues affecting the society

- To enlighten and empower the students to face the society
- Time of deeper reflection, evaluation and planning
- To challenge and to move towards realization of our dreams
- To focus more on the History and the spirituality of the Movement.
- To elect and approve the new National Executive Committee members
- To make amendments to the constitution and internal rules
- To make decisions on the basic policies and the orientation of the movement.
- To select a particular issue related to the life of the students for study
- To make action plan at cell/unit/diocese/region/national level for the next 3 years.

In the evening the group dynamics was held to make the participants know each other and responsibilities were divided. The delegates got involved with the exhibition process and in the evening had the Holy Mass offered by Most Rev John Thomas, Bishop of Itanagar and North East Regional Youth Commission Chairman invoking the power of the Holy Spirit as the day being the Pentecost.

Highlights of the day:

- There was only one wash room given to all the girls at Guwahati, in spite of that difficulty all of them were on time.
- It was great that breakfast was arranged on the journey.
- Cordial welcome given by the LOC at Bethel
- All the delegates and LOCs were friendly so there was a good ambience created
- Food was good
- Girls need a few more beds so that they can sleep comfortably.
- Orientation to the Council and putting up of exhibition was a unique experience.

Day 2 - 20th May 2013:

On the 20th morning Mr. Leo Joseph dealt with a session on Orientation to the Council taking details of the process on all the past councils and its effect on the movement in general. The Fr. James Chacko with the help of the NEXCO members divided the group in to 4 and dealt with the movement's present scenario. The present Nexco members especially Lara, Jovita and Joyce helped him in this process.

In the evening at 4 pm the Inaugural Holy Eucharist was offered by Archbishop Dominic Jala, Archbishop of Shillong accompanied by Most Rev. John Thomas and the guests from Northeast. Soon after Mass the regional Exhibition was unveiled by Archbishop Dominic Jala. Then the official inauguration programme took place with the hoisting of the YCS flag and pledge

taken by the delegates. Local MLA Mr. Celestian Lyngdoh graced the occasion and declared the National Council open followed by lighting of the lamp and singing the YCS anthem. After which the programme was held in the Council hall. Bishop John Thomas blessed and prayed over the delegates for the success of the programme. On behalf of Northeast Fr. Felix and on behalf of YCS/YSM the National President Joyce John welcomed the guests of honour and delegates.

Umroi aspirants of msmhc, Guwahati youth, JY Shillong, Fernando Speech and Hearing Centre students, Mr. Edward and friends from Shillong presented the cultural items. Archbishop Domonic Jala in his presidential address stressed the need of young people coming together and performing things which would give glory to God and put themselves in the service of the society. He applauded the efforts done by YCS/YSM movement in this region and wished the participants all success. He also thanked the National Chaplain Fr. Charles for organizing this programme in the Northeast which would make a big difference in the ongoing faith formation of the young budding teenagers. MLA Mr. Celestian also expressed his happiness over the programme and wished that all of them would be at the service of humanity. He stayed on till supper and interacted with the delegates. With the vote of thanks and Council anthem the programme concluded at 7.30pm.

Highlights of the day:

- A really good orientation given on Cell, History, aims and review of life.

- Rice at both times is not comfortable (if curd and chapatti can be provided?)
- Session on ROL taken by Joyce John and Leo Joseph was really enriching
- Sessions by NEXCOs were really good however better coordination and time management was required
- The exhibitions put up by the various regions gave us an experience of the variety of culture present in our country
- During the inauguration programme it was heartwarming to see the deaf and dumb dancing.
- The welcome ceremony was held in grand manner.
- The LOCs did an excellent job. Though they are few in number but still they managed pretty well
- Joyce John's speech during the inauguration was inspiring
- Choir for the mass was good.
- Animation, evaluation and time management committee needs to do a better job.
- All the performances in the inaugural programme was good
- Prayer was really good however confession was not necessary on the first day
- MLA's speech was short and sweet.
- Time table needs to be prepared early to avoid confusion and sessions should start on time irrespective of how many come.

Day 3 – 21st May 2013:

The day began with the Mass offered by Bishop Emeritus Jose Mukala, Umroi, in which he stressed the need of educational rights of children and our responsibility to work for this cause. The delegates had an unique experience of Exposure to the reality of Shillong as a part of their movement methodology. The movement has a methodology called SEE, JUDGE and ACT. Accordingly as the first act of the formation session the delegates were divided into 8 groups and sent to various places to have an on the spot awareness of the real situation in the society. The methodology continues with the other aspects in the days to come.

Exposure visit – SEE : Day's Time Table

9.00am	Reach Exposure site. Introduction – What is YCS/YSM? Why this theme? Why this Thrust? Input on the theme, thrust and exposure. Interaction – Questions in the groups on Religious Pluralism and Universal Culture of Love and Life - Key Learning
1.00pm	Concluding remarks and thanking the groups for their hospitality
3.00pm	Visit to Don Bosco Museum. Interaction with the Brothers on Interculturality

Note: SEE: 3 Reasons – Experience the Reality, Learning Process, Critical Thinking

Your Story: People involved, Causes, Consequences, Key Learning

Remember: Ask questions, Use of Language – be polite, Take note book and pen, Take one Camera, Decent clothing, Take contact number and address of organizers in case you are lost, Wear badge and ID

Places:

1. IMPULSE NGO - mostly dealing with human rights, women and children issues

Address: Lower Iachumiere Shillong 793001, Near Horse Shoe Building, Meghalaya, India, Ph: 0364 2503140, Email: ingon@rediffmail.com, Website www.impulseasia.org Contact Person for the program: Miss Rosanna, Team Leader, 09612438637

Thrust: Universal Culture of Love and Life

2. MSNP+ (Meghalaya State Network of Positive People) - a drop in centre/ counseling centre for people infected with HIV, also acts as a place to connect and mainstream these people in to society.

Address: Lower Iachumiere Shillong 793001, Near Horse Shoe Building, Meghalaya, India; Contact Person: Ms Agui Dangmei, 09436706941

Thrust: Universal Culture of Love and Life

3. Bethany's Handicap School, Shillong

Thrust: Universal Culture of Love and Life

4. Loreto High School, Shillong

Thrust: Religious Pluralism

5. St. Mary's Hr. Sec. School, Shillong

Thrust: Religious Pluralism

6. Mother Teresa Home, Shanthi Bhavan, Shillong

Thrust: Religious Pluralism

7. Don Bosco Museum, Shillong

Thrust: Interculturality

In the morning one group went to St. Mary's School and other 2 groups went to Loretto School, the fourth group visited Mother Teresa Home. They interacted with the students and inmates on the thrust Religious Pluralism. The people live in a multi religious society and each one need the other, hence understanding the other religion, respecting their rituals and cultures is an important aspect which had to be made known to the participants. Accordingly the delegates interacted with the groups and in some cases tried to apply the YCS methodology of the movement as far as possible.

Fifth group visited Bethany physically handicapped people where there are people who are deaf, dumb and blind; sixth group went to Impulse NGO where they cater to the people who are trafficked by the anti social elements, last two groups visited MSNP where the NGO deals with the people affected by HIV AIDS. The people there presented their reality to the participants and the participants queried with some more clarifications.

They had a lot to share with each other along with life itself. It is so heartening to see the people who are not fully capable yet a will to live where our young people fully capable die for nothing. This visit helped the members to understand the value of love and life.

In the afternoon all of them visited the Don Bosco Museum and were mesmerized by the cultural heritage of Northeast. The seven sisters and several tribes captured the

attention of the participants and it helped them to understand the thrust of intercultural bond that exists among the northeastern people.

After the visit to the museum we had a small interaction with the Seminarians who study there in Sacred Heart Seminary.

Fr. James Chacko SDB moderated the discussion and questioned us on what was culture according to us. Views were put forward by the students that culture is nothing but a tradition or custom of a particular sect of the society. Fr. Chacko then went on to add that culture is way of behaving and a belief system which exists. And all this exposure widens our understanding of culture.

The brothers then told us that the museum has the entire culture of the North East under one roof. It was a monument that was prepared as a mark of the rich heritage of the north east. In the modern world the influence of the media is immense. The youth get influenced by the glitters of the western culture pretty easily; however they forget that their own culture is very much enriching.

The brothers then gave us an insight on the khasi legend which said that there Are 7 families out of the total 16 families present which had descended from heaven to the earth to live in peace and to look after nature. And that is why there exist 7 major tribes in the khasi culture.

Question was put forward by the delegates:

Q: What is being done to preserve the culture in the north east?

R: The people of the Northeast constantly remind their children about their cultural heritage and the youth in particular is being made to realize and being taught on how to preserve this culture.

Q: What is the value of culture in today's education?

R: Culture plays a major part in making us realize our own identity and tells us who we are. It also gives the children values which play an important role in education.

Q: What is the role of industrialization in the Northeast?

R: The modern generations have come to realize that industrialization is an essential part in present era. If industries aren't present then the place will remain underdeveloped and the economic as well as infrastructural growth will remain stagnant.

After the discussion was over we thanked the brothers for sharing with us their knowledge and then all of us came back to Bethel.

Based on the theme Students education in the modern era, these three thrusts will be applied to the education and its effect on the student community. The evening belonged to the students in evaluating the days pass by. The future days would be a thorough analysis of the social situation that prevails in the modern society and to find out a practical means to tackle it. Mr. Manoj Mathew and Edward Thma helped the exposure activity along with the organizers.

Highlights of the day:

➤ A great exposure for all the groups.

- Time could have been better managed while brothers were waiting for us to arrive in the hall.
- Self-discipline is required.
- There was very less time given to eat.(only half an hour)
- Documentation is a big task and there is no time in the night to complete the work.
- Good learning experience as different tribes and cultures of the NE was displayed in the Don Bosco Museum
- The NEXCOs were warm and patient in ushering the delegates from one place to another.
- Museum was a good place to study the thrust- interculturality.
- The students there were not at all aware of what YCS is and a lot of time was taken to explain to them the meaning of the movement
- Lack of understanding on the part of the students as they found it hard to relate to the questions and the thrusts

Group 2- Bethany Handicap School

- The welcome song by the students of the school was amazing, the guitarist in fact was blind
- The motto of their school is- 'CHANGE IN THE SYSTEM IS REQUIRED'
- The students who were visually impaired took the delegates across the campus
- The students there are very cheerful, independent and punctual. They prefer to look at the brighter side of life.
- They want acceptance by all and no discrimination.
- As the years have gone by they have learned to live together hand in hand united in friendship.

Group 3 and 4-Loreto School

- The performances by the students of the school was really good
- Orientation was conducted by Mr. Manoj Mathew
- There was a good discussion with the students on religious pluralism
- However there was lack of understanding among some of the students about the topic

Group 5- Mother Theresa House

- All of the people there need a bit of love

Day 4 - 22nd May 2013:

The day began with the Mass offered by Bishop Michael Akasius Toppo, Bishop of Tezpur Diocese. He in his preaching educated the lot the need of accepting interculturality in our day today life. To respect and accept each other's culture will enable us to grow he said. The delegates with the exposure are making good use of the learning the broad meaning of theme namely Students education in the modern era. After the fruitful exposure visit to various places in Shillong on the previous day, the participants prepared a report and gave the gist of what they have experienced at the visit.

Questions and clarifications are sought with and a detailed report with the notable points given below: **Key Learning:**

Group 1- St. Mary's School

- They long for love as they don't get their share from their children
- Parents are an important part of each one's lives and one shouldn't leave their hand when they become old.

Group 6, 7, 8- MSNP & IMPULSE

- The NGO works for the dignity of the people
- In the modern world people need to accept persons with HIV rather than segmenting them
- The thrust of universal culture of love and life was touched upon
- There was awareness amongst the delegates about the transmission of HIV and its prevention
- HIV is being spread rapidly in current times due to rape and human trafficking
- There is a need to treat people with AIDS with equality

After the reports of all Mr. Manoj Mathew stated that people have preconceived myths about individuals having AIDS. People think that those who have AIDS have done something bad, however it is not always so HIV is transmitted through:

- Transfusion of blood
- Sexual intercourse
- Hereditary

Session I:

The first session was taken up by **Professor L.P Xavier** who talked to us about interculturality. He said that the term interculturality has come into the scene in

the last few years, to understand interculturality we must first understand the meaning of culture. Culture is a wide term which includes both material and non-material aspects. Culture consists of languages, beliefs, religion, custom, technology, attitude, way of thinking, way of life, science, art, institution, laws, philosophy, rules of etiquettes, sexual practices, food habits etc. it includes everything which is created in the human society. However interculturality has become important as more and more people have stated to migrate from one country to another in search of better life. The positive side of interculturality is that there can be mutual enrichment and creativity. Certain cultural blindness which may be detected by an outsider can be pointed to. It can in its true sense promote and protect the diversity of cultural expressions.

He then touched upon religious pluralism which is primarily an attitude or policy of respect towards the diverse religious belief system of a society. The conflicts between the religions are due to differences in rites and rituals. The claim of superiority leads to war. Since belief system or world view is not based on scientific or rational thinking, one should not adhere to the sole and absolute claim of truth. Two or more religions with mutually exclusive truth claims are equally valid and can lead to a peaceful co existence in the society. The attitude of exclusive claims of truth of different religions turns out after serious reflections to just be variations of similar universal truths that human kind has evolved since time immemorial. Thus religions must live by the value system and not myths, ceremonies and rituals.

Lastly, he spoke on the universal culture of love and life which can be developed if the adherents of different religious make effort to live by the cardinal virtues and values of their own religions. No religion in the world preaches hate or destruction. Any evolved human being values love and life. The culture of hate and violence is the result of narrow mindedness. We need to emulate the lives of people like Christ, Buddah, Lao-tse, Muhammad, Bahaullah, Kabir, Guru Nanak, Socrates, Mahavir, Maharishi, Diogenes etc.

Session II:

The second session of the day was taken by **Fr. James Chacko**

YCS spirituality is the most simple and the soul of the movement. It is based on Christian spirituality, which is based on the Holy Scriptures which points to one person Jesus Christ. We must enrich ourselves in our faith in order to change self or else there is no use.

Spirituality lies in three truths which were pointed out by Cardijn:

1. Truth of Life- SEE
2. Truth of Faith- JUDGE
3. Truth of Method- ACT

TRUTH OF LIFE: though people look joyous but in the true sense their lives are filled with pain, sufferings and sorrow. Through the spirit of life it is seen and revealed and thus that makes the perspective towards life change. Students in the modern era face various realities which come in from time to time (youth issues, educational issues, social issues). These issues raise questions such as what is the reality we want to change. Answers are

needed to be found to these questions through reflections.

TRUTH OF FAITH: Assurance that we are children of God and we are created in his image and likeness. However it creates a contradiction with the truth of life. We need deep reflection to find the truth of faith.

TRUTH OF METHOD: Method of building the movement to remove this contradiction between life and faith. Thus we need to denounce all evil and announce the good news. Thus truth of method can be seen only through action.

After giving us the three truths, Fr. James stated that the methodology should be followed. However SEE part must always start from real life and concrete experiences. The next phase is to judge the issue and then act after proper analysis. This spirituality of YCS is known as Review of Life.

Thus serious focus is required for the reality it is not sudden action but deep reflection which involves action. Our mission should be to transform that reality we face as it affects ours and others life. YCS spirituality is all about recognizing in everyone their own brothers and sisters.

After the session the delegates gave their views on what YCS spirituality was:

- “based on scriptures and to create a kingdom of GOD through ROL”
- “way of life extending to GOD’s kingdom drawing inspiration from Jesus”
- “to understand reality in the light of faith”

- “to lead a life with values and the way of GOD”
- “focus on humanity with the help of the Gospel, to focus on people irrespective of their religions”

Session III:

The third and final session of the day was taken by **Fr. Mathew Thuniampral** who spoke on the thrust ‘Universal culture of love and life’ as opposed to “Culture of Death”.

He told us the theme of the UN for this century for the education of students which was “learning to love, learning to live and learning to live together in harmony...”

He pointed out the universal culture of death which was emerging in the modern age. People love to kill and are not afraid to be killed. The number of suicide cases in the world community is ever increasing. Thus education is very essential; it is the formation or development of the whole person in his/her intellectual, affective and physical areas of life. If any one of the areas is defective, it may result in a serious problem.

He urged us that with the help of a great methodology given by our inspiration Cardinal Joseph Cardijn, we have to be agents of change. We should have the courage to learn and grow, do things differently and effectively.

The conditions of humans are never perfect so we must change our attitude and make the best use of the opportunities and growth. Thus, the inspiration must come from the Holy Scriptures. We must be always ready to learn.

He concluded his talk by quoting James Allen-“You are today where your thought have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts will take you.”

He then gave the delegates a questionnaire on youngsters and their problems.

In between the session two former YCS members from Shillong had come to visit us. They were **Ms. Sarah and Mr. John** who were former NEXCOs they gave us a small talk on how YCS is affecting their lives. Ms. Sarah said that the methodology is very helpful which can be used both in personal as well as professional lives. Mr. John who is a professor in a college told us that his students are given the YCS methodology and they often use it and give likable reviews that it is very helpful. A discussion then followed on the questions given by Fr. Mathew. After Tea all assembled and the group presidents read out their answers:

Case 1: *In this ever evolving era where we leaped from a simple calculator to a 3G Android phone and Galaxy Grand, somewhere we youngsters have the whole world closer but our own families are distanced from us. We are in the process of gradually eradicating the essence of human relations and bonds amidst elders and us and evolving e-humans, with only e-friends and no family.*

Q: Who is affected? Why are they affected? What are the consequences of their irrational use of technology and negligence to their own family? Who are affected? Why are the youngsters so vulnerable? And what can we do to make our brothers and sisters realize and inculcate the “culture of love and life”?

Group 8-

- Parents don't have time to be with their children
- Internet is being used both in a negative as well as in a positive way
- Students use net for educational as well as examination purpose
- However teenagers become addicted to chatting and surfing on the internet all the time

Group 4-

- Parents sometimes encourage the use of laptops and phones
- Mobile phones are not necessary when students are in their teens however it is useful only as educational purpose.

Case 2: *In this fast paced life it is an irony to often watch how are young brothers and sisters ruin their very precious years surrendering their youth and exuberance to the enchantingly self destroying mesh of drug addiction and violence, and end up in rehabilitation centers at a time when they should be vibrant with the burning desire of taking on the world.*

Q: Discuss who is affected? Why are they affected? What are the consequences of their acts of addiction? Who are affected? Why are the youngsters so vulnerable? And what can we do to make our brothers and sisters realize and inculcate the "culture of love n life"

Group 7-

- Addiction to drugs is a common problem in teenagers today
- Teenagers must just watch the movies and films rather than practice them

Group 3-

- Youth and teenagers are mostly affected by addiction to drugs
- The reasons are loneliness and peer pressure
- Youth have a misconception that taking drugs will make them adults
- Taking the youth to awareness programmes is a way by which this problem can be prevented however personal interaction is also needed

Case 3: *It is heart-wrenching to very often stumble upon incidences almost every day about our youngsters who for menial reasons like exam failure, relationship failure, incapability in coping with peer pressure and many more end up resorting to the worst of ways to bring an end to their misery by bringing an end to their very life, ignoring completely the value and preciousness of life.*

Q: Discuss who is affected? Why are they affected? What are the consequences of their acts of suicide? Who are affected? Why are the youngsters so vulnerable? And what can we do to make our brothers and sisters realize and inculcate the "culture of love n life"

Group 6-

- Feeling of insecurity and depression
- Lack of hope and the guilt feeling about their actions
- Life is precious and it should not be wasted

Group 2-

- It affects all not only the parents of the person who committed suicide but the society

- However the parents are the one which bear the after effects
- After the incident they are looked down in the society
- Thus the children must obey and listen to them

Case 4: In this pitiful age where communal religious and racial violence is at its pinnacle, the youngsters of today themselves form the most crucial and threatening part of violence, unaware that they are being exploited by the one's in power for their benefits, end up destroying the culture of love and life.

Q: Discuss who is affected? Why are they affected? What are the consequences of their acts of violence? Who are affected? Why are the youngsters so vulnerable? And what can we do to make our brothers and sisters realize and inculcate the "culture of love n life"

Group 5-

- Youngster are targeted since they have half knowledge about the region
- High disturbances in the society
- Youngsters today want to live their lives independently
- This can be solved if there are awareness programmes and parents regularly speak to their children

Group 1-

- Mainly youth have been targeted as an instrument for some people
- Loss of both public and private property
- Lack of faith among youngsters
- Youngsters don't see nor judge they just act

Fr. Charles commented that people in the modern scenario are not afraid to die. The universal culture of death has evolved from being natural to influenced.

After all the groups gave their viewpoints, Fr. Mathew concluded by saying that we have no right over our lives it only belongs to God. In today's society acts of racial discrimination leads to big fights and wars. Thus we should live in the spirit of equality and brotherhood.

In the evening the delegates took part in the workshop and analyzed the situation in detail which will be translated into action in the future days. Educational rights and imparting of the education was dealt with, through a write up given in the work book which helped the delegates understand the true meaning of education. How education affects these three thrust and these thrusts in return affect education is elaborately dealt with. It will be translated into the three thrusts they have taken for their further study.

The intercultural affinity was celebrated in the night during the recreation which helped the participants understand and appreciate each other's culture. The next day would deal with the aspect of Religious Plurality and its impact on students and education. Finally they will chalk out the plan of action for the next three years.

Day 5 - 23rd May 2013: The XVI National Council of YCS/YSM has been a big hit for the participants taking part in it. It is an eye opening event for most of them since they are beginning to open to the wider world of religious pluralism,

interculturality and universal culture of love and life.

The day began with the Mass offered by Most Rev. Archbishop John Moolachira, Archbishop of Guwahati.

Mr. Manoj Mathew had taken the floor after breakfast for the purpose of an unofficial presentation of the NEXCOs and an interview with them. He reminded us about the message by Fr. Mathew which was being conscience about the surroundings since there is a lot of information spilled out in the media and elsewhere. The use of cell phones is becoming common by the day, it brings with it both advantages and disadvantages which needs to be controlled as there is more and more communication happening in the social media.

He then questioned a non-catholic on his inspiration behind joining YCS/YSM India. Shaileesh a delegate representative answered the question by replying that he loves to serve the people and YCS/YSM is a platform for doing that.

The NEXCOs were then presented unofficially for just giving an introduction. After the introduction the house asked a few questions to the NEXCOs. They were:

➤ What is leadership?

R: Someone who guides the group, who is an Example for others, who is a Sheppard of the flock and who sees, judges and acts.

➤ What is your dream for the movement and where do you see it in the next three years?

R: By improving others and ourselves, promoting the movement by making it more popular, transformation of the society and by focusing on the expansion of the movement.

➤ How to expand the movement?

R: Conducting orientations and conducting programmes in places where YCS is not that popular.

Clarification was then made about the position of the NEXCOs in the diocesan and regional level. When someone is a part of the NEXCO, he/she are also part of the REXCO and DEXCO cells. And as per the new constitution which is to be passed by the council, a NEXCO has to be elected and not nominated.

Session I: After the presentation of the NEXCOs, **Fr. James Chacko Sdb** took a session on cell meetings. However before that he gave the definition of YCS spirituality on which he had taken a session on the previous day. He had coined a definition of YCS spirituality "it is a method of awareness reflection and action developed by Cardinal Joseph Cardijn in response to the contradictions that exists between the realities of life and faith wherein an education of the discrepancies in life is made in the light of faith and proactive steps are designed to improve the situation."

This was followed by a session on YCS cell meeting. A cell meeting is divided into three parts:

Part-I

A. Opening ritual- a prayer or hymn or

meditations or relaxation of body and mind

- B. Presence sharing- each member shares with the group how they feel at that moment.
- C. Agenda/Report: special agenda must be known to the group. This explains to the group if something extra is going to happen in that meeting.

Part-II

- A. Seeing: a situation which needs critical or deep reflection or identifying and share one concrete issue.
- B. Judge: our spirituality is the essence of our methodology, thus a spiritual parallel must be established with the issue. We must think that how would Jesus respond to the issue.
- C. Act: what action makes a difference to the situation and what action will enable those involved to find freedom and relief. After finding answers to the above questions they must decide 'who how and when?'

Part -III: Thanksgiving/Song/Prayer.

QUESTIONS ASKED :

- 1. What values are challenged by issues?

A: For example-Taking drugs and the value challenged is life.

- 2. Boys and girls are shy sometimes so how to handle them?

A: Animator has to comfort the children and in group building it is important for the animators to encourage them to share.

- 3. What is the role of an animator?

A: Getting things preplanned and getting responsibilities.

- 4. What are the qualification of an animator?

A: Love for the movement, understanding the role of an animator, accompanying the students but not imposing their ideas upon the students.

- 5. What about students who are not there in school?

A: Students have to be attached to a cell in order to be a part of the movement, however with the current draft of the constitution if approved the students may form a city cell or village cells.

Fr. James Chacko then asked the groups to replicate a cell meeting by performing a step involved in a cell meeting and gave the groups a situation. Where Group 1 was given the duty of opening prayer, Group 2 and 3 were given the SEE part, Group 3, 4 and 5 were given JUDGE part, Group 6 and 7 were given ACT and Group 8 was given to conclude the meeting.

Session II: The second session was handled by **Sr. Philomena Mathew msmh**, on Religious Pluralism. Pluralism signifies many present in a single society. Each has its own background both ethnic and legends. All are different in colour, creed and mode of worship. Thus there is religious pluralism which is created by man. There is a mutual understanding among all religions due to which there is instant communication. Our society is multi religious, they may share ideologies however they are very different.

India is viewed as a cradle of all religions. In fact many religions have its roots in India. Buddha gave up all worldly pleasures in the search of enlightenment thus founding Buddhism, Guru Nanak founded Sikhism because he was against the blind belief, Hinduism is pluralistic with multiple Gods and Goddesses however it also has a supreme God in the form of Brahma the creator. Islam on the other hand believes in one single God which is omnipresent. Christians also have the same belief that there is one God in the form of the Holy Trinity i.e. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

India is a secular country where all religions co exists together. Mahatma Gandhi the father of the Nation was a born Hindu but was enlightened by the teachings of Christ. All religions may be different but the truth they share is universal.

The main aim in today's world is becoming CHANGE. Youth in the modern era is gaining Importance because people are realizing that it is the youth that has the power to change and influence the world however their efforts should be directed in the right path. In today's society, young people need to be persons of prayer which is not seen. Thus, we have to be contagious in our approach in order to change and transform the society and that will be above all religions.

After the session, Sr. Mathew gave us four questions to self reflection, they were:

1. Is religious pluralism an asset/liability or a strength/weakness in India?

2. What are the possibilities in working with your own peer group to lift the spirit of religious pluralism?
3. What is your own personal experience of the existence of other religions?
4. How can you infect your place or work or study?

Action Plan: In the afternoon the house dealt with the theme 'Students Education in the modern Era' and finalized the action plan on the theme and the thrusts evolved upon and presented it to the house. This action plan involves action on personal level, unit level, Diocesan level, Regional level and suggestions to National level activities for action and advocacy.

In this regard Mr. Manoj Mathew asked all the delegates to prepare the Action Plan at the personal and Regional. But before the discussion started, he dedifferentiated between an action and activity. Action is something which comes through our methodology while activity is what is done without our methodology; it involves more of act rather than see and judge. He also gave a guideline which is to be kept in mind while drafting the action plans; he said that the plans should be SMART i.e. specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time bound.

The delegates after some thinking came up with their **personal action plans**.

Nancy- Know more about religions by buying books; visit temples; make friends with different backgrounds and cultures; visit villages.

Jefferin - Will try and explain what YCS is to his own teacher and principal.

Manuel- Collect information about various religions and cultures using the internet and spread it to his friends.

Bipin- To treat people of all religions with equality;

Lily- Accepting the rituals and cultures of other religions

Baishali- Visiting old age and HIV patient home once a month for one hour; tell her friends about her visits and educate them on various other religions

Gigimol- No discrimination between each other; spread the message of equality.

Rahul – Ask his friends to respect other people from other regions as many a times we make fun of people who come from other regions.

Annette- Acceptance of people from different sexual orientations, like homosexuals; our leaders should learn how to respect the other gender; creating a trust and assurance in the minds of the parents.

Mr. Manoj Mathew suggested the students to conclude the personal action plan by saying that we need to mingle with each other first in order to form the universal culture of love and life.

Regional Action Plan: The regions then presented their regional action plans after a discussion among themselves, the questions put forward by the other regions were:

AP- How do the programmes relate to the theme and thrusts?

R: There are intercultural activity which clearly links to the theme and thrusts.

Q: What is TOT?

R: It is a training of trainers programme in which new animators which join in the movement are trained on how to deal with students.

BIJHAN: How will you work out with numerous cells as per your plan?

R: Teams will be divided and distributed to facilitate visitation of cells and units to work better.

KARNATAKA: Where when and how are you going to conduct the programmes mentioned (inter religious exchanges) and what if they have their own festival?

R: We will announce in parishes and schools about the programme and the programme can be held when the students of other religions don't have their festivities.

MG: How will you interact with the students of different cultures?

R: In national level programmes we can have meet and exchanges with students of various cultures.

NE: Suggestion: discuss about the different religions in a cell meeting and invite brothers and sisters of other religions to attend the meet in order to get their views

Northern: With basic computer skills to be provided to the street children, how will they get time to practice since they will not regularly be in school to have access to computers?

R: Computers are available at all times in the school and we can take permission from the principal to allow one hour after each day for the children to be taught.

Is the above based on the thrust?

R: 'Universal culture of love and life' will be touched upon by the above action. Suggestion: To do something about the drug addicts who are in and around the area.

ODISHA: What is meant by inter religious prayer?

R: Listening to other scriptures and learning something new. And the prayer will be universal in order to have the participation of all religions

TAMILNADU: How will you achieve the thrusts and in which ways can you achieve that?

R: We will have meetings in which we will have detailed discussion about how to go about achieving the thrusts.

Q : Durations of the workshops planned are long so students might not come?

R: Students will come as the programme will cover most of the aspects and also will be a good learning experience for them.

Q : How do you deal with the financial issues?

R: Usually most part of the programmes is financed by the delegates themselves and some part is given by the region.

WB: What is principals meet?

R: It is a meet of all the principals along with the Bishop. It is necessary in order to obtain funds; give them the details and inputs about the movement and to get their assurance. This helps as the principals becomes keen on sending the students for the YCS programmes.

Q : How can people of Kolkata perform cultural dances of other region?

R: There is access to the internet by which other regional dance forms can be viewed. Kolkata is also a diverse land so people of all culture reside there.

Q : What is the General Assembly?

R: It is similar to the Diocesan Council where the sessions are taken on the thrusts and theme.

UP: No questions

NEXCOs: Suggestion: Programmes should be held separately for Hindi and English speaking students since a lot of time is wasted for translation.

We had a short evaluation of the day after the action plans were presented.

In the evening the participants presented their talents on the council theme and enjoyed what they have dealt with for the past 5 days. Then they had a detailed evaluation on all the aspects appreciating the good as well suggesting means to correct what went wrong along with other suggestions to take care of these issues relating to this theme in the future programmes.

The group went in preparation for tomorrows Official National Council meeting. The Agenda and council procedure was presented to the house for study. It will be taken for discussion and voted upon before going into the implementation which will pave way for a new direction to the movement.

REPORT OF THE XVI NATIONAL COUNCIL 2013

24th May 2013: National Council Proceedings: **AGENDA OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL**

9.00am	Opening Prayer
9.10am	Roll Call
9.15am	Welcome and explanation of the purpose of the council
9.25am	Introduction of process – Election of the Presidium
9.35am	Explain voting rights
9.40am	Establish quorum
9.45am	Vote on rule of procedure
9.55am	Vote on Provisional Agenda
Agenda:	
10.15am	Regional Reports based on National theme & thrusts – Climate change, Food crisis and Human rights,
11.30am	YCS/YSM National Movement Evaluation Report,
11.40am	YCS/YSM National Movement Report
12.30pm	Lunch
2.00pm	NT report
2.20pm	National Office Report
2.40pm	Presentation of Financial statement
2.50pm	Presentation of Budget
3.30pm	Draft of Council Statement
4.00pm	Tea break
4.30pm	Discussion on Draft of council Statement
25 th	Study and approval of YCS/YSM Constitution and amendments, Election of NT
27 th	Final statement –Presentation and voting, Evaluation, Concluding Mass/ program - Handing over of NT, LOC night/Campfire
28 th	Thanksgiving Mass, Breakfast, Departure



Day 6 - 24th May 2013: The XVI National Council of YCS/YSM is making on roads in the right direction as it should have moved. The delegates are becoming more aware of their responsibility in the theme chosen and focusing towards a concrete action plan.

The day being the first official day of the Council it began with the Mass offered by Most Rev. Andrew Marak, Bishop of Tura who gave a fitting homily to set the council in the right direction.

National Council (Day 1): On this day, we had the beginning of the National council. Soon after the breakfast, the delegates had gathered region wise to commemorate the start of the council. At 9 the house met for the business. After a short prayer lead by Melwyn Titus and the Convener Joyce John welcomed the council members

International rules on procedure for the council was followed and a presidium consisting of three members were formed to moderate the proceedings of the council. The presidium consisted of **Joyce John** the National Convener and **Jovita D'Souza** the National Secretary. The rules of the National Council were read. Thereafter the presidium

proposed to elect the third member of the presidium from among the delegates. The motion was seconded by Karnataka, Bijhan, NE, TN, WB, AP, Northern and NEXCOs. There were five nominees which were sent from among the delegates. They were Sunit from WB, Shaileesh from AP, Frivita from Karnataka, Ebinezer from TN and Harry Mattoo from Northern. By a simple majority vote, **Sunit Kujur** from WB was elected to be a member of the presidium.

Mr. Manoj Mathew was invited to explain the voting rights and the proceedings of the council. He clarified that a majority vote could only be used in case of:

- Theme statement
- Budget
- Amendments in the constitution
- Election of National Team

In all other cases a simple majority would be required to pass the motion. Thereafter, the quorum of the Council was established; the regions present were:

- Andhra Pradesh
- Bijhan
- Karnataka

- Maharastra
- Northern
- NEXCO
- North East
- Odisha
- Tamil Nadu
- Uttar Pradesh
- West Bengal

The quorum established was 10 regions along with the NEXCO team. The presidium then requested for volunteers for the post of a scrutinizer. Fr. Sebastian from NE, Mr. Stalin from TN and Mr. James Sylvester from AP were the scrutinizers for the council.

It was clarified that the international standards will not be followed for the purpose of NT election. A new rule which will be instituted in our constitution which will be followed.

Questions on the same were raised:

Fr. Bala (AP): Each NEXCO has one vote and RYD one?

R: The national EXCOS only elect the National Team. All have one vote each and all are eligible to contest for any post.

Fr. Mari (Karnataka): When will we get the final amended copy of the constitution?

R: After the passing of the constitution the next day, the final copy will be available. However it still has to be sent to the CBCI for approval. The proposals made by the

CBCI will be taken up in the next council.

After the questions, Mr. Manoj Mathew explained to all the remaining rules of the council. Since MP region arrived after the quorum was taken, a motion was proposed by the presidium to include them in the quorum. The motion was seconded by Northern, NE, UP, Bijhan, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, WB, Odisha. With the inclusion of MP in the quorum, there were 11 regions present out of 12 along with the NEXCO team.

Following the explanation of the rules, it was agreed with general consensus that international YCS voting procedure will be followed.

Agenda: The agenda was then read out by the presidium and it asked the house to propose changes if any.

Karnataka: We need to maintain the time which is stated

WB: National Report to be read out before the National Evaluation report.

R: It makes no difference as the evaluation report and national report are both different.

Thus, the agenda for the day was passed with general consensus.

REGIONAL REPORTS 2010-2013

With the agenda passed, the regional reports were placed before the house by the respective regions and the queries relating to the reports were as follows:

ANDHRA PRADESH

Theme: Live and Let Live



INTRODUCTION:

Every child is born with a unique gift; all we have to do is identify it. With the growing competition and technology our children today have lost themselves in fighting the race of life. YCS/YSM is a platform for students to make them aware that life is not just to grow academically but to grow as responsible individuals and in turn contribute to the society. In Andhra Pradesh, YCS/YSM needs no introduction. It is an organization that generations have grown with and left a mark for themselves and the society. Though this legacy was on a standstill for a while the spirit is still alive and has ignited the spirit of revival in the hearts of those students who hold a lot of their life's achievements to this movement.

NO OF UNITS AND CELLS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

After reviving YCS/YSM once again the Regional team this year we are able to form 325 units with 16,575 students from 63 schools and 15 colleges animated by 151 animators from 10 Dioceses. Next year we have the confidence of reaching out to more schools and form some more units and cells.

S. No	Name of the Program	Date & Venue	Participants
1.	Revival of YCS YSM	18 th August, Hyderabad	Diocesan Members
2.	RTA MEET	2 nd July, Warangal	RTA
3.	YCS YSM Regional Election	24 th February, Warangal	RTA & RTS
4.	YCS YSM Annual Day	20 th January 2013	YCS YSM Students
5.	YCS YSM Winter Camp	Seasonal	Student Members

YCS/YSM NEW REGIONAL TEAM

- ❖ President - Tania Maria Joseph
- ❖ Secretary - B. Sailesh
- ❖ Treasurer - G. Bala Christhu Raj
- ❖ Excosp - L. Bala Praneeth Reddy, Maria Immaculate David.

YEAR OF FAITH, 2013: Regional Office has organized various programs for YCS/YSM students on faith. The students of various dioceses formed a mobile team to visit the schools. Besides talks, there were other dynamics like audio-visuals, video presentations and exhibitions relevant to youth of today. The mobile team visited the schools with a special focus on the Year of Faith

VISIT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN & REGIONAL DIRECTOR: July 12th and 18th, 2012 was a start of a new beginning, when Holy Mary School - Kharithabad and St. Ann's School - Bolaram inaugurated YCS/YSM in their Schools in the presence of National YCS/YSM Chaplin Rev. Fr Charles Menezes and Rev. Fr. Thumma Fathimareddy inaugurated YSC/YSM by lighting the lamp and giving a wonderful message. Feb 26th & 27th 2013 Fr. Charles participated in regional council meeting held at St. John's seminary, Hyderabad.

Rev. Fr. D. Bala Swamy visited around 60 schools in 5 Dioceses to enrich the students the true spirit of YCS/YSM.

ACTIVITIES BY DIFFERENT UNITS:

1. Water conservation: students started conserving water in their houses and in the respective schools making aware to know the value of water.
2. YCS/YSM students have organized various activities to raise finance. The activities were like selling the waste papers, arranging canteens, putting up fete, etc.
3. Many schools also started to maintain YCS/YSM gardens in the school campus by planting one plant each to promote the theme "Go Green".
4. By raising finance by different means YCS/YSMers visit Home for the Aged, Street Children's Home, and Home for the differently able and help them.
5. Students gift a plant to the YCS/YSM garden on birthdays.

A single Soul be transformed for the better

A single Mind be opened to new possibilities

A single Heart be moved for greater good

Our YCS/YSM would have served its Purpose well...

- Rev. Fr. D. Bala Swamy, Regional Chaplain, ANDHRA PRADESH

NT - Why were the NEXCOs not presented from the region for the last three years?

R: Since the previous RYD was not active and things started to function smoothly only after the new RYD (Fr. Bala) took charge.

BIJHAN

Greetings to all of you from the land of Vihar, the Birth place of Bidha, Mahaveera, Guru Govind Singh.



Bijhan has a long history of YCS/YSM. Unfortunately at time to time we were not able to coordinate the programmes between two states. We look forward to a new era of collaboration so that we may achieve more than what we do now and give a needed exposure to the student members of this great movement, thus to bring about a change in their personality to a new society.

Activities

- I. YCS Regional camp was organized at Sewa Kendra, Patna. Students from Odisha and Bihar took part in the programme. Fr. Charles Menezes the National Director was present for the entire programme.
- II. Three days orientation programme was organized for the YCS students of St. Joseph Girls' High School, Barh and also for the students of Pushpa High School, Piro.
- III. YCS and LTS animators meeting were conducted at Ravi Bharati, Patna to plan for the activities of YCS in the schools.
- IV. LTS / YCS Office Bearers Training Programme on 25th August, 2012 at Sewa Kendra, Patna, 46 participants from 8 schools participated. Participants were imparted by the Brief History, Aims and Objective of the movement. Social Realities and the Role of LTS/YCS Student towards their Family, School, and Society were some of the topics taken for the programme.
- V. YCS (Young Christian Student) Camp from 12th to 14th October 2012. There were 72 participants. Participants were imparted by Importance of Motivation, Servant Leadership, Reality of Media and YCS way of life and Methodology.

- Fr. Sabu Davis, DYD- Patna, Bijhan Region

There was no written report presented, but PPT was presented.

KARNATAKA

YCS YSM exists in 8 dioceses of Karnataka region namely: Bangalore, Belgaum, Chickamagalore, Gulberga, Mangalore, Mysore, Shimoga and Udupi.

Regional Chaplain	- Fr. Maria Joseph
Regional Lady Animator	- Sr. Pushpa Latha
Regional President	- Mr. Josline Vas
National EXCOS	- Ms. Jovita & Mr. Vilas Kumar

In the past three years, YCS YSM Karnataka has crossed many hardships and achieved great success in all our ventures. We are happy and proud to have dedicated DYDs and Animators who guide the students in the Spirit of our movement. Regular meetings are conducted in cell level based on the methodology of our movement. Some of our Activities in Regional and Diocesan level are as follows.



REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Activity	When	Where
Inter-regional leadership training	May 2011	Mysore
Regional Animators Meet Cum CAFÉ	October 2011	Mangalore
Rexco Training	February 2012	Bangalore
Yuvajanothsava (Regional Convention)	September 2012	Belthangady
Regional Council	December 2012	Mangalore
1 st Preparatory Meeting for NC	April 2013	Udupi
2 nd Preparatory meeting for NC	May 2013	Bangalore

REGULAR DIOCESAN PROGRAMS

Activity	Diocese	When
Animators training/Meet	Mangalore, Udupi, Shimoga, Gulbarga, Belgaum	June/ February
Unit Office Bearers Training, DEXCO Election	All Dioceses	June/July
Beginners Training Camp	Mangalore, Udupi, Belgaum	August - October

Spiritual Camp/ Retreat	Mangalore, Udupi	October
Talent Exposure	Mangalore, Udupi, Gulbarga, Belgaum	November- January
Village Exposure Camps/	Mangalore, Udupi, Shimoga,	
Leadership Training Camp	Belgaum	April/May
Street play	Mangalore	May

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

Name	Diocese	Event	Where	When
Josline Savio Vas	Mangalore	12 th IYCS ASC	Seoul, South Korea	Aug 2012
Fr. Ronald Vegias	DYD, Shimoga	WYP	Bangkok, Thailand	Oct 2012
Jovita D'Souza	Mangalore	CAFÉ	Thailand	Nov 2011
Shiny Sophia	Udupi	12 th IYCS ASC	Seoul, South Korea	Aug 2012
Tini and Enola	Mangalore	10 th SAS	Sri Lanka	Dec 2010

VARIOUS OTHER PROGRAMS

S. No	Program	Date & Venue	Participants
1.	YCS YSM Animators Training Pgm	30 th October 2011 Shanti Kiran, Mangalore	REXCO & Animators
2.	YCS YSM Public Rally	8 th January, Bijapur	800
3.	"Prathibha Sangama" - Talent Exposure	15 th January 2012, Mangalore	250
4.	YCS Village Exposure Camp	2 nd - 6 th May 2012, Mangalore	150
5.	Diocesan Convention	9 th - 12 th November 12 Mangalore	350
6.	Regional Council	8 th November 2012 Mangalore	RYD & RTS39
7.	KRYC Meeting	23 rd February 2013 Bangalore	RYD & REXCO 59
8.	REXCO Exposure	24 th February 2013	RYD & REXCO12

- **Fr. Mari Joseph**, Regional Director, Karnataka

Presidium : The way of presentation of the report was good but were there any expansion programmes?

R: Yes there were as a result of which two new dioceses have had YCS/YSM.

M.G. - NAGPUR

After the last National Council out of the various activities decided to be executed we YCS Nagpur have been successful in a few. The first objective was to increase the membership of our movement and also to revive and strengthen the dying units. At present we five active units and one upcoming unit. The membership of our movement in YCS Nagpur has increased from mere hundred students to a satisfying number of three hundred fifty students. Although we are called the M.G Region that is the Maharashtra & Gujarat region, YCS is active only in Nagpur. Thus we have failed in expanding the movement in other cities. We have also badly failed in increasing the membership of THE SEARCH which was one of our prime objectives in the beginning of these three years. As YCS YSM is a movement centered in Christ we have been unsuccessful in conducting program for the spiritual development of students. All our successes are because of our active participation in all the NTA EXCO meets which has helped us to function better in our movement.

Below are the activities conducted in brief in the past three years:

- Live in Programs to develop the interaction of students among themselves.
- Regular cell meetings.
- Tree Plantation and forestation programs.



- Visitation to the Orphanages and Old age homes every year by the students.
- Various competitions conducted such as essay writing, chart making, best out of waste, Kite flying, Bible quiz and many more.
- Interaction between the students and their parents.
- City and village exposure.
- Regular meet of our diocesan team which was followed by the examination of the statutes.
- Election of the Diocesan Team.

The activities we failed to execute in brief are:

- Lack of spiritual programs.
- Failed to increase the membership of THE SEARCH.
- Failed to expand the movement in other cities.

- Failed to send articles for THE SEARCH magazine regularly.

The reasons for our Successes and Failures are given below:

Successes:-

- Dedication towards the movement.
- Good co ordination between the diocesan office and the units.
- Parental support.
- Team work.
- Impartial selection.

Failures:-

- Peer relations.
- Misunderstanding.
- Examination.
- Transport facility.
- Lack of interest shown by animators.
- Family issues.

Although we have failure we also have successes which in much more important.

The past three years we were led by two Excos Alice Anthony and Melwyn Titus. As we said before all our successes are because of them as they gave their delegation in all the NTA Exco meet, which played a major role in the smooth functioning of our movement.

As we don't have much animators the cell meeting are conducted by the St. Charles Seminary Brothers. We YCS Nagpur owe them a lot because if the cell meetings are regular it is only due to their effort and dedication.

We always have been taught never to give up someone or something. And by this belief we can achieve the heights of successes, it might not be sudden but it may be a slow process. With these words I end my report.

- Fr. Philip Topno

Regional Director, M. G.

TN : Appreciation of the increase in membership; Karnataka - appreciation of the fact that failures were also mentioned.

MADHYAPRADESH

A short report was presented but there was no written report.

NE - How much has the movement grown in the past one year?

R: It has grown substantially as programmes were conducted, with a personal approach to the units present;

WB - What is being done to increase spirituality amongst students?

R: There are motivation classes conducted along with faith formation programmes and weekly adoration.



NORTHERN REGION

YCS/YSM is very young in our region. There are five dioceses and only two dioceses have introduced YCS/YSM in the region.

At present there are twelve to fifteen units and around one thousand students are involved. In Delhi Archdiocese eight schools have YCS /YSM and in Jammu two schools.



In the Archdiocese of Delhi YCS/YSM existed some years ago. For various reasons the movement was not active.

In 2011 World Council was organized in Delhi and it gave a wonderful opportunity to revive the movement.

Fr. Charles, the National Chaplain visited Delhi Archdiocese twice to train the teachers/animators and visited Loreto School to train children. This gave a boost and today the movement is picking up.

Last year two students and two teachers attended the leadership training programme in Gujarat.

In 2011 we got an opportunity to host IYCS World Council in Delhi. Though our role was minimum, we did our best to support the NEXCO.

In school units various activities, like computer education, visits to places of differently able are conducted.

In the coming years we hope to strengthen the movement in our region.

- Fr. Chetan Machado, DYD, Delhi Diocese

NE - What are the plans for the expansion?

R: Since no one knows YCS/YSM in the regions, steps have to be taken to have orientations in various schools and have awareness programmes in other dioceses as well.

NORTH EAST

Introduction:

The Seven States of North Eastern Region, namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura comprises of 15 Dioceses, namely Agartala, Aizawl, B o n g a i g a o n , Dibrugarh, Diphu, Guwahati, Imphal,



Itanagar, Jowai, Kohima, Miao, Nongstoin, Shillong, Tezpur and Tura. The year 1988 marks the beginning of YCS/YSM in Shillong and later in 1995; Regional Office came into existence where the Office is based in Guwahati at Peace Centre, Ambari. Since then it was initiated into a number of Schools, mainly in Diphu, Guwahati, Tura and Agartala. The efforts made by the YCS/YSM Regional Office in collaboration with the Diocesan Youth Directors in the recent years have helped the movement to reach out to all the 15 Dioceses of the region. YCS/YSM is now spread to all the 15 diocese having YCS/YSM in 153 schools. It is a matter of joy where we are able to help students to build their personality through this movement. Thus the YCS/YSM in North East has grown in number and vitality.

A brief report of the Programmes and Activities of the North East Region

S. No	PROGRAM	DATE & VENUE
1.	YCS YSM REXCO Meet	1 st - 3 rd February 2011 Capuchin's House- Guwahati
2.	II Regional Council Meet	22 nd - 24 th March 2012 Pastoral Centre, Tezpur
3.	III Regional Council Meet	9 th November 2012 Pastoral Centre Hall, Ambari
4.	Animators & Coordinators Training Program	Regularly in all 15 dioceses every year

5.	YCS YSM Commitment Day	3 rd & 10 th April 20111400 students participated
6.	YCS YSM Exposure program	10 th - 19 th Jan 2011Goa
7.	YCS YSM Exposure & Pilgrimage	30 th Dec 2012 to 7 th Jan 2013 Goa & Mumbai
8.	YCS Holy Week Retreat	9 th - 11 th AprilPastoral Centre, Shillong

DATE	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS
16 th to 19 th April 2010	NEDSF, Guwahati	17
4 th to 7 th Feb.2011	Capuchin House, Guwahati	22
28 th to 30 th August 2012	MSMHC Prayer Centre, Bethel, Barapani	14

EVALUATION, ASSESMENT AND PLANNING:

DATE	VENUE	DIOCESE
1. 26 th & 27 th Feb.2010	Bl. Andre School, Bodhjunnagar	Agartala
2. 20 th March 2010	Cathedral Hall, Panbazar,	Guwahati
3. 21 st March 2010	Siloam, Barapani,	Shillong
4. 27 th March 2010	St. Mary's School Hall, Aizawl	Aizawl
5. 10 th April 2010	Bongaigaon Gana Seva Society	Bongaigaon
6. 7 th & 8 th May 2010	Pastoral Centre, Garo Hills	Tura
7. 24 th Feb 2011	Youth Centre, Laitumkhrah	Shillong
8. 28 th & 29 th April 2011	Pastoral Centre, Ramthar Veng	Aizawl
9. 27 th & 28 th April, 2012	Bishop's House, Ramthar Veng	Aizawl
10. 23 rd February, 2012	Youth Centre at St. Anthony's Hall,	Shillong
11. 15 th & 16 th March, 2013	Youth Centre, Nongstoin	Nongstoin
12. 24 th & 25 th March, 2013	Don Bosco School Hall, Damra	Guwahati

STUDENTS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME:

DATE	VENUE	DIOCESE
1. 26 th March 2010	St. Albert's School, Bhawlaguri	Bongaigaon
2. 6 th August 2010	Cathedral Hall, Aizawl	Aizawl
3. 17 th July 2010	H' Elias School, Nonthymmai	Shillong
4. 5 th September 2010	St. Anthony's School, Laitumkhrah	Shillong
5. 31 st July 2010	Holy Cross School, Depachera	Agartala
6. 20 th & 21 st August 2010	St. Peter's School, Pyndengrei	Nongstoin
7. 5 th March 2011	Notre Dame School, Moharpara	Agartala
8. 18 th & 19 th March 2011	St. Peter's School, Pyndengrei	Nongstoin
9. 28 th & 29 th April 2011	Pastoral Centre, Ramthar Veng	Aizawl
10. 26 th & 27 th April 2012	Bishop's House, Ramthar Veng	Aizawl
11. 2 nd September 2012	Don Bosco Youth Centre, Shillong	Shillong

13. 17 th November 2012	Don Bosco School, Agartala	Agartala
14. 15 th & 16 March 2013	Youth Centre, Nongstoin	Nongstoin
15. 24 th & 25 th March 2013	Don Bosco School, Damra	Guwahati

ANIMATORS TRAINING PROGRAMME:

DATE	VENUE	DIOCESE
1. 26 th & 27 th Feb. 2010	Bl. Andre School, Bosconagar	Agartala
2. 6 th August 2010	Cathedral Hall	Aizawl
3. 5 th September 2010	St. Anthony's School, Laitumkhrah	Shillong
4. 15 th March 2010	Sacred Heart School, Williamnagar	Tura
5. 20 th & 21 st August 2010	St. Peter's School, Pyndengrei	Nongstoin
7. 5 th March 2011	Notre Dame School, Moharpara	Agartala
6. 18 th & 19 th March 2011	St. Peter's School, Pyndengrei	Nongstoin
7. 28 th & 29 th April 2011	Pastoral Centre, Ramthar Veng	Aizawl
8. 26 th & 27 th April 2012	Bishop's House, Ramthar Veng	Aizawl
9. 2 nd September 2012	St. Anthony's Hr Sec School, Laitumkhra	Shillong
10. 16 th & 17 th March 2013	Bishop's House, Nongstoin	Nongstoin
11. 24 th & 25 th March 2013	Don Bosco School, Damra	Guwahati

Some of the activities that are carried out in the schools are:

1. Peace Rally
2. Cleanliness drive
3. Planting trees
4. Maintaining discipline
5. Conducting assemblies
6. Helping the weaker students in their studies
7. Display good saying on the notice board
8. Organizing competitions like extempore speech, songs, etc.
9. Awareness Programme on education, health, drugs etc.
10. Visit to jail and prayer meeting with them
11. Visit to the Mother Teresa charity home
12. Distribution of clothes and books to the poor people.
13. Picnic
14. Street plays
15. Free Medical Health care

Participation in the National Level Programs: Our region has participated in all the NTA/ EXCO meets and the other National Level Leadership and Animators Training program without fail.

CHALLENGES & Weakness

- ❖ Too many movements which brings confusion for the students.
- ❖ To create awareness to some of the Bishops who may be forgetting that it is CBCI officially recognized Unit.
- ❖ Lack of active animators and support.
- ❖ Lack Follows up Programmes.
- ❖ Change of Diocesan Youth Directors & Coordinators.
- ❖ Some school principals are not interested to accept this movement.
- ❖ To Convince the school Authorities
- ❖ Some parents are not open to any extra activities because they think it will hamper their children's studies.

- ❖ Distance
- ❖ Examinations
- ❖ Financial problems/Lack of fund.

Strength of Movement

- ❖ Support from the Funders
- ❖ Support, Corporation and encouragements from the Authorities especially the Bishop In-charge, NERYC Team, Diocesan Youth Directors, Principals, Former YCSers, etc..
- ❖ Meetings in the Regional and Diocese level.
- ❖ Capable, responsible and willing Coordinators & Animators.
- ❖ Interested and vibrant student leaders.
- ❖ Few sources of fund.
- ❖ Experiences shared by YCS/YSMers who have attended programs organised in the regional and National level.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Various achievements were accomplished during these past three years. The most incredible was the effort made by YCS/YSM Regional Office along with the help of NERYC to introduce YCS/YSM in 15 dioceses of North East India in spite of various challenges and problems. Follow Up, Students and Animators Training Programmes and visit to almost all dioceses was done. We have YCS/YSM movement now in all the 15 dioceses of NE. Lots of interest has been taken by the Youth Directors and school authorities in the respective dioceses and with their initiative we cover the 15 dioceses. Most of Students and Animators are taking active role in

various schools. After a long gap the movement is now having a new awakening in most of the dioceses. At present, we have 153 Units, over 1100 Cells, 12614 members and over 170 Animators in North East.

Learning and Experiences: The movement has basically encouraged the students to build Self-Confidence, meeting new friends, new people and atmosphere has enable them to mingle with different cultures, tribes and languages and build better relationships through discussions. They learn leadership skills and self discipline as well as about team work, unity and cooperation. They have become free to share their ideas and views. They get more opportunities to interact, and take up responsibilities as leaders to organize various programmes.

The students' members and leaders are enthusiastic, active and ready to help at any moment and take part in organizing orientation and follow up programmes for the students in the diocese and regional level. Because of the academic studies they are unable to reach out to different schools.

Future Perspectives: We have a great hope that YCS/YSM will continue in North East and will become a powerful movement to build the lives of the students. In most of the dioceses, Youth Directors, coordinators, animators and student leaders are already taking initiative to make YCS/YSM alive and active. We are convinced of the positive contributions to make a difference in the life of students.

- **Sr. Agnes Sanihe**, Regional Coordinator, NE

Karnataka : Appreciation to the RYD and the DYDs for having so many programmes in the region successfully, since NE is such a vast region.

ODISHA

I. YCS/YSM in Odisha

The YCS/YSM in Odisha has 45 years of history. In 1968 Fr. Francis Pelzar SVD, the youth Animator started YCS/YSM in St. Mary's Girls' High School Sundargarh and appointed Sr. Leo HM as its first Animator. In 1970 St. Mary's Girls' High School Rajgangpur joined the movement. And in the same year the first camp for Odisha was held at St. Joseph's Convent School Sambalpur. Gradually the movement spread to other places under the guidance of Fr. Jose Vazhail SVD.

In 1978, during IV National Council, Odisha was given the status of a separate Region and Fr. Paul Ethakat SVD was appointed as the first Regional Chaplain. After him Fr. Joseph Satyasitan SVD, Fr. Francis Pereira SVD, Fr. Casmir Damor SVD, Fr. Ajit Lakra SVD, Fr. Gregory Tirkey,



Fr. Hubertus Minz and Fr. Ranjit Minj succeeded as Regional Chaplains.

Odisha consists of 5 Dioceses. It has 22 units with 1400 students, 30 Animators.

II. Orientation and Implementation of National theme

After the XV national Council at Mangalore, priority has been given to introduce the National theme "Students for green and harmonious world" in every unit of the Region by organizing YCS/YSM program at Regional as well Diocesan level.

III. Program and Activities

Program	Date	Theme	Participants
Regional Animators Program at Kalunga	31 st July - 1 st August 2010	Students for green and harmonious world	130
Regional camp at Kalunga	1 st - 3 rd October 2010	Students for green and harmonious world	450
Regional camp at Amlikhaman	26 th - 28 th April 2011	Students for green and harmonious world	413
Regional camp at Kusumdegi	2 nd - 4 th October 2011	Let your light shine	350
Animation program at Kalunga	22 nd - 23 rd January 2012		64 Executive members of different units

Inter-Regional program for Odisha and Bijhan Regions at Patna	26 th – 30 th January 2012		16 students and 2 Animators
Rourkela Diocesan Leadership camp at Hamirpur	1 st – 3 rd May 2012	Let's join hands in building new society.	300
Regional cell Leadership Training Program at Kalunga	28 th – 29 th July 2012		113
Rourkela Diocesan Camp at Kalunga	13 th – 15 th October 2012	Students for green and harmonious world	300
Sambalpur Diocesan Camp at Majhapara	21 st – 23 rd October 2012		200
Regional Camp at Sambalpur	1 st – 3 rd may 2013	Students for green and harmonious world	496

IV. National Program

Participated in all the NTA/ EXCO meetings and other National Level Training programs without fail. We are proud to be a part in participating in the XIV IYCS Formation Session & World Council in Delhi, 2011.

V. Growth of YCS/YSM in the Region

Regional Chaplain and team went to 7 schools of Balasore Diocese, Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Archdiocese and Berhampur Diocese of the Region and introduced YCS/YSM there.

VI. Major Achievements

1. Students realized the importance of green and harmonious world. Units have taken steps in Tree plantation, flower plantation, gamla plantation, saving water etc.
2. Students are organized in cells and have regular cell meetings in See-Judge-Act methodology.

3. YCS/YSM is introduced in remaining three Dioceses now, as it was active only in 2 Dioceses previously.
4. Regularity in conducting Regional and Diocesan YCS/YSM program and participating in National Program.
5. Participation in National, Regional and Diocesan Program have helped students in personality development, leadership formation, value education and social awareness.
6. Some Animators are trained in methodology of YCS/YSM in Gujarat and have grown in Animation.
7. More interest is seen among students for YCS/YSM activities.

VII. Major Challenges

1. In busy schedules of academic life, students as well as Animators find hard to give time for the movement.

2. Lack of sufficient coordination among the different units of the Region.
3. Many Animators are not sufficiently prepared for Animation.
4. To sustain the newly introduced units of the Region.
5. To make YCS/YSM visible before schools, society and church.
5. Unite the units, throw regular newsletters.
6. Extend YCS/YSM to more units of the Region.

IX. Concluding Notes

Growth is seen in Odisha YCS/YSM as it has extended to all the five Dioceses of the Region now. The National theme "Students for green and harmonious world" provided occasion for environmental awareness. The units are cell based and needs regularity in having cell meetings. It is a challenge to make the movement more visible in the schools, society and church by growing in its credibility.

- **Fr. Ranjit Minj**, Regional Chaplain, Odisha

VIII. Future Hopes

1. Arrange Training program for Animators
2. Organize Diocesan and Regional Program on regular basis.
3. Publish YCS/YSM handbook in Odia for guide.
4. Grow as cell based movement having regular cell meetings.

Bijhan : Are people aware of what is going on in YCS/YSM?

R: We can have regional programmes which will make the people and students aware of what is going on.

TAMILNADU

Introduction:

Our region comprises of 17 dioceses. The seventeen dioceses have been divided into 5 zones. In our region YCS/YSM movement is vibrant. As a Cell

based movement it has grown and established very well by the hard work of so many people. Because of the good structure, it is easy to have contact with students and animators as to organize so many programmes at various levels. Our main strength is our Diocesan Directors and full timers. Because of their commitment and enthusiasm the movement activities go on well.



No of Dioceses: 17

No of Zones: 5

(North, Central East, South and West)

No of units : 1374

No of Cells : 6598

Total members : 86300

Male: 34500 Female: 51800

No of animators: 1965

National representatives: Valan and Laranziya

Regional Director: Fr. P. Esthakiyus

Diocesan level Programmes:

- ❖ Training on Media education
- ❖ Leadership Training
- ❖ Training on Environment
- ❖ Cultural trainings
- ❖ Awareness on Dengue disease
- ❖ Awareness on Electrical power saving
- ❖ Animators Training Programmes
- ❖ Training on short film making
- ❖ Awareness on Civic sense
- ❖ Training on Women empowerment
- ❖ Training on traffic rules
- ❖ Training on Human rights
- ❖ Training on Women and Child rights
- ❖ Old age home visit
- ❖ Sports meet
- ❖ Competitions
- ❖ Rally on Plastic ban and Child abuse
- ❖ Village exposure camp
- ❖ Blood donation camp
- ❖ Founders day celebration
- ❖ Annual day celebration
- ❖ National children's day celebration
- ❖ Protest against atrocities against children
- ❖ Protest against caste and communal clashes
- ❖ Talent research a competitions at Diocesan level

Founders Day celebration:

Every 2nd week of Nov YCS/YSM celebrates Founders day at diocesan level. Seminars, competitions, Flag hoisting, Cultural program etc are held on that day. This helps the students to realize the values of the movement and to know more about Cardinal Joseph Cardijn.

Regional level programmes:

A. Meetings: Rexco meeting, General body meets, Diocesan Coordinators meeting, Diocesan Directors meeting, Quarterly Review meeting, Regional staff meeting, Chairman Bishop meeting.

B. Trainings: Animators Training, Global Warming, Climate change, Environment rights, Women and Child rights.

Region and Dioceses conduct General body, Executive body, Full timers, Directors and Core group meetings without fail. Quarterly review meetings are regular for the full timers. Evaluation for the Animators and Students is held every year.

Diocesan Coordinators:

The main strength of the movement is our Diocesan coordinators. Because of their sincere commitment and hard work the movement is very alive and active. Every diocese has one full time coordinator and some have part time coordinators. Their work is visiting the parishes and schools, strengthen the cells and units and encouraging the students to join the movement for their benefit. Creating awareness among the students has to have a social concern towards the nation. They are trained to conduct meetings, arrangements for the activities, report submitting and maintain the documents.

Their commitment and enthusiasm is very positive.

Publication: Our movement has been publishing a monthly magazine named "THUDIPU" (Heart Beats). All the write ups are done by the student members. It is a flat form for all budding writers to expose their skills and talents. It is very useful for the students to have knowledge about current issues. So many students are benefitting from the magazine. The total number of copies circulates is 1000.

Achievement of the movement:

- ❖ Tamilnadu Catholic Youth Movement has created committed socially responsible concerned and visionary youth working in social institutions and church institutions which has made our students to have social concern.
- ❖ We have created many social thinkers, people based lyric writers, short documentary film makers, cultural trainers and value based educators.
- ❖ Our student members involve more actively in all the school activities.
- ❖ They study better and score good marks in public exams.
- ❖ Parents and Teachers are happy about the students behavior
- ❖ Planting more trees in their respective units has shown environmental interest.

Slacking in the journey of the movement:

- ❖ Continued misunderstanding between Principal and diocesan Directors created slacking in the growth of the movement.

- ❖ Lack of understanding on the part of the parents about the movement activities
- ❖ Middle and upper middle class students have no social concern and therefore they do not take part in the movement activities.
- ❖ Diocesan Directors have too many commitments and hence less time is given to the movement activities
- ❖ Regular changes of the coordinators affect the growth of the movement
- ❖ Some diocesan authorities have not shown any interest in the movement and its growth
- ❖ Financial constraints
- ❖ Negative impact of the mass media blocks the students mind, studies, behaviors, and attitude and it is also affected due to economic and political issues.
- ❖ Movement has hardly reached 15% of students and remaining 85% has been left out.
- ❖ So many regulations from the government diminish the movement activities.

Conclusion: Tamilnadu has been in the forefront of the movement. It has reached several milestones. The movement deepens the relationship with teachers, animators, neighbors, classmates and responsibility of the people. The student members develop a sense of respect and honesty among themselves and dealing with their work. Thanks to all the people who have support us till today.

- **Fr. P Esthakiyus**, Regional Director, Tamilnadu

Karnataka- What is the strength of the region?

R: 86,300 students. Fr. Charles however pointed out that it was not the correct figures. So it was suggested that the DYDs get the correct numbers as soon as possible to constitute the regional data.

UTTAR PRADESH

In Jhansi we have YCS/YSM in Cathedral College where we conduct the cell meetings twice a week in which all the catholic students actively take part. A few students from other faiths are also showing interest in joining the movement and we welcome them as they also have an important place in the movement.

We our cell meetings we discuss the current issues and share our views in the groups including the YSM

In the year 2011 our RYD Fr. Richard Arul requested a few Dioceses in the region to join the movement. Sine 2011 two dioceses Bhel and Latipur have shown interest and they are in contact with us. Showing the interest in the movement and to know more about it will enable us to form the units there. Presently w we have introduced this movement for many more aspirants.

Now we are planning to call all the dioceses together and plan a program to extend the movement in our region.

- **Jassica Robert**, NEXCO, U.P.

UP presented the report however there were no questions raised.

WEST BENGAL & SIKKIM

"We are always at a beginning" is what our inspiration Cardinal Joseph Cardijn had said, indeed the movement has grown from strength to strength over the period of more than 40 years but it has also faced hurdles and difficulties as time passed by. In the last three years of our term the Region has faced more challenges than it has tasted success.

The West Bengal & Sikkim region consists of only one diocese -Kolkata. The



Kolkata diocese consists of 19 units with strength of more than 750 students and 55 animators. Our Diocese has seen three YCS chaplain and three offices in the last three years. Our office therefore is currently at Church of Valankani, Picnic Garden.

YCS Kolkata has conducted the following events for the last three years:

S. NO	PROGRAM	DATE & VENUE	Participants
1.	YCS General Assembly	17 th July 2010 Don Bosco Park Circus	100
2.	DEXCO Election	25 th August 2010 Don Bosco Park Circus	58
3.	YCS CAROLS	18 th December 2010 Don Bosco Park Circus	150
4.	Animators Training	16 th April 2011 Don Bosco Park Circus	28
5.	YCS Commitment Day	1 st May 2011 Don Bosco Liluah	500
6.	Christmas Fiesta	18 th December 2011 Don Bosco Liluah	200
7.	Principals' Meet	22 nd April 2012 Bishop's House Kolkata	14
8.	YCS Commitment Day	1 st May 2012 Don Bosco Bandel	500
9.	General Assembly & DEXCO Election	14 th July 2012 Our Lady Queen of the Missions, Salt Lake	11 units
10.	Animators Training Program	27 th August 2012 Loreto Day School	26
11.	YCS Commitment Day	1 st May 2013 Loreto House Kolkata	600
12.	Regular YCS School Units Visits		

During our term of three years we faced the following **challenges**:

1. Frequent changes of the animators and principals
2. Working with new Chaplains has been difficult as it took time for the new director to know about the movement.

3. Management of the academic responsibilities of the DEXCO along with their YCS responsibility.

4. Communication gap between the DEXCOs and chaplain.

The **successes** in the past three years were:

1. Successful elections of the DEXCOs

2. Opening up of four new units in the diocese.
3. Hosting the commitment day successfully.
4. Shifting of YCS from the Salesians to diocese under the care and guidance of the diocesan Youth Commission's chairman Archbishop of Kolkata His Grace Thomas D' Souza
5. Successfully establishing an executive body which would assist the DEXCOs in performing their duties.

Failures which was experienced by us in the last three years as follows:

1. Unable to go for an-inter regional programme held in Shillong due to a 36 hours delay of the train.

2. The expansion of the movement in other dioceses except Kolkata.

With this we would like to thank all the members of the DEXCO team who have given us all the support that is required for conducting the events at diocesan level. With this hope of a better future, we promise that we will keep working to the best of our potential and try to spread the message of Awareness, Reflection, Action and Evaluation (Review Of Life) to the whole world.

"Though we might not be young forever, but the methodology of YCS will always remain young in our hearts."

- **NEXCOs**, West Bengal & Sikkim Region

TN-Appreciation of the fact that 500 students had gathered for a programme.

Mr. Leo Joseph (observer) - There are two National conveners in the recent years from West Bengal but still YCS is only present in Kolkata diocese?

R: There has been a change in the chaplain often in our region. So it is difficult as the new chaplain coming in has to settle down and then begin the expansion work.

It was followed by **National movement evaluation report** given by Leo Joseph which gave a clear picture of what we have done in the past three years, our successes and failures. It was passed unanimously.

PROPOSED EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE MEMBERS/STUDENT LEADERS/ANIMATORS/OTHERS

1. NAME :
2. SCHOOL/UNIT :
3. DIOCESE :
4. How Many Years have you been in the movement:
5. Programmes Attended : Diocese :
Regional :

FOR MEMBERS/STUDENT LEADERS/ANIMATORS:**CELL LIFE:**

1. Do you function as a cell or a unit?
Cell: Unit:
2. How many cells do you have in your unit? -
3. How many members are there in your cell? -
4. Topics dealt in your cell?
Social: Personal: Both:
5. Do you follow any group dynamics/methods? Specify?
Games: Exercises: Exposure: Input: Any other:
6. Does everyone get a fair chance to express his/her view in your cell?
Few: Some: Most: All:
7. Do you feel a collective responsibility in your cell meeting?
Yes: No:
8. What problems do you face in your cell or in your involvement in the YCS/YSM in the school?
Finance: Permission from authority: Parents: Studies:
9. In what ways has the YCSYSM Cell life helped you?
Intellectual: Social: Personal: Leadership: Any other:
10. Do your Diocesan Director/ Regional Director visit your unit?
Yes: No:
Once A Year: DYD/RYP Sometimes: DYD/RYP
Frequently: DYD/RYP

METHODOLOGY

1. Do you follow the YCS/YSM review of life Methodology?
YES: NO:
2. What other areas of your life do you apply YCS/YSM Methodology?
Education: Friends Circle: In the family:
3. Specify some of the actions taken up after the cell meeting?
4. Does the methodology help you in bringing about any change in your attitude? If so, How?

SPRITUALITY

1. Has the Movement helped you come closer to God and Religion?
Yes: No: How:
2. With regard to people of other faiths:
You appreciate: Do not appreciate:
3. Do you use scriptures of other religions?
Yes: No:
4. What is your understanding of God/Spirituality before and after you joined the Movement?
BEFORE AFTER:

5. As a member where have you had unique God experience/encountered the presence of God in your life?

School: Family: Church/Place of worship: Any other.

THEME OF THE MOVEMENT

- Do you know the National Theme?
YES: No:
- Was the theme sufficiently clear and relevant to you?
Clear: Not Clear: To some extent:
Relevant: Not relevant:
- What are the themes you have worked other than the National Theme?
- What activities/actions have you taken based on the theme?
- What would be the theme and thrust you would like to propose for the forthcoming years?

THE MOVEMENT& ITS IMPACT

- What is the uniqueness of YCS/YSM when there are so many other movements/organizations like NCC, NSS and Scouts & Guides and Red Cross, etc?
- Are you able to create an interest in other students about the Movement?
Yes: No:
- Has your involvement helped you to be better member in you parish/school neighborhood? If yes, how if no why?
YES: NO:
- Have you in any way succeeded in influencing the social situation?
YES: NO:
- Are you able to reach out/help students in need in your school/locality?
YES: NO: Sometimes:

ANIMATION:

ONLY FOR STUDENTS:

- Who conducts the cell meetings?
Animator: Leader: Anyone:
- Do you need an animator?
YES: NO:
- Qualities I expect in my animator?

ONLY FOR STUDENT LEADERS:

- How do you think you are different from other leader?
Character: Efficiency: Model:
- What is your relationship with DTS/RTS/NATIONAL EXCOS/NATIONAL TEAM?
Cordial: Very Cordial: Not so cordial:

ONLY FOR ANIMATORS:

NAME :

SCHOOL-UNIT :

DIOCESE :

NO OF YEARS AS AN ANIMATOR :

1. How is your relationship with the students?
Friendly: Not friendly: Strong: Weak:
2. As an animator your strengths:
Weaknesses:
3. Do you feel the experience you have gained as an animator valuable? Why?
Valuable: Not Valuable: Why:
4. Do you get adequate training on the theme/thrusts?
Yes: No :
5. 1. Are you in contact with the
a. Diocesan Office Yes: No:
b. Regional office Yes: No:
c. National office Yes: No:
2. How? Correspondence: Visits: Newsletter:
Programmes:
6. What do you suggest for the growth of the movement?

FOR HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS /PARENTS/BISHOPS/BENEFACTORS/EX-YCSYSM'ERS

NAME :

DIOCESE :

ADDRESS :

1. Do the Members influence the student community?
Yes: No: Often: Rarely:
2. What is the uniqueness of YCS/YSM when we have so many other movements/organizations like Scouts & guides, Red Cross, NSS, NCC, etc?
3. Does the Movement help in the integral formation of its members?
Yes: No:
4. What is your experience in sending YCS/YSMers for camps and programmes?
5. What is your relationship with Diocesan Office?
Cordial: Very Cordial: Not so cordial:
6. What is your response to your children/students being in YCS/YSM?
Happy Encouraging Discouraging
7. Would you like to contribute financially towards the growth of this movement?
Yes: No:

8. How will you promote YCSYSM in your place?

FREE TIME SERVICE :

INITIATE NEW GROUPS :

SHARING OF EXPERINECES :

ANY OTHER :

THE SEARCH- NATIONAL NEWSLETTER: FOR ALL

1. Do you read "The Search"?

Not at all: Glance through: Cover to cover:

2. The newsletter is available to whom?

You alone: Others (Community, Parents, School):

3. Do you subscribe for the "The Search"?

YES: NO:

4. Do you think The Search is a genuine Newsletter?

YES: NO: WHY:

5. Have you shared your views in The Search?

YES: NO:

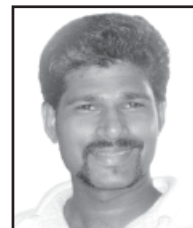
ANY OTHER SUGGESTION FOR THE GROWTH/BETTERMENT OF YCS/YSM:

You may kindly send it to:

National Chaplain, YCS/YSM National Office, 66 (151) Luz Church Road, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004, OR hand it over to one of the members of YCS/YSM.

NATIONAL MOVEMENT EVALUATION REPORT: May 2010- May 2013

Compiled by : Leo Joseph



Introduction:

One of the most important pillars of our Action - Reflection methodology is Evaluation. Based on the proposal from the NTA/ EXCO members, a questionnaire was formed and sent to evaluate the National movement in Unit/ Diocese/ Region and National level for the past three years. The questionnaire was meticulously prepared in a simple and easily understandable manner so that the students and the animators could answer without any difficulties. Animators and Students were given separate questions to assess better. Even though sufficient time has been allotted for the regions and dioceses, the response was not satisfactory. With the responses received, we carried out the evaluation process and able to draw to a conclusion on the following points:

In sending and receiving the questionnaires, we came to realize that there was no proper communication between most of the regions and their respective dioceses as regards this evaluation process and it is not taken seriously by many.

STUDENTS LEVEL

Cell Life

1. Majority of them function in cell. Most of the schools having YSM function as Units and few are unable to differentiate between Cell & Unit.
2. 30% have more than 4 cells in a unit. We all know that a cell should consist of 8 - 12 members, 15% have responded stating there are more than 20 student members in a cell which has to be avoided. Our movement is not based on the quantity rather quality.
3. Above 85% deal with the topics both personal and social in their cell meetings and execute them mostly through the input sessions. Few cells have taken up the initiative to go out for an exposure visit to the reality situation to SEEà JUDGEà ACT.
4. Lack of involvement of the YCS YSM in the schools are due to the management of the school and from the parents who give more importance to the student's academic results than their personal and social growth.
5. Though all agreed that the movement has helped them in all the aspects namely: Intellectual, Social, Personal, Leadership etc, 90% feels that the movement has helped them to be a better leader.
6. 10% of the units have been visited by the DYD/ RYD, that too very rarely.

METHODOLOGY:

1. Many are aware of our methodology- the Review of Life (ROL) and indeed

follow and apply it in their schools, friends circle and families; a few are not aware of the methodology of the movement.

2. 60% of the students are confident to say that the methodology has made a huge impact in their life, particularly in Knowing Oneself.

SPIRITUALITY

1. Comparatively more students expressed that they have felt the presence of God in their cell meetings.
2. YSM movement has brought the students of other faith closer to us and to share one's faith experience.
3. We learnt after living in the movement that God is not only considered as the Almighty and Powerful but also a friend who can be with us all through our journey.

UNDERSTANDING THE NATIONAL THEME

1. Nearly 60% are familiar with the National Theme, though a few confuse it with the methodology of the movement.
2. The National theme is clear and relevant to most of the students and the thrusts and the regional/ diocesan level programs based on that helped them to understand it better.
3. There are not many suggestions for the future theme yet a few suggested having themes based on Education system.

IMPACT OF THE MOVEMENT: Learning

1. Compared to the other clubs and organizations, YCS YSM has helped the students to sit as a small group which helps them to interact and share easily. It also helps them to take quick decisions as it is a small group.
2. YCS YSM is unique as it deals with student reality and helps in faith formation.
3. It gives every student the right to express his/ her opinion with others, discuss deeper into the problems and come out with the proper solutions.
4. YCS YSM is a student movement and not Directors/ Animators/ Principals or Chaplain's movement. Each and every action was taken by the students in their respective cells with the guidance of the animator.
5. The strength of the movement lies in undertaking simple actions which are achievable and collectively make a large difference. It could have been more concrete and leading to advocacy and publicity in campaigning for the social needs.
6. Overall, the students have experienced the change in themselves after being a part in this deep rooted movement. It's time to change others to build a new and just society.

SEARCH MAGAZINE

1. We are happy to know that many students are conscious about our national Newsletter 'The Search' and reading them regularly.

2. It's sad to know from few students that the Search Magazine never comes to their hands as it lies in the Principal/ Parish Priest's office or residence.
3. The publication of the Search magazine must be made regular and every student member must get their copy with subscriptions. Animators need to take care of this.
4. As it is student's magazine, they feel that they come forward to write articles, share their faith experiences in the movement which is read all over the world.

ANIMATORS

The outcome of the evaluation questionnaire from the animators made us to realize that they are the back bone of the movement. Animator is a friend, guide, the one who accompanies the members always in their growth process. We believe that their experiences and **suggestions** have to be taken seriously.

1. Their strength lies in their presence among the students.
2. As animators they have learned: patience, Perseverance, Willingness to listen to their point of view, motivating them to take on leadership, and above all, they learn from the students themselves.
3. Nearly 90% of the animators have admitted that their weakness is their inability to give time for the students.
4. Expecting too much from the students also serves as weakness to a few.

5. The importance given to the academic results by the Head of the institution and Parents were not given to the students' formation.
6. As animators they feel it is their role to bring students together and expand the movement.
7. The support from the DYDs and regular visits to the schools will help them animate better.
8. Regular Animators Training programs should be conducted by the diocesan/ regional and National level which will help us understand the psychology of students and serve better.

Then the **National report** was placed before the council by the National Secretary Ms Jovita D'Souza.



YCS/YSM NATIONAL MOVEMENT REPORT - May 2010 to May 2013

1. INTRODUCTION:

Our Movement YCS/YSM has successfully completed another memorable term since the previous National Council held in Mangalore in 2010. With the evolved theme "Students for Green & Harmonious World" and the methodology of our Movement, we have done our best to enlighten our members at all levels and to implement the directions of the Council. Inspired by our founder Cardinal Joseph Cardijn and through the valuable guidance of Sr. Jeanne Devos, the former Chaplains and leaders we have worked on both the National Theme and other social issues.

We are all proud to be part of such a Movement which is fighting against the violation of human rights, promoting communal harmony, national integration, environmental protection, eradication of all sorts of discriminations and so on. Our Movement involves a large participation from Christian Students and students of other faith who help the Movement grow. The Movement forms us to be responsible individuals to face the present reality and to work towards building a better society – God's kingdom. Amidst the changing political situation in the country and social degradation, our Movement has lived up to its vision.

With the guidance, collaboration and co-operation of the National Chaplain, National Coordinator and the Regional Chaplains, the National Team Members (NT) and Exco's have worked with the student leaders and Animators to achieve our goals. Through various national and inter-regional programs and through the publication of the Search, our newsletter, the students are formed to be leaders and agents of change.

This National Report contains various undertakings of our Movement of the past three years with our National Theme as its back-bone and guiding principle. This report will give us ample evidence that the movement has believed in children's dignity and worked to strengthen their Rights.

Though this is an elaborated report, still we are unable to express the hard work, selfless dedication and sacrifice of our students, animators, chaplains, coordinators, parents, well wishers and management for the growth of the

Movement. Heartfelt gratitude to all of them.

1.1. Student Reality: What is the students' reality in this world of ours? Competition, conflicting values and advancement of science and technology. An individual from the very beginning is taught to be self-centered, compete and reach the goal which he/she has very little idea, how to achieve it.

In this confused world, our movement responds to the needs of the students by providing an alternative education promoting personality development, encouraging them to have positive attitude, enable them to bring out their talents, leadership qualities, tap his/her potentialities and make him/her conscious

of the surroundings where he/she faces the situation with challenge.

1.2. Vision: We are all aware of the aim/ vision of our movement – To Build a New Society- God's Kingdom, where people live in harmony, where there is total freedom for the complete growth of the individuals, where each and every person accepts the other as he/ she is, inspite of the differences, trials and difficulties in their day to day life, where people value Love, Justice, Truth, Honesty, Peace and Equality.

1.3. Statistics of the Movement

Student members: **1,40,893**

Animators and Chaplains: **3,226**

Number of Units: **2,491**

Working in Catholic Dioceses of India: **67**

Name of the regions	No. of Dioceses	No. of Units	No. of Students	No. of Girls	No. of Boys	No. of Animators
Andhra Pradesh	10	325	16,575	8,222	8,353	351
Bijhan	4	36	2,400	1,180	1,220	42
Goa	1	120	4,380	2,843	1,537	135
Karnataka	8	368	12,348	7,048	5,300	392
M & G	1	5	360	236	124	6
Madhya Pradesh	3	50	2,488	1,240	1,248	56
North East	15	153	12,614	5,832	6,782	170
Northern Region	2	15	1000	550	450	18
Orissa	3	23	1,400	762	638	30
Tamilnadu	17	1374	86,300	34,500	51,800	1965
Uttar Pradesh	1	3	266	131	135	6
West Bengal	2	19	762	322	440	55
Total	67	2,491	1,40,893	62,866	78,027	3,226

2. NTA/EXCO:

The National Team of Animators consists of the National Chaplain, National Coordinator and all the regional chaplains. The National Executive body comprises of two (one boy & one girl) student leaders who represent their region. The NTA/EXCO meets once in six months to evaluate study and plan for the growth of the Movement. It also shares and takes the opportunity to participate in the Inter-Regional, National, Asian, International and partner movement programs.

The responsibility of the NTA/EXCO is to convey the orientation of the National Council at the grass root level i.e. both the regions and the diocese. The Movement is fortunate to have dedicated and inspiring Chaplains/ EXCOS with clear objectives, guidance and direction at all level. We appreciate the involvement and participation of a few EXCOS at their regional and diocesan level. In the mean time, the Movement has suffered too due to the absence/ non cooperation of some of the Regional Chaplains and discontinuation/ negligence of some EXCOS and negligence in selecting the EXCOS by some regions.

2.1. NTA/EXCO Meetings:

- ✓ 4th to 7th Nov. 2010, in Kalyani, Kolkata. The main agenda of the meeting was to give the orientation of the movement and the National theme, the roles and responsibilities of the NEXCOS and electing the new National Team.

- ✓ 4th - 5th May 2011 in Muttom, Kanyakumari where we discussed mainly on the forthcoming XIV IYCS World Council in Delhi, Fund raising and the National Office issues.
- ✓ 17th - 18th December 2011 at Seva Kendra, Kolkata. Evaluation of the IYCS World Council, Suggesting the theme for the National Council, Asian Session & Council and a special talk by Mr. Sunil Lukas on "Students for Anti-Corruption Movement" are the main highlights of the NTA/ EXCO meeting.
- ✓ 18th - 19th May 2012 at Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Nadiad, Gujarat. We were fortunate to have our Chairman Bishop Leo Cornelio SVD all through the meeting. Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ gave us an input session on "Action Oriented Students Leadership". The expansion of the Search magazine, Self Evaluation of the EXCO members, and the preparation for the XVI National Council was also discussed.
- ✓ 26th - 27th January 2013 at Archbishop's House, Nagpur. In a nutshell, Recollection was given by Fr. George, Roles & Responsibilities were shared among the NTA/ EXCO members and a detailed study of the newly Drafted Constitution, and the surprise visit by our former National Chaplain: Fr. Johnny Monteiro.

EXCOS Responses: As National EXCOS, having the responsibility of leading a highly

esteemed student movement, we learned to realize the Leader in ourselves. The freedom and the trust the Chaplains and the Animators have in us gives us the confidence to do something good for the society. We are able to accept one another as brothers and sisters and through that a family atmosphere is created to treat each other as real human beings. Through the methodology of the movement: SEEà JUDGEà ACT we have become mature citizens in building a new society. As individuals, we got the identity and recognition through our movement YCS YSM.

2.2. NTA/ EXCOS Live - In Program:

The NTA/ EXCO Live-in Program was an opportunity for the EXCOS to know each other, build a good and healthy relationship and to share their experiences to work as a team. It also serves as a platform to break the ice and to know their roles and responsibilities as a National EXCO. The National Team (NT) comprising of the National Convener, National Secretary, and the National Treasurer are elected in this program.

4th to 7th Nov. 2010, in Kalyani, Kolkata, 9 EXCOS, 3 RYDS and 3 Former EXCOS participated in it and helped elect the New National Team. Miss Suzan, the former National Convener gave a burning candle to Miss Joyce the newly elected National Convener to mark the handing over.

The Present National Team

National Chaplain	-	Fr. Charles Menezes
National Convener	-	Miss Dymphna Joyce from West Bengal
National Secretary	-	Miss Jovita D'Souza from Karnataka
National Treasurer	-	Mr. Cuthbert Sohtun from North East

2.3. Administrative, Organizational Meetings:

Regular meetings and planning of National Team were held during NTA/EXCO meeting itself. Since all were students and having different time table and considering distance and travel hazards we could not come together often. But at various occasions we met and through emails, Cell phones and the use of social networks we could decide things much faster.

2.4. Changes in the National EXCO and NTA:

During this term some NTA/EXCO members were unable to continue due to other assignments, studies and personal reasons. We appreciate their service and contribution to the Movement and wish them all the very best. The following members belong to the NTA/EXCO (Those changed are shown in the bracket)

Region	National Exco	NTA
Tamilnadu	Laranzia, Valan	Fr. Esthakiyus P.
Karnataka	Jovita, Vilaskumar	(Fr. Franklin)/ Fr. M. Joseph
Maharastra/ Gujarat	Melwyn, Alice	Fr. Philip Topno
Goa	Ciela	Fr. Olavo Caiado
Bijhan	Mohit, Roseline	(Fr. Peter)/ Fr. Sabu Davis
West Bengal	Joyce, Frank	Fr. Robin Gomes
Northeast	Cuthbert, Jenifa	(Sr.Bhanumati/ Fr. Olphindro) Sr. Agnes/ Fr. Mark Lakra
Utter Pradesh	Ashish, Jasica(Francis, Angela)	Fr. Richard
Orissa	Neelmoni, Sugandha(Sneha)	Fr. Ranjit Minj
Northern	— — —	(Fr. Peter)/ Fr. Chethan
Madhya Pradesh	— — —	Fr. Shallmon
Andhra Pradesh	— — —	(Fr. Praveen)/ Fr. Balaswamy

3.1. XV National Council: The 15th National Council was held in May 2010 in Mangalore, Karnataka. Around 120 student members from all over India participated in it and evaluated the movement for the past three years and chose the theme for next three years.

The theme: “Responding to God’s call to be sincere, sensitive and simple persons to envision and build a green and harmonious world”

The National thrusts are:

1. Climate Change
2. Food Crisis and
3. Human Rights

3.2. Workshops based on the National Thrusts:

Three workshops were conducted by the National Office in preparing the lesson plans to have healthy cell meetings. The prepared lesson plans were sent to all

the regions and was published in our National newsletter too.

1. Climate Change

On November 02, 2010 a workshop was organized at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre for 40 YCS YSM students from the Chennai diocese. Mr. Haridas, an environmental scientist was the resource person and helped us to prepare the lesson plans.

2. Food Crisis

The second workshop in drafting the lesson plans based on the National Thrust-Food Crisis held at the Pastoral Centre, Chennai on 17th September 2011. 40 students participated in it.

3. Human Rights

The third and the final workshop took place at Peace Centre, Ambari, Guwahati on 16th July 2012. Mr. Emelan the former

YCSer and the animator guided the students in preparing the lesson plans

Students' Responses: With the evaluation conducted in all the three workshops, we came to realize that the students were not aware of the need of these topics before. They understood the need of the hour in saving the mother earth and the value of 'Sense of Belonging'. The student promised us that they will take up these issues in their cell meetings and will in turn make concrete plans by sharing it with their non YCS ers.

4. EVALUATION OF THE MOVEMENT:

National action plan suggested by the XV council:

Based on the experience of the evaluation in the past, the NTA/EXCO had proposed to conduct the evaluation with a questionnaire that is simple and easily understood by the students. Hence a questionnaire was prepared and was circulated a year before the Council. We planned in such a way to have sufficient time for study and evaluation. But the response was very poor. From the responses received, the evaluation was carried out and will be presented in detail during the Evaluation Report.

The National plan of action taken in the previous National Council in Mangalore is as follows:

1. Communication and visits to Local, Regional movements, Contact the concerned authorities and ensure proper appointment of personal in the respective dioceses and regions.
It's very clearly explained in the Visitation and Consultation of the

National Chaplain who has taken the initiative of visiting many of the dioceses in all regions.

2. Taking into account the present financial situation of the movement and do the needed fund raising towards the expenditures on professional lines.

Will be explained when presenting the budget report

3. Appoint a National Coordinator/ full timer as early as possible.

The national chaplain tried his best to request as many congregations as possible but the response was negative instead they requested him to send vocations to them.

4. Restart the publication of the National Newsletter "The Search"

We have started publishing it but the response of the student members is poor in subscribing it and in sending articles to it. The student subscription will help us a lot.

5. Organizing regular training programs at National level both for students and animators- which takes place without any interruption.

NSLTP and IRSLTP were organized as per the project funding. An animators training is done and several small trainings are organized

6. Regarding awareness and solidarity campaigns in the region level takes place at the respective regions as pointed out in their regional reports.

5. FINANCE:

We are very much concerned about the financial situation faced by the movement at every level. It is a challenge to every one of us. We are glad that in all our National programmes, participants bear their one-way of two way T.A. and registration fees. However, we are unable to raise the required money even partially. We totally depend on funding agencies for our budget. But nowadays it is not easy to receive projects for formation programs. As we claim it as a student's movement, we also have to realize our duties and responsibilities towards it. Lack of motivation, attitude and effort, make us fail in raising funds locally towards our movement. There are a lot of opportunities and awareness to raise funds locally. The need of financial support and the means to raise funds must be made aware to all and each of us should try our level best in giving a helping hand to the movement. At this juncture, we are extremely grateful to the funding agencies that are supporting us, without whom certain programs are not possible.

6. NATIONAL NEWS LETTER - THE SEARCH:

As per the Action plan taken in the previous National Council to restart the publication of our National Newsletter "The Search", special efforts have been taken by the National Chaplain in bringing back our magazine alive though with the lack of funds. It is published quarterly. It publishes our views, articles, experiences, reports and the current happenings of the world. It gives

an opportunity to the students to be budding journalists. We appreciate the Editorial Board and all those who assist in bringing out the issues. Though we spent a lot of money, time and energy, it's not possible to achieve its aim. The subscription and the articles from the student members are not satisfactory. Yet with available resources of articles and money we regularly publish the magazine. Keeping in mind our national theme, we bring out articles pertaining to the theme in every issue. As it's our magazine, it's our duty to make it meaningful and reachable to many students.

7. PARTICIPATION AND COLLABORATION WITH IYCS & IYCS-ASIA

As our Movement is an international Movement we are proud of being a member movement, where every cell member belongs to it at every level. We also have a good relationship with the International Movement through correspondence and regular membership fees. Hosting the World Council for the first time has made us closer with the international movement and also to all the other countries having YCS. YCS/YSM - India has never missed the opportunity to participate in any Asian level programs and have used the full quotas for students. Our Movement had given Mr. Deepak Raj to the Asian Team but due to personal reasons he couldn't continue. We were also privileged in having Fr. James Chacko SDB as the Asian Chaplain who came back after his term in 2012. Mr. Manoj Mathew, the IYCS former General Secretary from India is presently in the Advisory

Committee of IYCS. We are happy to have Mrs Loucille Alcala who was the IYCS former Program coordinator married Mehul Dabhi (former IMCS secretary) from Gujarat and has become daughter-in-law of India and has settled in Delhi. We are also delighted in nominating Ms. Bala for the candidature for the post of IYCS Program Coordinator and praying for her success.

7.1. Programs- IYCS - International

XIV IYCS World Council- New Delhi, India

It's a God given opportunity that we had the chance and privilege to host the 9th Global Formation Session and 14th IYCS World Council for the first time in our country. 120 delegates from 37 countries took part in it to assess the past 4 years' activities and to evolve new theme for the future from 15th to 27th July 2011 at St. Michael's School, Delhi. The theme of the World Council was: 'Crisis and Conflicts in the World- Students offering Hope'.

We thank the National Chaplain who took the extra burden to invite all the EXCO members from all over India to help and organize the World Council as Local Organizing Committee (LOC) which gave us an international exposure and to learn more about the functioning of the International Team.

Preparatory Meetings: Preparatory meetings for IYCS World Council were done in Dec 2010 with Loucille Alcala the Program Co coordinator of IYCS and Mar 2011 with Eduardo Koutsava, the former General Secretary of IYCS.

7.2. International Committee Meeting (IC):

Mr. Amit Runda from Kolkata participated in the International Committee meeting at Burkina Faso, Africa in Aug 2010.

7.3. Programs- IYCS- ASIA

a. South Asian Session & Council (SAS):

10th SAS took place from 11th to 18th December 2010 in Thewatta, Sri Lanka with the theme: "With faith, Students move forward for a Green and Peaceful World through Education". Fr. Jude and Suzan from Kolkata; Alice from Nagpur; Tini and Edna from Karnataka; along with the National Chaplain Fr. Charles Menezes participated in it.

b. Chaplains & Animators Formation

Exchange (CAFÉ): It took place from 7th to 14th November 2011 at St. Louis Mary Juniorate, Thailand. 47 delegates from all over Asia attended it with the theme: "Called to be the Ambassadors of Christ, Students Education in the hour of Interculturality and Religious Pluralism". Jovita, the National Secretary, Nikhil, DEXCO from Kolkata along with Fr. Charles participated in this program.

c. Asian Session & Council (ASC):

The 12th IYCS Asian Session and Council was organized in Seoul, South Korea from 6th to 15th August 2012 at Sungshin Seminary Campus. 94 delegates from 13 Asian countries including 3 Indian participants namely: Shiny Sophia and Josline Savio from Mangalore and Fr. Charles. Sessions were based on the theme: "Called to be the light of Asia, Students forge ahead with faith, for renewed Asia". Important decisions were taken and new Asian Coordinators were

elected namely: Ralph from Malaysia and Homme from Thailand. We wish them all the very best.

Students' Faith experiences from the International Programs

It's once a life time chance for the students to meet and have a healthy rapport with the students of other nations. Students realized that they are a part of such a huge International movement and came to know about the wide spread movement started by Cardinal Joseph Cardijn. They experienced, lived and shared the methodology of YCS movement. As India was preparing for the National Council, it too learnt how to organize programs much better. In all the programs, the role of LOCs was highly appreciated.

8. ANIMATION, VISITS, CONSULTATION:

One of our main and effective methods of orientation and animation is visitation. Visiting the cells and units in schools and parishes, dioceses and regions; meeting the students, leaders, animators, parents, chaplains/directors and the diocesan and regional teams; conducting sessions, training, seminars and participating in the general Body Meetings, consultations and planning, do strengthen and revitalize the Movement at every level. Hence, the National Chaplain, Coordinator, National Students team, Team of Animators regularly undertakes this program.

The visit brings a new life to the cells and the students. It is the golden chance for the members to meet, share, reflect, interact, plan and evaluate with the national

representatives and the national chaplain. A good linkage between the national body and the members at grass root level. We also appreciate the EXCOS who visit their diocesan units along with their Regional Chaplains.

The National Director regularly visits various regions and dioceses whenever there is any program. Sometimes he may be called for the program and some other time he may visit on his own. The importance of the visit is to strengthen, revive & encourage the good work that is being done in the movement.

Accordingly he has visited Rourkela in Orissa region, Mangalore, Udupi, Belgaum, Gulbarga, Mysore in Karnataka region, Nagpur, Mumbai, Ahmadabad and Baroda in MG region, Trichy, Kanyakumari and Chennai in TN region, Goa region, Patna in Bijhan region, Jhansi, Allahabad and Bareilly in UP region, Kolkata in WB region, Hyderabad and Vijayawada in AP region, Delhi and Punjab in Northern region, Bhopal in MP region, Guwahati, Shillong, Jowai, Aizwal, Itanagar and Diphu in Northeast region. It was a long journey on the train, bus, flight and in smaller vehicles worth mentioning. We could talk to him over the phone when he was on the road, bus stand, railway station etc coz he couldn't be in the office to take our call.

He has gone through their life story, past history and growth process in the movement, met a number of students, animators, Directors and Local Ordinaries, appreciated and encouraged them for what they are doing and pleaded them to

revitalize where it is in a dormant stage. The effect is seen in many of the dioceses and hope it will flourish in the years to come.

He feels sorry for the people who could not be a part of this movement just because some of them who had to organize the movement were either not interested or blocked the organization due to lethargy or prejudices.

9. FORMATION PROGRAMMES:

Regular training programmes are very essential at different levels. Those who come for the National or Inter Regional Programmes should have already attended some diocesan/regional level training programs which will help us to give them deeper inputs.

9. 1. Inter – Regional Student Leadership Training Program (IRSLTP)

IRSLTP is the best platform for the students of two regions to come together, get to know each other and their movement activities and to share their culture and friendship with others.

- ✓ Karnataka & Goa- 28th April to 2nd May 2011 at Catholic Centre, Mysore. 60 students benefitted from the program.
- ✓ North East & West Bengal- 1st to 5th October, 2011 where 60 students from both the regions participated in it.
- ✓ Bijhan & Orissa- 26th to 30th January 2012 at Sneha Dhara, Patna. 42 students from the three regions namely: Bijhan, Orissa and Jharkand gained from it.

- ✓ Tamilnadu & A.P- 15th to 19th Feb, 2012 at Ilaya Deepam, Trichy where 25 student leaders participated in it.

Responses from the Students: The participants were happy to know and get in touch with new friends. The movement, through national training programs has helped them to know more people from all over the country. Specially to know about other region's culture and their tradition, learning new languages etc add more essence to the program. Obviously they too learn about the importance of Being and Becoming a Leader. Some have even felt the difference of how they were before the program and after.

9.2. National Student Leaders Training Program (NSLTP)

Twice a year, the National Student Leaders Training Program was organized for the English and the Hindi speaking regions separately.

2011

- ✓ 4th to 8th May 2011 at Muttom, Kanyakumari where 63 student leaders participated from the English speaking regions namely: Tamilnadu, Andhra, Karnataka and North East.
- ✓ 24th to 28th September 2011 at Pastoral centre, Jhansi for the Hindi speaking regions where 35 students benefitted from it.

2012

- ✓ 13th to 17th May 2012 at Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Nadiad Gujarat for the Hindi speaking regions namely: Orissa,

Jharkand, M.G, Northern, U.P and Bijhan. 68 students got the privilege to attend this program.

- ✓ NSLTP was organized for the English speaking regions at the Archbishop's House, Nagpur in January 2013. 70 students were present.

Responses from Students: In the beginning of the program some were feeling home sick, but when the days passed by they all felt at home and considered each one as their own family member. The students after living 5 days in a new world with new environment never had the feeling of going back. The training programs did have an impact on the students in the faith aspect and we are happy to see these leaders grow with it for a better tomorrow.

9.3. National Animators Training Program (NATP)

We were happy and proud to organize the National Animators Training Program (NATP) after 14 long years of YCS history. Animators, Directors from 10 regions came together in the 8 days residential program to know in and out of our movement. It helped them to start new cells and to strengthen the existing units.

18th to 24th May 2012 at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Nadiad, Gujarat. 32 animators, 8 EXCOS participated in the program. Former IYCS General Secretary Mr. Manoj Mathew and former IYCS Program Coordinator Ms. Loucille Alcala were also with us.

Responses from the Animators: They came to know about other regions in YCS/YSM,

A healthy relationship was built, All were open minded, Friendly, Co operative and always ready to share and help. They had chance to get more friends all over India and felt like one family. The animators never had obstacles to communicate. They too learned from each other and the proactive use of the leisure time made them to know more about the other animators in organizing and strengthening the YCS units. Getting trained from highly experienced resource persons added flavor to the sessions. They felt committed to the cause of animation to the student community. The only requests from the participants were to organize it frequently for more days.

9.4. Regional / Diocesan Programs: A number of Diocesan and Regional programs have been organized. Every bit of the effort has gone through in building up a new society. We salute the Directors who have gone out of the way to collect resources and organize these programs.

10. YCS/YSM & CBCI - Youth Commission
YCS/YSM as a NCO (National Catholic Organization) is under CBCI Office for Youth. Whenever we get an opportunity to participate in WYD, AYD, Taize Pilgrimage, National Youth Convention etc. we do so. The Bishop in charge of the Office for Youth, Bishop Leo Cornelio SVD plays a vital role in the life and work of the Movement by supporting, encouraging, and guiding it. He also guides us in our project proposals and sees to the official dealings regarding the National office and Animation Home. Archbishop Leo was with us during the XV National Council at Mangalore officiating and witnessing the handing over ceremony.

He had visited our Animation Home thrice during our term.

YCS/YSM India congratulates Fr. Franklin D' Souza our former Regional Chaplain of Karnataka for his appointment as the director of ICYM. At this juncture we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Fr. Alwyn D Souza (former ICYM Director) for his successful leadership and fruitful work and for collaborating and encouraging our Movement in all aspects. We are glad that ICYM and YCS are partner movements.

Special thanks to ICYM under the patronage of Fr. Alwyn and his team for their support during the IYCS World Council in Delhi, who gave us a helping hand.

Our National Chaplain too has a very close relationship with them by attending the National Youth Convention (NYC) in Shillong, witnessing the World Youth Day (WYD) in Madrid, Spain and partaking in many of their national council meetings.

Fr. Charles is regular in introducing YCS to the new DYDs, Religious and Animators during CAT program organized at Bangalore every year by the ICYM.

In Jan 2013 Fr. Charles took part in the ICYM Executive Committee Meeting in Jalandhar and took few important decisions for the welfare of the YCS movement which should see us working together under one roof soon.

11. PARTICIPATION & COLLABORATION WITH PARTNER MOVEMENTS:

In our aim to achieve our goals we need

to work collectively, independently, and orderly. We believe in collaboration for effective results. YCS/YSM India works more closely with the like- minded movements like AICUF, MIJARC, CWM, Easy Net, YCW and IMCA at various occasions. AICUF as a senior movement inspires and collaborates with us more closely. We exchange our magazines and resource materials. For the past few years the connection has been found missing and YCS India has taken the initiative of inviting two delegates from the student movements: ICYM, AICUF and Jesus Youth for this National Council.

EASY Net: An office bearer from Easy Net paid a visit to our National YCS Office recently in view of organizing a program together. We are waiting for their response.

FIMCAP: Suzan, the former Nat. Convener & Melwyn, the Nat. Exco had the privilege to participate in the FIMCAP from 7th to 15th July 2011 in Denmark along with 12, 000 participants from more than 23 nations.

12. Consultation and Evaluation Meetings: Consultations and planning are done with other agencies periodically.

13. OUR SOCIAL CONCERN: Many movements at unit level partake in the local social events. National office guides them, sends intimation to them and supports them in this process.

14. FORMER YCS/YSMers, ANIMATORS & CHAPLAINS: Our movement has been a guiding light throughout its existence and still continues to do so. Many of the members who have been a part of the Movement in

the past have truly realized its essence. They continue to be associated with the Movement by their assistance as animators, resource persons, correspondence etc. The Movement has helped them to be an inspiration and a model to the society. We are glad to say that the former YCS/YSMers have been a part of the Movement in its struggle and achievements.

Fr. Vincent Monteiro and Fr. Prakash Sagili always keep in touch with us through inspiring correspondence and contacts and are always at our reach. Fr. M.C. Michael in a special way animates and motivates the Movement through his reflections and sharing in our newsletter "The Search" Surprise meeting with Fr. Johny Monteiro could never be forgotten easily. Fr. Peter never said no to any of our invitation and was present during our IYCS World Council with Fr. Vincent Monteiro. The former Chaplain Fr. Vincent Arokiadoss is always approachable for any clarifications, particularly regarding the National office issue. The former full timers and National EXCOS play a vital role in the growth of the Movement.

Having a good rapport with the Former Chaplains/ Animators and EXCO members helps the diocese/ region to spread the movement to the needy.

15. NATIONAL OFFICE AND ANIMATION HOME:

15. 1. The National Office is situated in 66, Luz Church Road, Mylapore, Chennai from where, the National Coordination is carried out. The persons in the National Office are

Fr. Charles Menezes – National Chaplain
Leo Joseph – Part time Coordinator

As we have been asked to vacate from the premises, we are finding out ways and means to shift it. Thanks to the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore for 47 years of collaboration.

16. OBSERVATION, RECOMMENDATION & SUGGESTIONS

1. It is the duty and responsibility of all the YCS members to keep up the identity of the Movement in today's world.
2. Able, responsible and dedicated students should be elected as EXCOS who would extend their service for the whole term.
3. The chaplains need to take the responsibility of selecting and guiding the EXCOS.
4. Better coordination between the National Office, Regional Chaplains, Diocesan Chaplains and EXCOS is required.
5. Need to work with likeminded Movements and NGO's in raising special issues at all levels.
6. There is an urgent need for full-timers and National Coordinator.
7. DTA/DTS (DEXCO) and RTA/RTS (REXCO) should be formed in all the Regions and have regular meetings for better collaboration and functioning.
8. It is very important to have live in programs for the new EXCOS for better formation and understanding.

9. The New theme should reach down to the grass root level soon after the Council.
10. Constitution has to be followed in letter and spirit.
11. It needs to be translated in vernacular and made available to all the members when they join the movement with membership fees.
12. Resource material on National theme and thrusts, and other resources for cell meetings have to be provided by the Regions and Diocesan offices at the beginning of the academic year.
13. A lot of exposure needs to be arranged for the members.
14. Subscription to the Search should be promoted.

17. IN GRATITUDE:

1. We are grateful to Archbishop Leo Cornelio the Chairman of CBCI Office for Youth, for his support, guidance and encouragement.
2. To all the other Regional Chairmen Bishops, Bishops, Religious superiors for supporting and encouraging more Chaplains and Animators to commit themselves for this cause.
3. The funding agencies, for their support and encouragement to the ministry, programs for the development and formation of the young students. They are Caritas India, Propaganda Fide, Missio and Missio Munchen and other funding agencies.

4. The committed Animators, Regional chaplains, Diocesan directors, Coordinators, Parish Priests and Heads of the institutions and others involved in the movement for their interest, care and concern for the welfare of the students.
5. The parents of YCS/YSM students who have allowed to involve their children and trusted them in the movement.
6. To the Asian and International Team members, collaborator movements, well wishers for their role of solidarity and encouragement in our reflections and actions.

Finally, to Our Lord who has guided and walked along with us in this long journey.

These three years have been a time of opportunities to learn more, mature, grow and experience Team life and life's reality and face challenges that come our way.

These years have been the wonderful years in our lives and the experiences are long lasting.

We are grateful to our National Chaplain - Fr. Charles Menezes without whom we would have never Become Somebody, all the NTA/ExcOs and others who have supported, been with us and guided us through these three years.

Thank you all for helping us to help ourselves and to help others to build the New and Just Society - God's Kingdom.

Let YCS light Shine. Long live YCS/YSM India

**- Jovita D'Souza, National Secretary &
Leo Joseph, National coordinator**

The questions and comments on the reports were as follows:

AP - Cardinal Joseph Cardijn is mentioned in the report as our founder?

R: Cardinal Cardijn is our inspiration not our founder. It's a mistake so it will be rectified.

NE -How difficult has it been to raising finance?

R: It has been difficult as all the agencies have stopped funding and it has been very difficult to manage so many expenses with just a few sources of funds.

Odisha - Appreciation of the fact that in spite of the financial difficulties so many programmes are held.

With the queries being answered, the national report was passed with general consensus.

In the **National Team report**, the three members shared their success story in the movement and thanked all those who played an important role in their lives and in their growth process.

National Team Report: 2010-2013

Life is unpredictable.... surely it is, and for the three of us who made it to the national team...one couldn't say that it was a dream come true because none of us perhaps even dreamt of being here 3 years ago... A zeal and love for YCS, the heart to work for and as YCSers to make a

difference and a National Council was all that it took for us to be elected as part of this team. But it took immense effort and perseverance for each of us to keep to our duty and rightfully fulfill all the responsibilities we had undertaken. The past three years haven't been easy but they are unforgettable and cherished forever. We have spent many sleepless nights during this tenure. Worked hard and undergone numerous trials and tribulations. But we got back in a way more than what we have given to this wonderful movement.

National Team consists of Convener Joyce John from west Bengal, Secretary Jovita D'Souza from Karnataka and Treasurer Cuthbert from North east has led the movement since 2010 under the guidance of National Chaplain Fr. Charles. It wasn't easy for all three of us to work together as we were from different parts of the country, different education backgrounds, different exam time tables, though we are happy that we have made the best what we could do to our movement. We are sad that we couldn't meet as a

national team regularly, but we are glad that we were successful in having regular NTA/EXCO meet.

When we first took up the responsibility it brought us both surprise and a sense of doubt whether we really deserved these high post and whether we would be able to do justice to what was



granted to us, but then the most beautiful realization occurred to us - that we weren't alone. The whole beauty of YCS was with us, in the fact that the entire NEXCO team was a family and we had to work together. That filled us with more love to work for the betterment of our movement. But it all would have been futile if we wouldn't have the constant support and backing of a wonderful Chaplain in the form of Fr Charles Menezes.

This report would be incomplete if I don't thank the one who has supported us throughout our journey. First and foremost Thanks to our dear National Chaplain Fr. Charlieeee for being a part of our team and making that part so beautiful and enriching. Fr. Without your support we could do nothing. Thank you so much Father for being a part of our life. I thank all the RYD's who have given their constant support to us. We are grateful to you all and we expect same support for the future team too. It will be my greatest mistake if I forget to thank our loving dear EXCO's. You all were the beautiful stars of our movement. Exams, parents' pressure, teachers scolding etc etc... still you were there with us. How can we forget man behind the show???? And that is our Leo Anna. If we could have all the possible things in meetings and programs it is because our Anna would think of it a month in advance. Last but not the least I thank all our YCS/YSM student members; it's your support that made us to be alive throughout our term. Thank you all our fellow YCS'ers. Be the change you want you see.

- Jovita D'Souza, National secretary

In the **National office report** Fr. Charles Menezes, the National Chaplain gave a clear picture of the National office and informed the house that the problem is being resolved amicably and announced the shifting of the office to Delhi soon to work in close collaboration with ICYM.

YCS/YSM National Office Report: 2010 - 2013

The YCS/YSM National Office is situated in Chennai since its inception in 1966. The movement was started in Madras in 1960s by the help of Ms Betty King, an Australian extension worker of YCW and volunteers from Germany and Sri Lanka. It got organized by Sr. Jeanne Devos on 16th January 1966 and it was given a place to work from Catholic Centre at Madras. We continued to be there till 2004 for a nominal rent paid to the Archdiocese.



Since we wanted to have our own National Office we bought a place from Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore at Luz Corner, Mylapore in 2001, where we stay now. We had paid Rs 60 lakhs for that plot with the help of foreign funding agencies. We intended to build a new National Animation Home there and we were seeking land documents from the Archdiocese of Madras- Mylapore for a long time, which was denied to us. In the year 2004 we were vacated from Catholic Centre citing that we have bought a place for ourselves but we could not get the land documents to construct our building.

After a number of meetings with regard to the property issue we were told that the land cannot be transferred to us and in August 2012 we came to an amicable decision to settle our dues by the end of Dec 2012 and in return we would vacate the present office. Unfortunately it got delayed due to the retirement of the Archbishop. Finally, the new Archbishop has taken note of it and settled half of the amount in May 2013. Rest of the amount will be settled by the end of June 2013.

While thanking the Archdiocese of Madras- Mylapore for giving us a space to work since our movement's inception, we feel sorry to state that a catholic organization like YCS/YSM recognized by CBCI in 1966 is not owned up by anyone and we feel unwanted by everyone and we are yet again on the crossroads to relocate ourselves. We take this as a challenge and will continue to serve the young teenagers who are the cream of the Christian community on whom Catholic Church relies on from wherever we are.

We are happy to put on record that from this National Office we were able to meet the needs of the young multitude through the help of Animators in the form of DYDs, Sisters and Lay people. We have tried our best to reach out to whoever called us for programs and inspired them with our presence and sharing of faith experience. The NTA/Exco has been instrumental in reaching out and rejuvenating their regions with the help of RYDs. Though young, they have a great zeal to work for their own

young friends, which is very satisfying. They were ready at a call to attend to the needs of the regions and their individual dioceses, units and cells.

We place on record the service of Mr. Leo Joseph a former EXCO from TN who has been a great help to us being in the National office, while pursuing his studies. He has dedicated his extra time for us in many ways keeping in touch with those who are to be catered to.

Here I would like to place on record the support and encouragement given by our Chairman Archbishop Leo Cornelio who has been very gracious to attend many of our meetings and listen to our aspirations, having been busy himself with his load of work in his Archdiocese and congregational commitments. We have a strong pillar of support in him and in his tenure itself we need to see the light of the day and continue doing the good work began by our predecessors.

In the last NTA/EXCO meeting held at Nagpur, we have resolved to shift our National Office to Delhi. We are requesting the CBCI to look into our need of relocating us has yielded no response. If needed, we may have to buy a place of our own and settle our office somewhere at Delhi. With the interest in the teenage community and with the money that we are going to get through the settlement we hope to settle somewhere. At times we were in a doubt, whether the Church hierarchy thinks that this movement is a burden or appendix or non entity for them.

At the National Office we are deprived of a decent office and other basic necessities. It is an old house which has bare minimum facilities and in a state of no repair. Hence we need a good infrastructure to hold our office settings. We are deprived of a National Coordinator. We have requested several congregations to give us a sister; instead they only request us to send vocations to them. We are deprived of any office staff due to lack of space and lack of finance. We hardly get any projects sanctioned from the funding agencies. We feel sad for several Local Ordinaries who are having no knowledge of YCS/YSM and are depriving teenagers their due in organizing this movement in their Dioceses, in shaping their future as well as future of the Church.

We intend to expand the movement to the length and breadth of India so that we may cater to all the teenagers given to our care, along with the teenagers of other faiths in forming them as good citizens. We would like to start College YCS cells/ City cells to live the methodology of this movement as Way of Life to the full. We need workforce

in the form of volunteers among young people to dedicate their young years for this great cause. We feel sorry to state that the people who have been through this movement are rarely in touch with us. They would have been a great source of support and encouragement in tending this young flock in the right direction with their life witnesses.

With the shifting of the National office to Delhi, we should be getting the required visibility. We hope ICYM will accompany us in our journey, by working together, of serving the teenagers through YCS/YSM. We wish to reach out to all regions to rejuvenate this movement to greater heights by forming dedicated young people who will join ICYM and such other movements and continue to put into practice what they have learnt from here.

We pray that the Risen Lord may send his Holy Spirit upon all those who could be instrumental in enlightening the hearts of those who need to support us in building this young student force towards a New Society filled with love, justice, peace and equality.

- Fr. Charles Menezes

Then the financial statement: The financial statement for the past three years was placed before the council by Fr. Charles Menezes and passed.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Income			
Grant in Aid	346,571.98	3,608,063.00	314,683.00
Contributions	150,036.00	480,400.00	11,000.00
Interest	583,621.00	353,882.00	508,792.00
	1,080,228.98	4,442,345.00	834,475.00

Expenditure

National Student LT Programme	361,623.98	284,565.00	
Interregional SLTP	-	487,000.00	
Animators Training Programme	-	600.00	11,081.00
Documentation	-		24,187.50
IYCS Conference	-		30,000.00
National Youth Convention	-		9,551.00
Coordinators Training Programme	-		92,669.00
National Team Exco Meeting	53,908.00	51,936.00	39,293.00
Regional Training Programmes	-		54,326.00
Search Magazine	110,490.00		104,877.68
South Asian Session	-		16,142.00
Student Leadership Training	37,156.00	21,463.00	30,426.00
World Council		3,144,336.00	77,712.50
National Council	226,597.00		446,238.00
World Youth Day Programme	-	13,902.00	20,000.00
Other Programme Expenses	12,000.00		7,000.00
National Coordination	3,88,000.02	297,353.00	247,890.00
Depreciation	35,196.00	40,793.00	56,048.00
	836,970.98	4,434,617.00	1,174,772.68

The questions were:

Karnataka - What are the sources of interest?

R: The interest given is from the fixed deposits which the movement has.

Fr. Charles- RYDs have to follow the constitution in collecting the membership fees. They should get other collections from the DYDs and send it to the national office.

Karnataka - Are the Ex YCSers in contact?

R: There are very few who are in contact with the national office. There is no documentation so it is difficult to reach out to them.

With general consensus of the council, the financial statement was passed.

Budget: The financial statement was followed by the budget for the year 2013-2016.

YCS/YSM INDIA BUDGET FOR 2013-2016

INCOME	For 1 year	For 3 years
1. Membership Fees (50,000 members x Rs 2)	1,00,000x3	3,00,000
2. Contributions from the Regions	5000x10x3	1,50,000
3. Contribution from Dioceses	50,000x3	1,50,000
4. Contribution from CBCI	—	—
5. Donation from Ex YCS/YSM members and well wishers	—	—
6. Search Subscriptions	6000x3	18,000
7. Registration Fees	10000x3	30,000
8. Projects from funding agencies (Depends) - (2013-14)		3,30,000
National Council - Caritas and sponsors (2013)		6,00,000
9. Corpus Fund		2,00,00,000
10. Interest on FDs	15,00,000x3	45,00,000
Total (Approximate)		2,60,78,000

EXPENDITURE

A. National Movement

1. Corpus fund	2,00,00,000
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B. Administrative Expenses

1. Salaries and Wages

National Chaplain	10,000x13	1,30,000x3	3,90,000
National Coordinator	8,000x13	1,04,000x3	3,12,000
National office secretary	8,000x13	1,04,000x3	3,12,000
Office assistant (cook)	6,000x13	78,000x3	2,34,000
Office expenses		60,000x3	1,80,000
2. Transportation and conveyance (National)		1,00,000x3	3,00,000
(International)		1,50,000x3	4,50,000
3. Search Magazine	30,000x4	1,20,000x3	3,60,000
4. Extension work & visitation		60,000x3	1,80,000
5. Repair and Maintenance		40,000x3	1,20,000
6. Miscellaneous		30,000x3	90,000
7. Equipments and Logistics			3,00,000
8. Furniture & Fittings			1,50,000

Total 33,78,000

C. Training Programs

1.	NTA/EXCO Live in 40x500x3 days	40,000		
	T.A. 40x1000	40,000		80,000
2.	NTA/EXCO meetings 40x500x2	40,000x2	80000x3	2,40,000
	T.A. 40x1000	40,000x2	80,000x3	2,40,000
3.	NT meetings 5x2x500	2,500x4	10,000x3	30,000
4.	NSLTP 60x5x350	1,05,000x2	2,10,000	
	T.A. 60x500	30,000x2	60,000	2,70,000
5.	NTA meetings 12x2x500	12,000x2	24,000x3	72,000
	T.A. 12x500	6,000x2	12,000x3	36,000
6.	National Animators training 60x7x500		2,10,000x3	6,30,000
	T.A. 60x1000		60,000x3	1,80,000
7.	National council (2013)			12,00,000
8.	Animation and visits and consultations		50,000x3	1,50,000
9.	National Full timers ?			
10.	National coordination		1,00,000x3	3,00,000
	Total			34,28,000
	Grand Total			2,68,06,000
	Expenditure over income at the end of 2016			7,28,000

The questions were:

Northeren - Suggestion- The paintings of YCSers can be auctioned to raise funds.

Fr. Roshan (observer) - Where is the account of the money collected from the coupons?

R: The account of both the registration money and the money collected from selling

of the coupons will be given after the council.

Bijhan - The expenditure for the Search is RS. 316000, however the income is only RS.18000. Is it necessary?

R: It is essential to have a national newsletter. People have to know what happens in the national level. Promotion of

the magazine is required at this present moment.

With a general consensus, the budget for the year 2013-2016 was passed.

Finally, Ms Suzan M. Topno who was the in charge for the documentation presented the draft of the Theme statement of the council which will be studied by the participants in groups and will be presented again tomorrow. Then the groups spent some time in sharing their personal experiences regarding the thrusts as to how it has helped them to understand these issues better.

After evening prayer the some regions presented their cultural item and had a fruitful recreation for a better knowing of each other.

Day 7 - 25th May 2013: This was a very important day in the history of YCS/YSM. The long awaited full pledged Constitution of Indian YCS/YSM movement was approved and passed on this day. The preparations went by for the last one year and all the suggestions given by the regions were accepted to the constitutional amendment. The day began with the Mass offered by Most Rev. Thomas Menaparambil, Archbishop Emeritus of Guwahati. In his sermon he stressed upon the importance of hard work and prayer which would give us success and urged the

participants to work for peace in the neighborhood and in the world.

National Council (Day 2): As the daily report of 23rd May 2013 was not presented on the previous day, both 23rd and 24th report was read out in the morning. After the reports were presented, Ms Balawansuk an observer pointed out that reports should be based on key learning of the day.

Constitutional amendments: Then the constitution was taken up for general amendments. Mr. James Sylvester, an advocate by profession and former YCS/YSM member was invited to the Presidium to help the council with the constitution. He explained that LAW meant a Rule. Resolutions can be passed which will be binding to all the NEXCOs, REXCOs and DEXCOs. However it has to be in tune with the constitution. The purpose of making a Constitution is organization. Rule organizes a movement and the proceedings of the movement. After that the chairperson read out the rules for amendments, proposals and voting.

This whole day was spent on the constitutional amendments. Every one took active part in this process and got to know the in depth knowledge of the statutes. A lot of changes were made in the interest of the student community which should resemble the nature of student community.



CONSTITUTION OF THE INDIAN YOUNG CATHOLIC STUDENTS/YOUNG STUDENTS MOVEMENT

Questions on the constitutional amendments are given at the end of the constitution.

Interpretations: In these Rules and Regulations, unless anything in the subject or context inconsistent There with:-

1. **Young** means a person above the age of 13, in the case of Parish YCS (Young Catholic Students) movement 13 -18 and in the case of YCS/YSM (Young Catholic Students/ Young Students Movement) movement student attached to any of the educational institutions from VII grade till XII grade. The beneficiaries of YCS shall be primarily catholic and in YSM student of any class, caste, creed, religion, colour, region etc.
2. **Catholic** means baptized person of the Catholic Church and also means "universal", in the sense of "according to totality" or "in keeping with the whole" meaning "broad minded", "all embracing" (Cfr CCC Nos 830-831)
3. **Student** means attached to any of the educational institution/Parish or its

equivalent, unmarried person accepting to live the aim and objectives of the movement and willing to work with others in the same orientation.

4. **Movement** means a group of people, united around the figure of a great person (a founder or leader) and around the key ideas of the spirit and spirituality of that person. For YCS/YSM that great person is Jesus Christ himself and his follower Cardinal Joseph Cardijn who was the inspiration for this movement.

YCS/YSM shall adopt the characteristics of an Movement as outlined and made applicable to all Catholic Organizations in the Canon Law (Cfr Canons 298-329)

Article I - Name of the Movement and Location of the National Office

1.1: The Young Catholic Students Movement is composed of Young Catholic Student groups and is indicated by the abbreviation YCS, young students of any faiths and indicated by the abbreviation YSM, in the constitution and Internal Regulations it is referred to as 'The Movement'.

1.2: The Name and the abbreviation of YCS/YSM can be translated / adapted into local language with approval of the National Executive Committee (NTA/ Exco).

1.3: The National office may be located at any place in India decided by the National Executive Committee (NTA/ Exco) with approval of CBCI and with a resolution of the Governing Body of YCS/YSM Trust. The present address is: YCS/YSM National office, 66 (old 151) Luz Church Road, Mylapore, Chennai – 600 004.

1.4: YCS/YSM is a Public Charitable Trust registered under the Government of Tamilnadu on 24th day of April 1997 named as Young Christian Students/Young Students Movement, the document no 475/1997 under the Indian Trust Act 1882.

1.5: The YCS movement is recognized officially on 6th December 1969 as a National Movement in India (with the appointment of Sr. Jeanne Devos ICM as the National Advisor) and YSM is recognized in 1970 for the students of other faiths.

1.6: The Movement is affiliated to International Young Catholic Students (IYCS) as member movement on 14th August 1970 (Collaborating movement in July 1969). International YCS is a nonprofit making organization recognized by the United Nations and its bodies and agencies as an international nongovernmental organization. It has Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Commissions (ECOSOC) and Operational Status with United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) – (Refer Article 1d of IYCS International Statutes)

1.7: YCS/YSM is recognized officially by CBCI in September 1981 as National Catholic Organization engaged in the service of Young and Humanity.

Article 2 – Vision, Aim and Objectives

2.1: The **vision** of the Movement is to enable the personal growth of Young Catholic Students in the Catholic Faith and students of other faiths in their own faith or their personal beliefs in taking up responsibilities in the Church, in the student world and in society towards building God's Kingdom a New Society, i.e. a community of Justice, equality, freedom and love, with the specific methodology of 'Review of life'.

2.2: The **Aim** of the movement is “**Building a New Society**” i.e. “God's Kingdom”

2.3: The main **objective** of the movement is “**Change Self-Change Others**”, understood as change of attitudes towards transformation of self and transformation of the society. It means-

2.3.1: To develop one's personality through Review of Life in the methodology understood as See (Awareness), Judge (Reflection), Act (Action) and Evaluation.

2.3.2: To give a platform for a meaningful expression of one's religious faith and faith formation through the study of one's religious scriptures and deeds of charity.

2.3.3: To train them in creative leadership by creating space to realize their inner potentialities.

2.3.4: To discipline their life and encourage them to pursue higher/further studies and social activities

2.3.5: To broaden their horizon towards religious harmony and communal amity

2.3.6: To train them in social reality, thus to participate in the justice and peace activities in the society.

2.3.7: To train them to work in collaboration with likeminded movements.

2.3.8: To train them in the activities of national integration, protection of environment, movements of global and national concern and work for one's integral formation.

2.3.9: To build a society where humanity, equality, justice and peace prevails.

2.3.10: and to realize the objectives given in the YCS/YSM Public Charitable Trust.

Article 3 - Admission - Memberships

3.1: As a Student Movement it exists at the Secondary/ Higher secondary schools, Junior colleges, Colleges, Educational institutions/ Parishes or their equivalent.

3.2: The membership of YCS/YSM is open to any Student attached to a Parish (YCS) and educational institution or its equivalent (YSM) at the age of 13 and above who accepts to live the aim and objectives of the Movement and is willing to work with others in the same orientation and may be approved to join the Movement.

3.3: The age group of YCS members in the Parishes will be from the 13th year beginning and till 18 years, **Jan 1** as the D date, on which one who completes 18 may leave the movement or continue till the end of that academic year and for YSM members from age of 13 beginning till they complete XII

grade. Those who are elected for NEXCO (National Executive Committee) will continue their tenure of three years till the end of next National Council.

3.4: College unit students (unmarried) will continue to be the members of the movement till the completion of their studies as long they are attached to a particular educational institution or its equivalent.

3.4.1: In the Diocese and Region, Higher Secondary School YSM units, Parish YCS units and College/ City cells shall have separate DEXCO (Diocesan Executive Committee) and REXCO (Regional Executive Committee) according to the rules given below.

3.4.1a: College students as **Ex YCS/YSMers** may also set up a **City Cell** recognized and guided by the DYD and help the younger members of the movement achieve the aim and objectives of the movement by their service of volunteerism while living the spirit of the movement.

3.4.1b: They shall be recognized as Ex members of YCS/YSM and they shall hold meetings once a month and organize their own programs in the spirit and methodology of YCS/YSM.

3.4.2: Each member will pay the prescribed membership fee to their unit and additional Rs 2 each to the diocese, region and national movement (Rs 6) which should be collected at the unit level and sent to the Diocesan Director and the Diocesan Director to Regional office and National Office directly to which an official receipt shall be issued as acceptance of their membership or as

decided by the NEXCO time and again

3.4.3: The Unit, Diocese, Region and National movement will recognize one as the member of the movement only when one pays the membership fees annually to the unit, diocese, region and national movement which has to be remitted within a month of starting of academic year. i.e. by the end of July/ Feb

3.5: Cessation of Membership:

3.5.1: The membership shall cease upon leaving the educational institution for any reason.

3.5.2: If someone who is a student and marries being a student will cease to be the member of the movement.

3.5.3: No member shall be expelled without any reason and opportunity of being heard and counseled for proper reformation and until the expulsion is ratified by the respective unit. (Authority - Appendix)

3.5.4: A person who has publicly rejected catholic faith shall not be allowed to continue in YCS, yet that student can be a member of YSM as it accepts students of other faith or even those who do not profess any faith, provided the person is a student still attached to an educational institution and accepts to live the aim and objectives of the movement according to the prescribed age group. (Authority - Appendix)

3.5.5: A member who has committed a cognizable offence against the law of the land and worked against the aim and objectives of the movement and human values may be expelled from the movement by the local unit, having heard his/her point of view and having given due reason with

understanding for one's expulsion.

3.6: Rights and Privileges of membership:

3.6.1: Each member of YCS/YSM unit defacto, shall be member of YCS/YSM, India

3.6.2: The members shall be entitled to participate in all the programmes organized by YCS/YSM at the unit, diocese and regional level.

3.6.3: The catholic members shall be given priority to participate in the national, Asian and International level programmes because of its catholic origin and nature.

3.6.4: For any election/selection/nomination for National, Asian and International office and programmes only the official catholic members shall be given priority.

Article 4 - Structure and Office bearers

4.1: Cell: The cell forms the base of the Movement containing 8-12 members having a leader and a secretary

4.2: Unit: Cells together in a school (Education Institutions)/ parish form a Unit having President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter (Spokes person) along with appointed Animator by the Local Director (Head of the Institution/ Parish Priest/ DYD).

4.3: DTS: Diocesan Team of Students

4.3.1: Units in the diocese form Diocesan movement which shall have elected DEXCO having President, Vice presidents (boy & girl), Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter (Spokes person), Editor (Bulletin),

Liturgical secretary and the diocesan representative(s) for the region along with Diocesan Director and Coordinator. The term of office for DEXCO is for one year.

4.3.2: The Diocesan President and the diocesan representative(s) shall represent the diocese for the region as RTS. Gender balance shall be maintained. The term of office for the Diocesan Representatives for the region is for two years.

4.3.3a: If there are large number of YCS and YSM units (more than 50 each) in the Diocese separate DEXCO shall be elected for YCS and YSM for better participation who shall work under the DYD.

4.3.3b: In such cases both the DEXCO Presidents along with the diocesan representatives(s) shall be a part of RTS.

4.3.3c: In such cases some of the diocesan activities may be combined, like Convention and Annual meet giving both equal opportunity and responsibility

4.3.4: All the elected DEXCO members shall be members of the local unit.

4.4: DTA - Diocesan Team of Animators

4.4.1: All the diocesan animators form DTA having 2 elected members (male & female) to assist the DEXCO along with Diocesan Director and Coordinator in the diocesan activities.

4.4.2: The Diocese which has less than 50 units shall elect 2 animators and for every 50 additional units one more representative shall be made DTA member.

4.4.3: Their term of office is related to DEXCO

4.4.4: DTA/DTS shall be under the patronage of Diocesan Bishop

4.5: RTS: Regional Team of Students:

4.5.1: The Diocesan President and the diocesan representative(s)-(both of YCS and YSM, if any) from all the Dioceses along with Diocesan Directors and Diocesan Coordinators (if any) shall form the RTS.

4.5.2: The Diocese which has less than 50 units shall elect one representative (boy/girl) and for every 50 additional units one more representative shall be elected as RTS member along with the Diocesan President. Gender balance shall be maintained.

4.5.3: The diocesan representatives (RTS) for the region shall be presented at the regional council by the respective dioceses and approved by the Regional Council and their term of office is two years i.e. from Council to Council. If not presented during the council, their names shall be sent to the Regional Director within two months after the Council.

4.5.4: RTS shall elect the Regional Team - REXCO having President, Vice presidents (boy & girl), Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter (Spokes person), Editor (Bulletin), Liturgical secretary and two National Representatives (NEXCO - boy & girl) for less/equal to five dioceses and for an additional five dioceses where YCS/YSM exists, an additional NEXCO.

4.5.5: While electing REXCO proportionate representation and gender balance shall be maintained between YCS and YSM members.

4.5.6: The NEXCO members shall be only Catholics

4.5.7: The NEXCO members are Ex officio members of the REXCO and of local DEXCO. Their term of office is three years.

4.5.7: All the elected REXCO and NEXCO members shall be members of their local units.

4.6: RTA: Regional Team of Animators

4.6.1: The Diocese which has less than 50 units shall elect 2 animators as members of RTA and for every 50 additional units one more representative shall be made RTA member

4.6.2: All the elected regional animators form RTA.

4.6.3: They shall elect 2 members (male & female) to assist the REXCO along with Regional Director and Coordinator for the regional activities.

4.6.4: Their term of office is related to REXCO

4.6.5: RTA/RTS shall be under the patronage of Bishop-in-Charge of Regional Office for Youth elected by Regional Bishops' Council.

4.7: National Exco (NEXCO)

4.7.1: National Exco shall consist of two or more elected/ selected Student Representatives of every region together with Regional Directors, National Chaplain and the National Coordinator.

4.7.2: The two or more regional representatives from every region shall be presented by the regions during the

National Council as NEXCO and shall be elected or approved by 2/3 majority of those Regions present and voting at the National Council and their term of office is three years i.e. from Council to Council. If not presented during the council, their names shall be sent to the National Chaplain within two months after the Council.

4.7.3: Qualification for NEXCO

a) They shall have been members of the Movement at least for 2 academic years at the High School/ Junior College/Parish or its equivalent.

b) When presented, they shall not be beyond Junior college or higher secondary school (+2) level or its equivalent or above 18 years of age.

c) They shall still be involved in the Movement at the time of presentation and should be a member of any cell/unit.

4.7.4: National Team:

4.7.4a: The National Exco elects the National Team comprising of National Convener (President), Secretary and Treasurer during the council itself, if not within a period of four months after the council taking into consideration such factors as geography, region, language and personal experience in the Movement. As far as possible they shall be Student volunteers.

4.7.4b: The election process shall be done through secret ballot. All the ExcOs are eligible to be elected to any post of NT. They shall continue to be in the movement till their tenure of 3 years i.e. till the end of next national council.

4.7.4c: Other Exco members may take up responsibilities such as Editor of national news magazine, "The Search" and liturgy to help the national team for better participation. All the NEXCO members and office bearers shall be catholic.

4.7.5: National Chaplain and National Coordinator are the integral part of the National Team.

4.8: NTA: National Team of Animators

4.8.1: The Regional Youth Directors/ RC (Regional Coordinator), the Zonal Animators of the independent Zones along with the National Coordinator and the National Chaplain form NTA. They shall be animated by National Chaplain and National Coordinator.

4.8.2: They elect two members to assist the National Team in the national activities.

4.8.3: NTA/EXCO shall be under the patronage of Bishop-in-Charge of CBCI Office for Youth elected by CBCI.

4.9: National Team of Full timers:

4.9.1: National Chaplain after due consultation with the Bishop-in-Charge and NTA/EXCO may appoint more Full timers for the expansion and growth of the movement.

4.9.2: They shall assist the NTA/Exco and National Team guided by the National Chaplain and shall have the similar functions of NTA/Exco (Rf 6.1.2)

4.9.3: If required each Region may also appoint Regional Team of Full timers and guide them in their task.

4.9.4: If required each Diocese may also appoint Diocesan Team of Full timers and guide them in their task.

Article 5 – Councils

5.1: National Council:

5.1.1: The National Council, which is the supreme body of the Movement, is composed of representatives from all regions. This Council meets every three years unless otherwise decided by the National Exco in consultation with the NTA and the Regional Executive Committees (Regional ExcOs)

5.1.2: The National Council of YCS/YSM shall comprise of National Exco members, all the selected Regional Student Representatives (RSRs – including Regional Presidents), Regional Youth Directors (RYDs)/ Regional Lady Coordinators, National Chaplain, National Coordinator and Bishop-in-Charge of CBCI Office for Youth. (Ref Appendix VII)

5.1.3: National Council delegates shall be elected or selected by the respective REXCO.

5.1.4: The role of the National Council is defined as follows:

- a) To evaluate the implementation of the plan of action of the previous council
- b) To make decisions on basic policies and the orientation of the Movement.
- c) To draw up and vote for the budget of the National YCS/YSM
- d) To elect / approve new members for the National Executive Committee
- e) To draw up the plan of action on the

selected theme to be realized during the three years term.

5.1.5: During the Council deliberations all participants have the right to express their views.

5.1.6: Each region present at the Council has the right to one vote.

5.1.7: The National Exco in consultation with the National Chaplain has the right to one vote.

5.1.8: The National Chaplain has the right to one vote.

5.1.9: Matters which have to be decided by the National Council may be provisionally decided by the NTA/EXCO and sent to the region for written approval. This approval is subject to ratification at the ensuing National Council.

5.1.10: If within ten weeks of sending the document no reply is received from the defaulting region, it is deemed as approved.

5.1.11: Amendments to the Constitution, Internal Regulations as well as the Orientation of the YCS/YSM cannot follow this procedure and have to be voted in the National Council with a 2/3 majority of those Regions present and voting at the Council.

a) The National Convener (President) is the Chairperson of the National Council and two persons from among the council members shall be elected to the presidium to help the National Convener during the proceedings of the National Council. (Ref 6.1.1c)

5.1.12: Quorum of National Council

5.1.12a: For a session to be valid there must

be 51% of regional member movement present with the right to vote.

5.1.12b: If the required quorum is not achieved, an extraordinary National Council shall be convened with the regional members present, which will require all decisions made to be ratified by a simple majority of member movements through postal vote, a non response will be interpreted as approval.

5.1.12c: Above rules apply for Regional and Diocesan Council as well with due interpretations.

5.2: Regional Council:

5.2.1: Regional Council consists of selected delegates (02 for less than 50 units and 01 for every 50 additional units) from Dioceses and diocesan representatives (RTS) along with Diocesan Directors, Regional Director and Regional Coordinator (if any)

5.2.2: The expansion of the Movement in any Region, its organization and functioning is the responsibility of the Regional and National ExcOs. The spirit is that the whole Movement is responsible for all regions.

5.2.3: Regional Council meets once in two years (prior to the National Council) to evaluate the implementation of the plan of action of the previous council, to propose amendments on basic policies, extension and orientation of the movement, to approve new members for NEXCO, to draw up budget of the regional movement and to draw up plan of action based on the national theme to be realized during the two year time.

5.2.4: The National Team shall be invited to participate in the Regional Council.

5.2.5: In areas where a Regional Exco does not exist, the National Exco is directly responsible for the extension work which should be done in consultation with the Diocesan and Regional Animators.

5.3: Diocesan Council:

5.3.1: Diocesan Council consists of four office bearers of every local unit along with Local Directors and Animators

5.3.2: Diocesan Council meets at the beginning of the academic year to evaluate the implementation of the plan of action of the previous year, to propose amendments on the basic policies, plan out for extension and orientation of the movement, to elect the DEXCO and to draw a plan of action for the current year based on the National, Regional and Diocesan themes and to draw up budget of the Diocesan movement.

Article 6: DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

6.1.1: Role of the National Exco (NEXCO):

- a) NEXCO is responsible to the National Council for the implementation of the aim of the Movement and the decisions of the National Council.
- b) The National Exco decides the time and place of the meetings and proposes the agenda.
- c) The National Convener (President) is the Chairperson of the National Council and two persons from among the council members shall be elected to the presidium to help the National Convener during the proceedings of the National Council.
- d) Each region sends to the National Council as many student and animator representatives as decided by the

National Exco. They shall give due representation to newly formed regions and those in the process of formation.

- e) The National Exco may invite observers.
- f) During the period between two councils NEXCO shall have the power to co-opt National Student Full-Timers into the Exco.
- g) National Full-Timers are proposed by the Regional or National Team and accepted by the National Exco.
- h) The maintenance and up-keep of National Full-Timers and those working at the National level shall be the responsibility of the NT.
- i) Between two National Councils, according to the needs or the work at National level, new members to the National Exco may be co-opted in consultation with the Regional ExcOs. (Not exceeding 7)
- j) The National Exco in consultation with the NTA will propose to the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI), a list of names showing their order of preference, for the appointment of the National Chaplain.

6.1.2: National Exco has the following Functions: They shall

- a) Work towards a common vision in the Movement.
- b) Animate the life of the Movement in its different aspects of awareness, reflection and action in keeping with the orientation, theme and policies decided by the Council.
- c) Integrate the Regional experiences in

the context of the National and International experiences of the Movement.

- d) Help the National Team and the National Full-Timers in the fulfillment of their tasks as defined by the National Council.
- e) Collaborate with Youth and adult Organizations having a similar orientation.
- f) Present to CBCI when the need arises, a list of names expressing their preference of persons as National Chaplain.
- g) Invite competent people to help in its reflections, activities and planning.
- h) Meet at least twice a year to review and plan the progress of the movement.
- i) Select representatives to be the candidates for Asian and International Team Office and delegates for international meetings, in consultation with the Regional Exco's.

6.2.1: The Role of National Team (NT):

- a) **The National Team** (NT) shall consist of the Convener (President), Secretary, Treasurer, the National Coordinator and the National Chaplain.
- b) They function as a team and act in co-responsibility and meet as often as the need arises.
- c) The National Team shall hold office till the end of the next Council.
- d) Any member resigning from the N.T shall be replaced by a member elected

by the National Exco from among them.

- e) The National team shall function not only as a representative body but also as the Executive and Administrative body having power to plan and execute activities for the extension and development of the Movement in all parts of India, in accordance with the fundamentals of this constitution.
- f) The National Convener, Secretary and the Treasurer shall remain in the same post till their tenure of three years
- g) The Ex-national Convener remains an advisory member of the NT till the next National Council.
- h) One region shall hold only one post in NT.

6.2.2: The National Team has the following functions: They shall

- h) One
 - a) Work for the growth of the Movement, taking all possible initiatives in line with the Constitution and decisions of the National Council.
 - b) Take decisions in cases of emergency.
 - c) Administer the finances of the programmes conducted during their tenure and of the National Office.
 - d) Draw up and present a report of its work every year and a consolidated report at the National Council.
 - e) Interpret and implement the constitution of National YCS/YSM

6.2.3: For the continuity of the spirit of the Movement, members of the out-going NT could be invited to help the National Exco and the NT in their reflections.

6.2.4: Extension and Organization

6.2.4a: The National Team in consultation with the National Exco and NTA is entitled to set up subcentres and offices whenever and wherever necessary, to extend, co-ordinate and facilitate the work of the Movement.

6.2.4b: The NTA shall be responsible for the finances of the sub-centres and offices except in those matters which fall under the purview of the National Team as envisaged by the National Council.

6.3: The Role of National Chaplain:

6.3.1: The National Chaplain works together with the NTA and EXCO.

6.3.2: The National Chaplain's functions: He shall

- a) Animate the National Exco and NT. His special attention should go to the formation of leaders in the NT and National Exco.
- b) Act in co-responsibility with the NT in all matters concerning the Movement and its representation.
- c) Call-up and co-ordinate the meeting of the National Team of Animators whenever necessary.
- d) Reflect and evaluate with Regional Animators (RYDs) and whenever possible with Local Animators.
- e) Be accountable to the NTA and NT as far finances of the Movement are concerned.

- f) Take decisions during inevitable situations in view of policies and plan of action of the movement and shall inform the NTA and NT at the earliest to get ratification.

6.3.3: The National Chaplain appointed by CBCI shall hold office for a period of 3 years. He can be reappointed by CBCI for one more term.

6.4: The Role of National Coordinator:

- a) The National Coordinator shall be appointed initially for a period of one year. Depending on the availability of the person the term could be renewed by the CBCI Bishop-in-charge of Office for Youth.
- b) The National Coordinator is a part of the National Exco, National Team and the National Team of Animators.
- c) The National Coordinator shall assist the National Chaplain in all his responsibilities.

6.5: The National Convener (President): The Convener's duties are the following: He/ She shall

- a) Be responsible for the functioning of the National Movement and the National Office together with the NT.
- b) Assume responsibility with the NT for the representation of YCS/YSM as regards to civil and other authorities.
- c) Be the Chair Person of the National Council along with the Presidium
- d) Call up the meeting of the National Exco and NT in consultation with the National Chaplain.

- e) Have the right to send his/her representative to attend NTA meeting.

6.6: The National Secretary: He/ She shall be responsible for all records, communication, documentation and the report of the Movement.

6.7: The National Treasurer:

- a) He/ She shall be in charge of the a/c of the various programs of the Movement.
- b) He/ She shall present the budget and the account to the NTA/Exco yearly and at the National Council.

6.8: National Full-timers:

- a) National Full-Timers shall work for the growth of the Movement taking all possible initiatives in line with the constitution and decisions made at the National Council.

6.9: The National Team of Animators:

- a) Shall help to collect finances/ funds and administer the same for expenditures of the Movement.
- b) Shall work in close collaboration with the National Exco and help in its reflection.
- c) Is a link between the Movement and Hierarchy.

6.10: Regional Youth Director (YCS/YSM, ICYM):

6.10.1a: RYD is responsible for the growth and sustenance of the movement in the Region.

6.10.1b: Some Regions may have separate Regional Youth Director for YCS/YSM and that RYD-YCS/ YSM shall be solely

responsible for the growth and sustenance of the movement.

6.10.1c: The RYD of YCS/YSM and the RYD of ICYM shall work together in the Regional Office for Youth under the Regional Office for Youth Bishop-in-Charge.

6.10.2: RYD shall organize the Regional Council once in two years (prior to National Council) and cause the election of the REXCO

6.10.3: RYD shall guide the REXCO to discharge their duties fruitfully in the manner which helps for the growth of the movement and to reach out to all the members of student community in the region by organizing them in the educational institutions and Parishes.

6.10.4: If the region has large number of separate YCS and YSM units (more than 50 units each) the office bearers (REXCO – YCS & YSM) may be elected separately to provide more participation and leadership while some of the activities may be organized together.

6.10.5: RYD shall organize the Regional Animators training as and when required, at least one training programme in a year comprising of animators from all the Dioceses of the region.

6.10.6: If the RYD – ICYM/YCS-YSM finds it difficult to manage the whole youth movement in the region, he may appoint an YCS/YSM regional coordinator for YCS/ YSM for the smooth functioning of the movement.

6.11: REXCO

6.11.1a: The REXCO shall meet once in six

months to review the growth and to plan activities of the movement.

6.11.1b: The office bearers of the region (REXCO) shall be responsible for the revival, extension, growth, sustenance and vibrancy of the movement. They shall be guided by the RYD, RTA and Regional coordinator.

6.11.1c: The REXCO with the help of RTA shall mobilize finances for the proposed activities of the region.

6.11.1d: The office bearers shall discharge their duties as per their responsibilities. The **President** shall lead the group together, **Secretary** shall keep the reports, records and documentation, **Treasurer** shall keep the accounts, **National Excocs** shall regularly attend the NTA/Exco meeting supporting the regional movement and other office bearers shall discharge their duties for the growth of the movement and work in a regional CELL with RYD which is the basic unit of the movement.

6.12: Diocesan Youth Director (YCS/YSM, ICYM):

6.12.1a: DYD is responsible for the growth and sustenance of the movement in the Diocese.

6.12.1b: Some Dioceses may have separate Diocesan Youth Director for YCS/YSM and that DYD-YCS/YSM shall be solely responsible for the growth and sustenance of the movement.

6.12.1c: The DYD of YCS/YSM and the DYD of ICYM shall work together in the Diocesan Office for Youth under the Diocesan Bishop.

6.12.2: DYD shall organize the Diocesan

Council once a year and cause the election of the DEXCO, plan activities, trainings for the year and review the progress of the movement.

6.12.3: DYD shall guide the DEXCO to discharge their duties fruitfully in the manner which helps for the growth of the movement and to reach out to all the members of student community in the diocese by organizing them in the educational institutions and Parishes.

6.12.4: If the diocese has a large number of separate YCS and YSM units (more than 50 units each) the office bearers (DEXCO – YCS & YSM) may be elected separately to provide more participation and leadership while some of the activities may be organized together.

6.12.5: DYD shall organize the Diocesan Animators training as and when required, at least twice a year comprising of all the animators of the Diocese. If required, separate meetings/trainings of YCS and YSM animators may be organized.

6.12.6: If the DYD – ICYM/YCS-YSM finds it difficult to manage the whole youth movement in the diocese, he may appoint an YCS/YSM diocesan coordinator for YCS/YSM for the smooth functioning of the movement.

6.13: DEXCO

6.13.1a: The DEXCO shall meet every month or as often as possible (at least bimonthly) to review the growth and to plan activities of the movement.

6.13.1b: The office bearers of the diocese (DEXCO) shall be responsible for the revival, extension, growth, sustenance and vibrancy

of the movement. They shall be guided by the DYD, DTA and Diocesan coordinator.

6.13.1c: The DEXCO with the help of DTA shall mobilize finances for the proposed activities of the diocese.

6.13.1d: The office bearers shall discharge their duties as per their responsibilities. The **President** shall lead the group together, **Secretary** shall keep the reports, records and documentation, **Treasurer** shall keep the accounts, **Regional representatives** shall regularly attend the Regional meetings supporting the Diocesan movement and other office bearers shall discharge their duties for the growth of the movement and work as a diocesan CELL with DYD which is the basic unit of the movement.

6.14: UNIT OFFICE BEARERS:

6.14.1: The unit shall meet as often as possible (at least twice a month) at the prescribed time and place to coordinate and support the actions and functions of the cells with the help of their animator where the cell meeting shall be conducted every week in the spirit and spirituality of YCS/YSM using the methodology of SEE, JUDGE and ACT

6.14.2: The unit office bearers shall discharge their duties as per their responsibilities. The **President** shall lead the group together, **Secretary** shall keep the reports, records and documentation, **Treasurer** shall keep the accounts, **Reporter** shall give due publicity to their activities encouraging the younger members to join the movement

6.14.3: The four office bearers of the unit or their delegates shall represent the unit in the diocesan council.

6.14.4: The office bearers and the cell leaders shall get trained to function effectively in the unit.

6.15: THE ANIMATOR

6.15.1: The Animator shall be an integral part of The Movement and the member with higher cadre.

6.15.2: The Animator of the movement shall guide the movement, the members and office bearers to get utmost good out of this movement in attaining the aim and objectives of the movement.

6.15.3: The Animator shall help the members change their self and attitudes towards self and society by making the methodology of YCS/YSM as their way of life.

6.15.4: The Animator shall animate the group accompanying them for their self transformation by transforming oneself through the methodology of YCS/YSM and making it the way of life, thus being role model to the members.

6.15.5: The Animator shall guide and reach out to the members in the times of crisis and in their growth process and in all their activities.

6.15.6: The Animator shall adhere to the Gospel/ moral values to the members in the process of their growth and life.

6.15.7: The Animator shall get proper training under DYD to function effectively.

6.15.8: The minimum age of the Animator shall be 24 years as regards YCS at Parish unit and a teacher (Teaching Staff) of the particular educational institution as regards YSM.

6.16: CELL & CELL LEADER & SECRETARY

6.16.1: Cell is the basic unit of the movement. It is understood as the structural and functional unit of the movement.

6.16.2: The cell shall be constituted annually by animator consists of 8-12 members. The Cell members shall be permanent members of a particular cell for a period of at least one year

6.16.3: Cells shall meet as often as possible and as required, at least once in a fortnight:

- a) To share their experiences of life and faith and find the way of life towards personal growth in the movement spirituality using the methodology of the movement.
- b) To plan their actions
- c) To execute their actions

6.16.4: Cell leader shall conduct the cell meeting and give equal opportunities to all the members of the cell to share their feelings and experiences keeping in mind the fraternal nature of the movement.

6.16.5: Cell Secretary shall write the brief report of the cell meeting and actions taken. Confidentiality of the person who shared those feelings and ideas shall be maintained with objectivity.

6.16.6: Cell members shall attend meetings and programs regularly.

6.16.7: Cell members shall be responsible to keep up to the confidentiality of the personal feelings and experiences, thus helping the person grow by giving fraternal support in their time of need.

6.17: BISHOP-IN-CHARGE OF CBCI OFFICE FOR YOUTH:

6.17.1: The Bishop-in-Charge of the CBCI Office for Youth shall be the Bishop-in-Charge of the movement.

6.17.2: The Bishop-in-Charge shall guide and support the National movement for its growth and sustenance.

6.17.3: The Bishop-in-Charge shall attend NTA/Exco meetings as and when necessary and guide them to make the right decisions for the extension and growth of the movement

6.17.4: The Bishop-in-Charge shall help and guide the national movement for its monetary needs by sharing, recommending and requesting funding agencies to support the project proposals of the movement.

6.17.5: The Bishop-in-Charge shall make the CBCI (Bishops) aware of this movement and urge them to revive and start the movement in their Dioceses, thus to reach out to all the student/teenage community for their faith formation, personality development, Christian leadership and personal transformation.

6.17.6: The Bishop-in-Charge with the help of respective secretaries (NYD-ICYM and National Chaplain of YCS/YSM) shall arrange for the Office for Youth meeting together with the national office bearers of ICYM and YCS/YSM to have a good understanding among them and work for the same cause of personal and social reformation.

6.17.7: The Bishop-in-Charge shall be the voice of the student/teenage community in

the CBCI for their needs in their growth process.

Article 7: FINANCES OF THE MOVEMENT:

7.1: Source of Income: Finances/ Funds are raised through membership fees, annual subscriptions, grants and legacies, national campaigns and fund raising, diocesan and regional contributions, financial assistance from government and non government agencies – national/international, loan and special collections etc. The National Team of Animators shall help collect finances/ funds for the Movement.

7.2: Expenditure: These finances / funds will be spent for launching national programmes, Training programmes, National Team and NTA/Exco meetings, campaigns, researches, projects, services, maintaining Full- Timers, National Chaplain and National Coordinator, travels for all the executive bodies of the Movement, documentation and publications, Office staff and administration etc.

7.3: Budget: The National Council shall stipulate a budget and entitle the National Team to collect subscriptions, funds etc. from the cells through the Diocesan and Regional Exco's and administer the same. The NT shall be accountable to the National Exco and NTA for the expenditures and receipts of the same.

7.4: Audit: All money collected by the National Movement shall be audited annually through a qualified Chartered Accountant and the accounts pertaining to FCRA will be submitted to the Home ministry.

Article 8: THE SEARCH

8.1: The Search shall be the official news magazine of YCS/YSM India. Members shall write articles and their experiences to the magazine and sustain the magazine through their subscriptions, advertisements and donations.

8.2: The **editor** of the Search shall be a NEXCO member and shall serve for the growth and sustenance of the magazine.

Article 9: LANGUAGE:

The proceedings of all the meetings and accounts shall be maintained in English. However during meetings any member may express himself/herself in any national/ regional language with the help of an interpreter.

Article 10 - AMENDMENTS AND ARBITRATIONS

- a) Any proposition for the amendment of the constitution must be sent at least four months prior to the next Council to the National Team (NTA/Exco meeting draft/ Chairman) which communicates the same to the Council.
- b) Any proposition for the amendment reaching the National Team later than four months prior to the National Council and those submitted during the Council shall not be discussed in the actual Council but taken as suggestions for the next Council.
- c) Any amendment to the constitution of the Movement has to be approved by 2/3 of the regions present and voting at the National Council.

d) In case of a situation which cannot be resolved within the Movement the Code of Arbitration proposed by the CBCI will be followed.

Article 11: There shall not be parallel cells of YCS and YSM in a unit.

Article 12: DISSOLUTION of Indian YCS/YSM:

12.1: In case YCS/YSM is to be dissolved, the National Council may decide with the concurrence of CBCI if 2/3rd of all council members are present, with 2/3rd majority for the dissolution. The National Council if decided so, shall work out the modality of dissolution and make it known to the IYCS.

12.2: If a unit was to be dissolved for inevitable reason a proper decision shall be taken by the Local Ordinary only with the proper process of dissolution. Natural justice should prevail while arriving at proper decision.

GUIDELINES FOR WORKING WITH STUDENTS OF OTHER FAITHS

Article 13: NAME:

Where the Movement works with students of other faiths, it shall be called YOUNG STUDENTS MOVEMENT (YSM)

Article 14: AIM AND OBJECTIVES: Same as Article 2.3 to 2.3.10

Article 15: ADMISSION

15.1: Any young student who accepts to live the aim and objectives of the Movement and is willing to work with others irrespective of religion, belief and caste in the same orientation may be permitted to join the Movement.

15.2: They shall be attached to an educational institution and their membership shall be limited till Junior college or its equivalent or higher secondary school (+2).

MISCELLANEOUS:

Article 16: In the decision making process of the movement the opinion, suggestions, sharing and feelings of student members shall receive respectful and due consideration by elder members of committees to reflect the nature of the movement '**the students movement**'

Article 17: Universal and Natural rights of children shall prevail upon all the student members of YCS/YSM.

Article 18: The YCS/YSM Indian movement shall follow this constitution in letter and spirit in all its aspects in the national, regional and diocesan level.

Article 19: Any internal rules made by a region or diocese shall be presented to the National Team and shall be ratified within a year in consultation with the NTA/Exco.

Article 20: The decision of CBCI is final and binding to all concerned.

Appendix I - Consultation:

Consultation as it is used in the constitution is not a mere formality. To take decisions affecting the National Movement requires the EXCO to give due importance to NTA and Regional ExcOs and consider their suggestions with an open and free mind. The consultation with Regional ExcOs shall be done through correspondence and the written opinions of the Regional ExcOs shall be presented to NTA. As far as possible, proceedings shall be duly maintained.

Appendix II – Independent Zones:

Independent Zones that are directly under the National Movement shall have one representative each at the National Exco.

Appendix III: YCS/YSM Public Charitable Trust Objectives:

The movement is for the purpose to impart relevant education by promoting personality development, leadership and social responsibility which are geared towards making the students an effective instrument of change; evolve a new society; training in skills like capacity and leadership qualities; knowledge of life for their integral development; seminars and researches; organize programmes for the poor irrespective of race, caste and creed; social service activities; youth welfare activities, etc.

Appendix IV: Office bearers

- a) If any office bearer of a CELL/UNIT/DEXCO/REXCO/NEXCO during the tenure of office moves out of unit/school/parish/ diocese/ region/ nation, loses the position of office in the respective cell/ unit/ diocese/ region/ nation and a new person shall be nominated in their place by the respective authority in consultation with the respective bodies.
- b) If a DEXCO/REXCO member is selected as NEXCO, it is desirable that he/she lays down the position to give other person an opportunity to serve.

Appendix V: Authority

- a) **Unit level:** The authority to take decisions will be the Director/ Principal/ Parish Priest in consultation with the Unit Animator

- b) **Diocesan level:** The authority to take decisions will be the Diocesan Bishop (Local Ordinary) in consultation with the Diocesan Director
- c) **Regional level:** The authority to take decisions will be the Regional Chairman Bishop in consultation with the Regional Director
- d) **National level:** The authority to take decisions will be the CBCI Bishop-in-charge of Office for Youth in consultation with the National Director

Appendix VI: NEXCO

- a) The region which has only one diocese shall elect two NEXCOs.
- b) The region which has more than one diocese but if the movement is present in only one diocese both the NEXCOs shall be selected from that diocese.
- c) If that region has movement in more than one diocese it is desirable that the NEXCOs are selected from different dioceses, yet it is left to the discretion of the RYD with valid reason.
- d) If in a region any diocese starts the movement anew the present NEXCOs shall continue their tenure of three years, unless someone is changed by the RYD with valid reasons in consultation with REXCO.
- e) If a NEXCO member resigns during the tenure or moves out of the region and informs the RYD and NTA/Exco in writing about not being able to discharge the responsibility as NEXCO or one who does not perform the responsibilities as per the requirements of NEXCO in the

spirit and objectives of the movement, the REXCO may suggest another member as NEXCO to the NTA/Exco for approval, while REXCO shall having heard the point of view of that person and give valid reason with understanding for the expulsion. NT shall take appropriate decision after due consultation with the RYD and REXCO.

- f) Though YCS/YSM is a catholic movement, it also incorporates students from other faith and since NEXCO member represents the region to the CBCI Office for Youth, only catholic members shall be selected as NEXCO and presented at the National Council. YSM members belonging to other faith shall not be selected/elected/nominated as NEXCO members.

Appendix VII: National Council participants:

- a) At present 2 or more NEXCO members of every region, RYDs/ RCs, 1 student member each from every Diocese where YCS/YSM exists (Regional Presidents), 1 animator for every 5 dioceses, 8 ex members, 12 invitees (former national chaplains and representatives of other student movements), Secretary - CBCI Office for Youth, 1 Moderator, National Chaplain, National Coordinator(s), Bishop-in- Charge of Office for Youth and Resource persons shall participate in the National Council.
- b) **Selection of Delegates:** In the case of One Diocese - One Region - 5 student members, any region having YCS/YSM in less than 5 dioceses - 5 student members (Regional President included)

and more than 5 dioceses an additional 1 each per diocese shall be selected. If there are independent zones directly serving under National Chaplain one student member each per zone shall take part in the National Council.

The Diocese which has less than 100 units - 1 delegate and every additional 100 units - 1 delegate each (inclusive of YCS and YSM)

- c) An YSM member belonging to any faith or not, may be selected as delegate to the National Council representing the particular region.

Appendix VIII

- a) This constitution abides to the IYCS International Statutes in spirit as it is affiliated to IYCS International.

CBCI Office for Youth - YCS/YSM, New Delhi

Amended on 25th May 2013 in XVI National Council held at Bethel, Shillong, Northeast And approved by CBCI India.

Some of the queries sought with are given below. All other Articles without any queries were passed with majority vote.

CLAUSE 2: Karnataka: Correction- both words 'catholic & church' the letter C will be capital.

Bijhan: What is Universal?

R: Universal means universal Catholic Church which is given as per Canon Law.

Voting - For - 10 regions and NEXCOs; Against- AP; Abstention- 0

With an absolute majority the clause was passed.

CLAUSE 3: Fr. Ronald (observer): Are the dropouts or the ones who are not students excluded here?

R: There are three groups in total at which cells can function which are institutional level, parish level and city or village level. If they are a member of a cell or a parish unit, they are in the movement.

TN: Is there an equivalent example of for those cell or units which includes non-students?

R: In parishes some are some dropouts but below agegroup of 18 and members of a unit;

Eg: Chennai, YCS is working in nursing schools and ITI (technical institutes) – other than normal schools.

Fr. Ronald (observer): suggestion- We can add the word 'formal' and 'informal' to solve the problem.

R: in that case all those who are not studying will miss out. And our aim is the inclusion of the members and expansion for them too.

Northern: If we include village, the age limit of 18 as per the constitution will be breached.

R: There is a provision made in the constitution in this regard, viz - the City cells and Village cells.

AP: clarification- Students here has an inclusive definition. If someone even studies in a technical institute or anywhere else for that matter, he becomes a student.

FR. Marcus Lakra (observer): An appeal to all the regions to let the students take up

the observations and proposals rather than the RYDs and animators.

For- 10 regions and NEXCOs; Against- WB and Abstention-0

With an absolute majority the clause was passed.

Article I

1.1 : Mr. James suggested an opinion on the change from Christian to Catholic.

Fr. Charles: We cannot let a person from other faith to lead a catholic movement. Some non- catholic churches are against the teachings of the Catholic Church, so it goes against the spirit of the movement.

Fr. Ronald (observer): Catholic here means not only baptized but universal catholic.

AP: How can the logo say 'Young Christian Students' when the name is 'Young Catholic Students'?

R: the name is a proposed name which is just a draft it is not yet approved by the council. So the logo can be changed. After it has been approved by the council, the NEXCOs will take it up.

WB: Does stating 'universal catholic' make us include all non- catholic?

R: The term universal catholic is as per the cannon law which can't be changed. It refers to all those who are baptized in the Catholic Church. The non- catholic can be a part of YSM.

Passed with absolute Majority vote.

3.1: For- 10 regions and NEXCOs; Abstention- TN; Against- 0.

Passed with absolute Majority vote.

4.1: MG: clarification- with the amendment of the word Christian, an amendment in the registration of the movement is also needed?

R: There is a provision for amendment in the Trust which will be taken up later.

AP: Until the trust approves the name, how can we change the name?

R: With the help of the resolutions passed in the council, the trust can be approached.

Fr. Charles: FCRA has to approve the shifting of the office also.

Karnataka: Who are the member trustees?

R: Fr. Charles Menezes (present National Chaplain and managing trustee), Fr. Vincent Arokiadas (former National Chaplain) and Fr. Mari Joseph (RYD of Karnataka)

Mr. Manoj Mathew (observer): suggestion- Inclusion of a former member or a lay person in the trust. He may also be someone from the former National Team. Passed with all Majority

Karnataka: Proposal- since Fr. Charles has to give a lot of clarifications, to include him in the Presidium.

The proposal was seconded by all regions.

2.3: Odisha: What is the difference between aim and objective?

R: Aim is to set a goal or a target while objective is to plan ways and means to achieve that goal.

WB: What is meant by 'creating space to realize their inner potential'?

R: To train in creative leadership and creating space is to give opportunities.

Passed with all Majority vote

ARTICLE III

3.1: Ms. Suzan Topno (observer): suggestion- the point about the dropout students can be mentioned here.

FR. Charles: equivalent would mean the same thing. It would include the dropouts.

The suggestion by Fr. Charles was seconded by- WB, BIJHAN, Northern, Karnataka, NE

NE: Age mentioned earlier was 13-18 however its mentioned colleges here. How can this be possible as college students are generally above 18?

R: The 1st year students in college can form cells. In international level, students require to have a graduate degree in order to be nominated for any of the posts. Indian students miss out as they are restricted because of the age limit. Hence College Cells or City Cells is the need for India.

Passed with all Majority

3.2: BIJHAN: If 13-18 is mentioned before, why over here it is mentioned 13 and above and not the same?

R: It is a relative article; officially the limit is 13-18, however to include the college level cells, its stated here 13 and above.

Passed with all Majority

3.3 : WB: Can a student who is REXCO, NEXCO or a DEXCO be a part of YCS after he/she has completed the age of 18?

R: Officially the person is out but they may

be part of the college cells. NEXCO members will continue to be the members till their term.

Fr. Ronald (observer): The fact about NEXCOs and REXCOs who are above 18 can be mentioned here?

R: It can be taken up at a later stage by the NEXCOs.

Passed with all Majority

3.4 : Fr. Ronald (observer): Does this clause include college cells also ?

R: City cell is separate and College cells if formed can be below or above 18. They will not be a part of DEXCO but member volunteers, though they can form separate DEXCO as per the constitution.

AP: How can WB be a part of the NEXCOS since minimum 2 dioceses is required to send two NEXCOS?

R: Every region is given to send two NEXCOS irrespective of the no of dioceses.

Fr. Ronald (observer): Are we clashing our constitution with that of the ICYM with respect to the age clause?

R: No since ICYM is a parochial movement while YCS will be in College. If Colleges don't accept, then they may form a city cell to continue in the YCS spirit.

AP: What is the membership fees for city cells?

R: Same as mentioned in article 3.4.3

WB: suggestion- If the membership fees can be increased.

Suggestion: to add the clause - '**as decided by the NEXCOs time and again**'.

Seconded by NE, Northern, TN, UP, AP, NEXCO, MP, Odisha.

AP: Clarification on the above - Any changes cannot be made to the constitution as well as no points can be added.

R: New rule cannot be added however minor changes can be made.

Passed with all Majority.

3.5 : TN: What is a cognizable offence?

R: Any offence under the Indian Penal Code which is a non-bailable offence.

NE: What about the dropouts since he leaves the school?

R: He can join the parish or any other cell to continue.

WB: What if a juvenile has committed a crime. Shouldn't he be given a chance to reform himself?

R: Students will be given due chance to explain and give their point of view before being expelled.

Passed with all majority.

3.6 : WB: Doesn't 3.6.3 create discriminations?

R: There is no discrimination. Since it's a catholic movement, importance is given to them. Catholic teachings are required to survive in the international level as all are catholic there. So for nomination purpose only Catholics can be selected. However non-catholic can be selected as delegates for

national and international programmes.

Passed with all Majority.

ARTICLE IV

4.1: Fr. Charles: suggestion- To add the point in 4.2 that city cells are under the DYD.

R: Will be taken up by the NEXCOS.

Passed with all Majority.

4.3 : WB: If there could be separate DYDs for YCS and YSM?

R: As it is, there is a shortage of DYDs and having separate people will create a bigger shortage.

Passed with all Majority.

4.4: Sir Joseph (observer) Can it be only male or only female members in the DTA?

R: To maintain the balance and make the students comfortable, this clause is kept.

Karnataka: suggestion- To mention the term of the DTS in 4.3.1 since the term of the DTS is not mentioned.

NE: Can DEXCOs be re-elected since it takes time to understand ones responsibility?

R: Yes the DEXCOs can be re-elected if they are within the age limit and have the required experience.

Passed with all Majority.

4.5 : Ms. Suzan Topno (observer): Can a non- catholic member be a part of the national team?

R: They can come and attend the council, however they cannot be a part of the

administrative team. The NEXCOs also represents the YSMers.

Mr. Leo Joseph (observer): Officially the NEXCOs represent YSM also since most of the NEXCOS are part of the school.

Fr. Charles: It was suggested that minimum two NEXCOs be there till 5 dioceses and an additional one for another 5. Opinion is required in regards to 4.5.6

WB: Considering the condition in WB, two hands are better than one.

NE: The clause should be added since in NE there are number of diocese with only two NEXCOs representing the whole region.

Mr. Leo Joseph (observer): NEXCOS cannot be elected on the basis of units they have to be elected on the basis of dioceses.

NEXCO : What is the minimum no.of NEXCOS?

R : Up till 5 dioceses 2 NEXCOS and an additional 5 will add one more NEXCO to the team of NEXCOS from the region.

Mr. Leo Joseph (observer) : suggestion Finance also has to be considered as NEXCOS have to be paid one way TA so the regions should accept to bear the one way expenses.

R: The main aim is growth and expansion of the movement.

Ms. Jovita D'Souza (National Secretary):

Clarification - from one diocese only one NEXCO can be elected unless the region has only one diocese.

Sr. Agnes (observer) : The question of

providing one way TA comes in NE, the regions bear one way TA so with more NEXCOS that financial burden will increase?

R: It comes to the growth and the expansion of the movement and more representations of the students. The students themselves gain from the programme. Thus they should pay the one way fare. They are the ones who gain, so they don't do a favor to the movement.

For -10 regions and NEXCOS, Abstention-Northern, Against-0

Passed with Absolute Majority.

4.7: Fr. Ronald : Explain 4.7.2- the name of the NEXCO can be sent two months after the council?

R: The NEXCOS can be presented during the council. If not presented, their names can be sent within two months after the National Council. However the NT is elected during the council itself. So they miss a chance to contest for the NT election.

Passed with all Majority.

4.8 : Mr. Stalin (observer) - Is there any lay persons involvement in the NTA?

R: It is upon the NEXCOs to decide upon that, however there is provision.

Passed with all Majority.

ARTICLE V

5.1: Fr. Ronald (observer): in 5.1.6, is it the RYD who votes?

R: It is the spokesperson in consultation with the RYD.

TN: Explain 5.1.9

R: The NEXCOs can send the draft of matters which they think is important, prior to the council. And the council votes upon that matter during the Council. Some matters can only be taken up in the council like 5.1.11

Fr. Ronald (observer): Explain 5.1.12 a?

R: for a council to be valid, 51% of the total members should be present. If the quorum is not present, then it will be an extra ordinary National Council.

Passed with all Majority.

5.2 : Northern: 5.2.5 needs more detailed explanation?

R: When REXCO is not present, the NEXCOS have the responsibility to expand the movement.

TN: suggestion- "if any" the word in 5.2.1 should be deleted.

The proposal was not seconded by any other region.

Passed with all Majority.

5.3 : Fr. Ronald: Explain diocesan council?

R: It includes office bearers of the local units, DEXCOs and DYDs

Mr. Joseph (observer): Plan of action and the theme of the national council; is it mandatory to follow in the regions?

R: One can adopt the national theme or can form a new theme for the region based on the National theme.

Passed with all Majority.

ARTICLE 6

TN: During the period between two national

councils, do NEXCOS have the power of co-opting for National Full timers?

R: Students may be chosen to work for the movement. They will be a part of the EXCOS

Fr. Ronald: If national full timers are co-opted, do they have to be paid?

R: Any student may be selected to work for the movement. They will also have to be paid.

Northern: Can NEXCOS be full timers?

R: Yes. They can be, but in that case they will to do correspondence studies

AP: Do the students have to be NEXCOS to attend international programme?

R: No they can be anybody provided the availability.

Passed with all Majority.

6.2 : TN: Explain 6.4.2b?

R: The NTA is responsible for financing the sub center. The finances can be looked up by the NT/EXCO.

FR. Ronald (observer): Will the NEXCO team help in finances?

R: When national level sub-center is opened, they will be taken care by NT/EXCO.

Passed with all Majority.

6.3 : MP: Can national Chaplain have an assistant?

R: National coordinators are there to assist the National chaplain.

Karnataka: What is the term of the current national chaplain?

R: It depends on the CBCI, if they are happy, they may re-appoint the current chaplain for another term.

Passed with all Majority.

6.4 : TN: Why can't the period of the national coordinator be increased?

R: One can work for six years on a trot however in the first year, ones' performance is assessed and then appointed for the next 5 years.

We can keep 5+1 in that case with respect to ones' term.

R: There is a limit if we keep 5 years. Now it can be changed after every 2 or 3 years depending on the availability.

Passed with all Majority.

6.5 : Fr. Charles: Can minors represent the movement in civil platforms?

R: Representation is required only in various forums; in that case there is no problem.

Passed with all Majority.

6.10 : Fr. Ronald (observer): Who appoints the RYD and what is the mode of election?

R: RYD is elected by the Regional Bishops council.

Bijhan: If RYD is not functioning properly, what are the students supposed to do?

R: If RYD is not working, complaint should go to the Chairman Bishop of the regional

youth commission. The complaint must go by the NEXCOs of the region.

Passed with all Majority.

6.12: Fr. Ronald (observer): Who appoints the Diocesan coordinator?

R: It has to be appointed by the director however he can approach the bishop since the coordinator will be paid.

Passed with all Majority.

6.14 : Fr. Charles: Cell should meet once a week and if not then once in a fortnight. The unit meets once in 15 days.

Passed with all Majority.

6.15: AP: Should the animator be catholic?

R: Need not be, however he/she shall adhere to the Gospel or Moral values.

Fr. Ronald (observer): Should the animator be present at both cell and unit meet?

R: It is good if the person is present at the cell meet but at unit meet his presence is required.

WB: Can DTA or DYD or RYD be non-catholic?

R: DTA can be non-catholic however the DYD and RYD are appointed by the Bishop.

Passed with all Majority.

6.16: Bijhan: Can YCS/YSM have separate cells?

R: You cannot have separate cells for YCS and YSM in a unit. You have to have a common cell.

Passed with all Majority.

6.17: Mr. Joseph (observer): Can the bishop be a member of a cell?

R: no

Passed with all Majority.

ARTICLE 7

AP: what is the meaning of FCRA?

R: Foreign Currency Regulation Act.

MG: Why to take loan and special collection?

R: If money is not sufficient for any big programme, a loan can be taken since officially we are a charitable trust.

Passed with all Majority.

ARTICLE 8

Mr. Frank Felix (NEXCO): Suggestion- for the post of the editor, a NEXCO of that region can be selected where the national office is situated.

MP: Suggestion- If one issue costs Rs. 30000, the regions can divide the amount.

R: That can be reflected and thought upon during the NEXCO meeting.

Bijhan: Instead of having more reports, we can have more of articles on theme and thrusts?

R: It can be done, but since it's a national newsletter, reports are necessary.

Passed with all Majority.

ARTICLE 10

TN: What is code of arbitration?

R: A rule of amendment written by the catholic church.

Bijhan: Can the diocese make any amendments?

R: Yes. They can, but it has to be sent to the REXCOS who will in turn send it to the NEXCOS.

Passed with all Majority.

GUIDELINES FOR WORKING WITH STUDENTS OF OTHER FAITHS

Article 13:

Fr Charles- City cells cannot be called as YSM

Fr. Ronald-Can a generic term be coined for the purpose of city cells

R- Suggestions are welcome; it will be taken up by the NEXCOs and amended in the next national council

Passed with all Majority.

Article 15:

Bishvamitra (observer): YSM can't take part in city cells?

R: Yes. They can, provided they are members of a City Cell.

Passed with all Majority.

Miscellaneous

Article 16:

FR. Ronald: In case a region or diocese

requires making changes in name or translate the name?

R: It has to be presented to the bishop; however it has to be presented to the NEXCO team also. Only translation is allowed and when it is given to the NEXCO, they will reflect whether it goes against the spirit and nature of the movement.

Passed with all Majority.

Appendixes:

Appendix II-Independent Zones

WB: What is independent zone?

R: There are some areas where the RYD does not own responsibility of a diocese but the students want to have a movement there, then it will be called as an independent zone which is under the direct control of National Chaplain and a NEXCO can be nominated.

Passed with all Majority.

Appendix IV- office bearers

FR. Ronald- If a person moves out of a cell and that person is an office bearer shall there be a nomination or election?

R: Nomination.

Passed with all Majority.

Appendix V- Authority

Fr. Ronald- Can a Bishop take a decision like removal of a unit/members/financial matters without consulting the Director?

R: The Bishop cannot do that without consultation of the Director. However, if there

is a clash then the Bishop has right to act.

Passed with all Majority.

Appendix VII- National Council Participants

Karnataka- Regional President is included in the five members or the Regional President has different representation along with?

R: The Regional President is included, yet someone can be accommodated.

NOTE: A proposal was made by AP to keep the Regional President separate and send a separate team of delegates.

It was accepted by the other regions through a general consensus.

Passed with all Majority.

THE CONSTITUTION OF YCS/YSM WAS PASSED ON 25TH May, 2013 BY THE 11 REGIONS AND THE NEXCOS THAT WERE PRESENT AND VOTING.



Presentation of new NEXCO members: In the evening the future NEXCO members were presented to the National Council and after a brief introduction of everyone they were approved through consensus. They

will be trained in the movement with some more knowledge about the movement and the new National Team will be elected soon.

Before the break, the council was presented with the draft of the theme statement. They were to discuss the statement in their regions during the break and come up with changes after deliberations.

After the break the regions presented their proposed changes to the council which was taken up by the documentation committee. All the changes were to be incorporated in the theme statement and a final copy was to be presented the following day of the council.

The draft of the action plan was presented before the council, however it was not satisfactory so to review the current National action plan, an eight member committee was formed, who were to come up with a reformed action plan on the following day of the council.

The **National Theme** was presented to the house. It was unanimously decided that the theme for 2013-2016 would be **"STUDENTS EDUCATION IN MODERN ERA"** with the following thrusts:

2013-2014-INTERCULTURALITY

2014-2015- RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

2015-2016- UNIVERSAL CULTURE OF LOVE AND LIFE

With the final comments by the chairperson the council proceedings were adjourned for the day until they assemble with a day's rest on Monday.

Day 8 - 26th May 2013: The day began with the Mass offered by Fr. Alexander of Madhya Pradesh region. He stressed the need to commit oneself for the service of the humanity and blessed all the participants to gain knowledge of the reality.

Then the groups went for a day of outing to Chirapunji. At first we could salvage the beauty of the water fall and then a bit of shopping. We got a chance to see the border of Bangladesh where we spent a little time waiting for the group which abandoned us and some waited for their arrival with a foreign group where they say they could impart knowledge of YCS/YSM to them too.



After lunch we went to the Mausami caves. Everyone had a chance to enter the dragon and come out safely with an experience of achievement. Then after we visited the Mother Mary shrine, prayed for all those who helped us for the Council with a decade of Rosary and came back safe to the abode of the Council.

Day 9 - 27th May 2013:

Curtains down of the historical XVI National Council of YCS/YSM:

The National Council which has been going on since 19th May came to a close this day. The day began with the short prayer and group photos of every region. The participants were elated to meet the delegates from other region for one last time. It was followed by the Council proceedings.

National Council (Day 3): Joyce John the President of the movement welcomed the gathering and took the roll call.

Theme Statement: The Council passed the Theme Statement with a few additions and deletions.

Deliberations: At 10 AM the Theme Statement was presented. After many deliberations on the theme statement, the

following changes were proposed:

The name was changed from 'XXV STUDY SESSION AND XVI NATIONAL COUNCIL' to 'XXV STUDY & FORMATION SESSION AND XVI NATIONAL COUNCIL'

- The methodology of the movement was to be in capital.
- In the last paragraph the phrase "Building a New Society, i.e. God's Kingdom" was to be in capital.
- The name YCS/YSM to be changed to YCS/YSM India

The theme statement was passed with an all majority.

YCS/YSM INDIA

Theme Statement of XXV Study and Formation Session And XVI National Council, Bethel, Barapani, Shillong, North East, 19-28 May 2013.

We, the Student Delegates, Animators, Diocesan Youth Directors, Regional Youth Directors and NEXCOs, 125 in total, representing 11 out of 12 Regions of YCS/YSM India, gathered at Bethel, Barapani, Shillong, North East, 19-28 May 2013, for the XXV Study and Formation Session and the XVI National Council on the theme "Students' Education in Modern Era". The theme had three key thrusts namely ¹Interculturality, ²Religious Pluralism and Universal Culture of Love and Life.

Through the input sessions by resource persons, exposure to relevant places and workshops, we reflected together on the theme echoing the methodology of the movement – Awareness, Reflection, Action and Evaluation, and drew up the following Theme Statement.

Interculturality, which has become an important aspect in the present day, should promote mutual enrichment of cultures. We understand that to protect and promote the diversity of cultural expressions primarily an attitude of respect towards the diversity of cultures in society is obligatory.

Religious pluralism is an existential reality. It should serve humanity as a unifying factor and not as a dividing one. A spirit of brotherhood/³sisterhood between all religions should help to make everyone feel equal. As lived and taught by Jesus the Supreme Animator we should embrace people of all creeds and encourage them to

maintain their religious heritage.

In our deliberation, we discussed about the "Culture of Death" that is emerging in our present society prominently among the student/teenage community. Through education we should be equipped in facing the challenges emerging in our modern time. While focusing on academic excellence, the education should lead to the development of the whole person, emphasizing the intellectual, physical, spiritual and affective areas of students' life.

Through the XVI National Council, we are enlightened about the various existing cultures, the reality of religious pluralism and the universal culture of love and life. We are convinced that it is important to accept each other as we are, with equal human dignity, especially in view of those who are stigmatized and neglected by the society due to religious barriers and pressures from personal, social and peer groups. The challenge is for US to change and not to change the people who are challenged.

Thus, we resolve to transform the lives of the young and the society by Changing Self and Changing Others. Education in modern era should make us conscious that we need to bring change in the society by making a choice to be aware, to be the change, and to lead the change. Hence to actualize this, we need to be sensitive and sensitize others by following the methodology of the movement - See, Judge and Act.

We, the family of YCS/YSM India pledge to transform our lives in the light of the Holy Scriptures and Moral Values in "Building a New Society" i.e. "God's Kingdom".

¹ **Interculturality** is very significant development with regard to the change in the perception of 'the other' by another cultural group of people towards another different cultural group.

² **Religious Pluralism** is more than the sharing of certain religious values or agreement on some social issues.

³ **Sisterhood** is respecting the equality of feminine gender or gender parity.

**पच्चीसवीं अध्ययन और सत्र का विषय बयान
सोलवीं राष्ट्रीय परिषद, बेथेल, बारापानी,
शिलांग, उत्तर पूर्व, 19-28 मई 2013**

हम वाई.सी.एस./वाई.एस.एम. भारत के छात्र प्रतिनिधि, प्राणसंचारक (Animators) धर्मप्रदेश युवा निर्देशक, क्षेत्रीय युवा निर्देशक और NEXCOs के 12 में से 11 क्षेत्रों के कुल प्रतिनिधि, बेथेल, बारापानी, शिलांग, उत्तर पूर्व, में 19 से 28 मई 2013 तक, पच्चीसवीं अध्ययन और सत्र के गठन और सोलवीं राष्ट्रीय परिषद, “आधुनिक युग में छात्रों की शिक्षा” विषय पर चर्चा के लिए इकट्ठा हुए। विषय की तीन प्रमुख चुनौतियां थी, अर्थात् अंतर सांस्कृतिक (Interculturality), धार्मिक बहुलवाद और जीवन के सार्वभौमिक संस्कृति। इनपुट सत्र के माध्यम से, संसाधन व्यक्तियों, प्रासंगिक स्थानों के उदाहरणों और कार्यशालाओं के द्वारा, हम ने, इस आंदोलन की पद्धति, जागरूकता, प्रतिबिंब, क्रिया और मूल्यांकन विषय पर एक साथ एक सुर से चिंतन किया और निम्न विषय बयान को आकर्षित किया है :

अंतर-सांस्कृतिक (Interculturality) जो वर्तमान दिन में एक महत्वपूर्ण पहलू बन गया है, संस्कृतियों के आपसी संवर्धन को बढ़ाव देता है। हम समझते हैं कि सांस्कृतिक अभिव्यक्ति की विविधता, उसकी रक्षा और प्रोत्साहन के लिए मुख्य रूप से समाज में संस्कृतियों की विविधता के प्रति सम्मान का दृष्टिकोण अनिवार्य है।

धार्मिक बहुलवाद एक अस्तित्व की सच्चाई है। यह एक एकीकृत कारक के रूप में मानवता की सेवा के लिए होनी चाहिए न कि एक विभाजन कारक रूप में। भाईचारे/भगिनीत्व की भावना सभी धर्मों के बीच सबको बराबर महसूस करने के लिए होनी चाहिए। यीशु, एक सर्वोच्च प्राणसंचारक (Animator) ने जैसा जिया और हमें सिखाया है, उसी तरह हमें सभी जाति के लोगों को अपनाना चाहिए और उन्हें उनकी धार्मिक विरासत को बनाए रखने के लिए हमारी विवेचना में, हम ने हमारे वर्तमान समाज में मुख्यतः छात्र/किशोर समुदाय के बीच उभरते “मृत्यु की

संस्कृति” के बारे में चर्चा की। शिक्षा से लैस, और इसके माध्यम से हमें हमारे वर्तमान समय में उभरती चुनौतियों का सामना करना चाहिए। एकाडेमिक उत्कृष्टता पर ध्यान केंद्रित करते हुए, शिक्षा, छात्रों के जीवन बौद्धिक शरीरिक, आध्यात्मिक और भावात्मक क्षेत्रों के विकास के लिए होनी चाहिए।

सोलवीं राष्ट्रीय परिषद के माध्यम से, हम विभिन्न मौजूदा संस्कृतियों, धार्मिक बहुलवाद की वास्तविकता और सार्वभौमिक संस्कृत प्रेम और जीवन के बारे में समझ सके। हम आश्वस्त हुए की, जैसे हम हैं, समान मानव गरिमा के साथ एक दुसरे को स्वीकार करे, विशेषकर उनको, जो लांछित और धार्मिक अवरोधों के कारण उपेक्षित हैं, और जो व्यक्ति, समाज और साथियों के समूह के दबाव में हैं। चुनौति स्वयं को बदलने की है, चुनौति औरों को बदलने के लिए अतः हम संकल्प करते हैं कि: हम स्वयं और दूसरों को बदलने के द्वारा, युवक युवतियों के जीवन और समाज को बदलेंगे। आधुनिक युग में शिक्षा हमें जागरूक बनाता है। समाज को परिवर्तित करने के लिए हमें स्वयं परिवर्तन की, परिवर्तन के नेतृत्व की और विकल्प बनाने के लिए जागरूकता की आवश्यकता है। अतः इसे यथार्थ में बदलने के लिए आंदोलन की प्रणाली “देखें, परखें और करें” का अनुसरण करते हुए, हमें संवेदनशील होना है और दूसरों को हम, वाई. सी. एस./वाई.एस.एम. भारत, परिवार, हमारे जीवन को पवित्र ग्रंथों और नैतिक मूल्यों के आलोक में एक नए समाज का निर्माण अर्थात् “भागवान के राज्य” में बदलने की प्रतिज्ञा करते हैं।

1. अंतर-सांस्कृतिक (Interculturality) विभिन्न सांस्कृतिक समूह के प्रति लोगों की एक और सांस्कृतिक समूह द्वारा ‘अन्य की धारणा में संबंध में बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण विकास है।
2. धार्मिक बहुलवाद कुछ धार्मिक मूल्यों या कुछ सामाजिक मुद्दों पर समझौते के बंटवारे से भी अधिक है।
3. भगिनीत्व – स्त्री लिंग या लिंग समता की समानता का सम्मान है।

National Action Plan: This was followed by the passing of the National Action Plan in which the aspects of expanding the movement to all the regions of India, preparing resource material, visitation to the Dioceses where the movement existing was elaborated.

NATIONAL PLAN OF YCS/YSM INDIA FOR 2013-2016

1. Visitation & Participation:

National Team should visit all regions in the next three years and attend their important regional programmes. During the visitation efforts should be made to meet the Diocesan Team of Students & Diocesan Team of Animators (DTS & DTA). Preference should be given to the dioceses not visited in the past.

2. Extension:

The NT along with the collaboration of the Regional Team, shall take initiative to extend the movement to the dioceses where we do not have our presence.

3. Programs:

The NT should organize exchange programs to promote Interculturality between neighbouring countries and along with the collaboration of the regional team organize the same between two or more regions at least once in two years.

The NT may invite people of other faith during National Programs to understand and promote Religious Pluralism along with promoting the

YCS/YSM objectives to broaden our horizon towards religious harmony and communal amity.

4. Publication

The NT shall prepare resource materials in the form of documentary/ booklet of YCS/YSM India and on the theme: 'Student's Education in Modern Era' following annual thrusts: a) Interculturality b) Religious Pluralism c) Universal Culture of Love & Life

The resource materials should be made available by the NEXCOS of the regions by the end of July for 2013 and by the end of April for the next two years.

5. Communication

The NT shall make efficient use of the social media network in the form of our website & print media to promote YCS/YSM India in order to connect all the members.

Deliberations: The changes proposed were:

Paragraph 1: Fr. Charles- Inclusion of the phrase 'the NT should visit all regions in the next three years and attend important regional programme.' The paragraph was passed with an all majority.

Paragraph 2: Fr. Charles- to add the phrase 'the NT in collaboration with the region'. The paragraph was passed with an all majority.

Paragraph 3: The NT shall organize exchange programmes to promote interculturality between neighboring or more countries and along with the collaboration of the regional team organize

the same between two or more regions at least once in 2 years. NT may invite people of other faith to understand and promote religious pluralism along with promoting YCS/YSM objectives to broaden the horizons. The paragraph was passed with an all majority

Paragraph 4: To add 'the NT shall prepare...'

Fr. Edwin - To put the last month as July for this year, however April for the next two years.

The paragraph was passed with an all majority

Paragraph 5:

Fr. Mari - Inclusion of 'print media' instead of the word 'newsletter.'

THE NATIONAL PLAN OF YCS/YSM INDIA WAS PASSED ON 27TH MAY 2013.

National Team 2013-2016: The newly elected National Team was introduced to the Council and felicitated. **Mr. Jimmy Pdang** from North East was elected as the



President, **Ms. Sharon Kalinse** from Tamilnadu was elected as National Secretary, **Mr. Ashley Rodrigues** from Northern region was elected as National Liturgical Secretary and **Ms. Annette Ling** from West Bengal was elected as Editor of the National newsletter "The Search". The post of Treasurer is kept pending for NTA/Exco live in program due to not able to get majority vote. The President and Secretary thanked all those elected them for the service of the movement and resolved to do justice to their post.

The next National Council will be decided in the next NTA/Exco meeting. It was followed by the region wise Evaluation of the National Movement. Then the delegates spent time on personal evaluation of the movement as well as the National Council.

In the afternoon delegates gathered in the hall for the purpose of evaluation of the whole council and its theme. The students were asked to submit the reports of the same.

Concluding Mass: After the reporting session all went in to preparation for the Concluding Mass which was offered by Bishop P.K. George, Bishop of Miao diocese. He urged the participants to make difference in the society through this movement in the milieu of religious diversity. During the Mass the outgoing NEXCO team handed over charge to the New NEXCO team.

Everyone prayed over the outgoing and incoming Nexco team and asked the help of our prayers to carry out their task effectively. After which the YCS/YSM flag was lowered by the Bishop to mark the close of the council proceedings.

Concluding Programme:

This was followed by the concluding programme presided over by Bishop George. Ms. Joyce John welcomed the gathering. Students from Ferrando speech and hearing centre performed some dances. Four student delegates, two animators and Fr. Mari Joseph on behalf of Priests spelt out their experiences of the Council. Sr. Agnes and Fr. Mark and Fr. Charles thanked all those who were responsible for the success of the programme. The delegates, RYDs and LOC members were presented the certificates, mementoes and gifts. Fr. Mark and Sr. Agnes, Fr. Charles and Leo Joseph were felicitated by the Bishop for the effort they have put in for the success of the movement. Finally National President Dymphna Joyce John declared the XVI National Council closed.

In the evening the delegates organized the final concluding programme to show cause their talents and had lots of fun. The hard work put in by the National Exco Team for the last two years was successfully done which will pave way for the new direction in the movement. This event will be remembered for long for shaping the

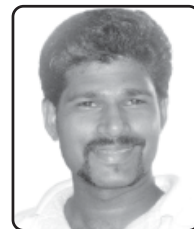
movement proceedings and drafting a full pledged Constitution that will always be remembered in the history of YCS/YSM India.

Day 10 - 28th May 2013: The parting tears rolled down on a few cheeks that got into a close fraternal relationship with the delegates for the past ten days as they packed their luggage. Fr. Charles Menezes offered the Mass in the morning and sent the delegates to preach the Good News of Self change and Change others to the New World. All prayed for each other so that our lives may yield good fruit. The former Nexco members were remembered with gratitude for their service to the movement and urged them to continue to do the good work began through YCS/YSM movement. All had their mobile numbers and a gift to be shared with the other so that they could be remembered for a long time. It is the family spirit that bonded them so close to each other. The former Nexco team had a long story to tell as to how they made YCS/YSM their second home. The busses ferried them to Guwahati for their further journey which helped them spend some time with fun and frolic. Delegates left batch by batch to their regions carrying forth the spirit instilled in them through this National Council. The days spent in Shillong will always be remembered in life and the spirit with which the delegates participated will be seen in action in their particular regions, dioceses and units.

REGIONWISE EVALUATION OF THE NATIONAL THEME & ACTIVITIES 2010- 2013

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This is a combined report of the three years assessed by the regions in the XVI YCS YSM National Council, Shillong. It helps us to know our Strengths, Weaknesses and Challenges in the present world and how far our movement has accomplished. This report will guide us to inspire and reach YCS YSM to more young minds and with them "Let's Build a New Society, i.e., God's Kingdom".

We are glad to know that every region is aware of the need and importance of the YCS YSM movement to nurture the student community in an optimistic way. Diocesan/ Regional Chaplains, Animators are very sure that the Self Change occurs in ones Cell Life. Though most of the regions have cells and the members have good rapport with the others like a family, not all use the methodology: SEE - JUDGE - ACT effectively. Some need the guidance of the animator and the Chaplain for better understanding of the methodology based cell meetings. Regular cell meetings help the individual to internalize the methodology and that in turn becomes his/ hers way of life which is not easy to achieve. If achieved that will be the greatest asset one can hold.

Students in their units take up real life issues, newspaper cuttings, articles and

common social problems and share their experiences to the other members and try to find solutions and actions based on the YCS YSM methodology. We are extremely happy to hear from some of the regions that they have discussed more on the National theme: (Students for Green & Harmonious World) and its thrusts: (Climate Change, Food Crisis, Human Rights) and have used the modal cell meetings prepared and sent from the National Office. It's sad to hear that some of the cell meetings are conducted just for the sake of formality. Every region is so clear that the awareness have to be made clear to all the units that though they all know what to speak, it's how to speak that really matters.

Innumerable programs and activities are taken place in each region. As few regions have started to expand and strengthen the movement in their dioceses and region, not many programs were conducted. Participating in the diocesan and regional and national level programs makes us feel more recognized that we belong to a big one family. The inputs, sessions, workshops and experience help us to follow it in our grass root level. It widened our perspective by coming to know how

other dioceses or regions grow in the movement and also to share ideas and vice versa. Through these programs we have build our confidence, how to speak in public, to be friendlier, to think selflessly, and the urge to do something for the others. Every program has changed the mind and the attitude of the students and the animators and chaplains are there to witness it. Animators felt that the more the students share and participate; the more they grow into a new person.

To expand this much needed movement to reach out to many teenagers, many measures and steps have been taken by the diocese and the region but few ended in smoke. The present teenage community is too busy to have time for such movements. Most of the regions felt that they have to start many units in the parish level, and they need the support of the Bishop and the Parish Priests. In order to expand the movement to touch more young hearts, we are in need of committed and sacrificial animators and Chaplains. Above all, the expansion is only achievable if certain initiatives are taken by the DYD/ RYD and EXCO members by visiting more units. The visits will not only expand the movement, but also will strengthen it.

NEXCO members have played a key role in every region and dioceses and they are the bridges connecting them with the National level. Proper communications are sent and received through them. They help in visiting the units, and share their

experiences to motivate the adolescents. Few regions have failed to present their EXCOS and we believe that it will not be repeated in the future. Many regions are happy to have their EXCOS and proud to call them their role models.

Each and every region is glad and thankful to the National Office for re publishing and circulating the National Newsletter 'The Search'. Since many regions have not sent their unit addresses, some units may not be aware of the Search magazine and the activities taken place in the movement. Not many students have subscribed to it or sending articles to their own magazine. Most of the time, the newsletter doesn't reach student's hands, as it lies in the Priest's or Principal's office. Knowing the significance of the newsletter, regions must take plans to promote our newsletter.

Financial condition varies from each region to the other. Many ways of promoting funds are taken in the regional level. To cut the long story short, every region finds difficult to run the movement or to organize a training program financially. They depend only on the little sources available and the registration fee. Constant changes of animators and principals make them more complex to collect membership fees.

With the counsel of the ex members, dedication of the animators and the interest of the students made many unimaginable things possible. We were able to show the world what power, the student community

holds and with these young spirits, anything is possible. With the blessing of the Almighty and the sacrifice of our Chaplains, we have spread our movement to many dioceses in our region. Regular training programs in the diocesan and regional level for students and for animators help us to strive towards the aim of YCS YSM i.e. to Build a New Society. Personal Growth and Self transformation is the greatest success we obtained through the cell meetings. Through the Change of One Self, we witnessed the change of many including the animators, teachers, principals and even the parents. YCS YSM has become CONTAGIOUS!!! YCS YSMers started making a difference from small things to big events and that will make them Become Somebody one day.

In the process of Becoming, our students have to experience few challenges too to strengthen them deeper in the movement. Lack of support from their parents and teachers have disappointed them, as they give more importance to the academic growth than the human growth. Lack of communication, procrastination, Lack of time from the animators and Chaplains to spend with the students, Lack of interest to sit and share their problems are some of the common challenges we face in our movement.

As regional movements, we suggest the National Team and EXCOS to work and plan together in implementing the National

Plan of Action (See Page:) It'll be an added pleasure to have the presence of the National Team and EXCOS if possible in our regions which will motivate the students. The necessity of our movement should be corresponded to all the Bishops of India. Training the young seminarian brothers will help in expanding the movement in the later years. Wise and Creative use of the Social networks, Websites and Print media will make known our movement to the Unknown.

**We wish the New National Team
and the NEXCOS, all the very best!**

Let YCS YSM Light Shine!!!

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OVER ALL EVALUATION OF THE FORMATION SESSION & 16TH NATIONAL COUNCIL, 2013

Please read the instructions below and evaluate the 16th National Council according to the given categories

Rating: 5= Excellent, 4= Very Good, 3= Good, 2= Satisfactory, 1= Poor

1. Preparation of the Council:					
a. Preparatory Document		5	4	3	2 1
b. Regional Council & selection of delegates		5	4	3	2 1
c. Preparation at Region before arrival to NC		5	4	3	2 1
d. Communication from the National Office		5	4	3	2 1
e. Orientation to the Council		5	4	3	2 1
2. Registration & Welcoming		5	4	3	2 1
3. Inauguration Ceremony		5	4	3	2 1
4. Reports					
a. National Movement Report		5	4	3	2 1
b. Regional Reports		5	4	3	2 1
c. National Movement Evaluation report		5	4	3	2 1
d. NT Report		5	4	3	2 1
e. National Office Report		5	4	3	2 1
5. Resource persons & their Input Sessions					
Moderator of the Council -	Fr. James	5	4	3	2 1
	Manoj Mathew	5	4	3	2 1
Orientation for the Council-	Leo Joseph	5	4	3	2 1
Orientation for Exposure -	Manoj/Edward	5	4	3	2 1
Council Statement & Action Plan		5	4	3	2 1
Evolving & Deepening the theme		5	4	3	2 1
a. Resource Persons:					
Interculturality -	L.P.Xavier	5	4	3	2 1
Religious Pluralism -	Sr. Philomena	5	4	3	2 1
Culture of Love & Life -	Fr. Mathew	5	4	3	2 1
Theological Reflections -	Fr. James	5	4	3	2 1
Review of Life -	Fr. James	5	4	3	2 1
Key note Address -	Dr. Celestine	5	4	3	2 1
Constitution & amendments -	James S.	5	4	3	2 1
Council Proceedings -	NEXCO	5	4	3	2 1
b. National Chaplain's performance		5	4	3	2 1
c. NTA/Exco & NT performance		5	4	3	2 1
d. National Convener & Secretary		5	4	3	2 1
6. Committees performance:					
a. Welcome & Hospitality		5	4	3	2 1
b. Travel, Exposure & Outing		5	4	3	2 1
c. Logistics		5	4	3	2 1
d. Drafting		5	4	3	2 1

e. Chief Guests					
Bishop John Thomas	5	4	3	2	1
Archbishop Dominic Jala	5	4	3	2	1
Bishops for Mass	5	4	3	2	1
7. Presenting of New EXCOs	5	4	3	2	1
8. Prayer Moments					
a. Morning/ Evening Prayers	5	4	3	2	1
b. Holy Mass	5	4	3	2	1
c. Taize	5	4	3	2	1
9. Exposure visit	5	4	3	2	1
10. Exhibition	5	4	3	2	1
11. Cultural Programs					
a. By L.O.C	5	4	3	2	1
b. By the Regions	5	4	3	2	1
12. Animation/ Action Songs	5	4	3	2	1
13. Delegates: Participation	5	4	3	2	1
14. L.O.C performance	5	4	3	2	1
15. Facilities					
a. Food & Water	5	4	3	2	1
b. Accommodation	5	4	3	2	1
c. Council & Exhibition Halls	5	4	3	2	1
16. Duration of the National Council	5	4	3	2	1
17. Were your expectations met	5	4	3	2	1
18. Your learning from this 16 th National Council					
19. Suggestions for Improvement					

Personal Evaluation of the XXV Formation Session and XVI National Council

1. What are the highlights of this National Council – any five?
2. What are the issues you liked and understood most – any four?
3. How did you like the Formation Session on the National Theme and thrusts and its process of See, Judge and Act – 19-24 May 2013 – 5 pointers?
4. Did you find enough time and what did you share – your feelings, faith experiences and opinions on the theme and thrusts – 3 things?
5. How did you like the SEE part of exposure to various places and Don Bosco Museum – 5 points?
6. What is your assessment about the Resource persons – individual?
7. How did you like the National Council proceedings – the process?
8. What is your assessment about the New Constitution – practical?
9. How did you enjoy the Food, Lodging and Hospitality at Bethel – three things?

10. What is your opinion about reception at Guwahati and travel arrangements?
 11. What is your opinion about the LOC – appreciation and suggestion – five points?
 12. How did you enjoy the OUTING – 3 things?
 13. What do you comment on the Council Statement - practical?
 14. What is your opinion about the Time table, Leisure time and Prayer time – 3 points?
 15. How do you comment on the selection of the delegates?
 16. Your opinion about the participation of the delegates in the Council – Group Dynamics, Exposure, Liturgy, Group work, Group sharing, Etiquette, Discipline, Leadership, Responsibility, cultural programs, respect to fellow delegate and elders, seriousness in the -topic, session and Council proceedings – 2 points each?
 17. What is your assessment of the Animators – 2 points?
 18. What is your opinion about the Mass celebrants and their message on the day's theme?
 19. What is your assessment of the National EXCO and Team – 5 points?
 20. How do you rate your satisfaction about the National Council – 1 to 10?
 21. What is your learning – any three?
 22. How do you put your learning into practice back in your cell, unit, diocese and region – 3 points?
 23. What is your decision to change in you and transform yourself – 3 decisions?
 24. Being a part of this National Council what kind of Leader you want to be and what do you want to achieve in Life – 2 points?
 25. Suggestions for improvement – any 5?
- Note: This overall evaluation is based on the 'Evaluation Questionnaire of the council by the delegates of the National Council. It has been consolidated, shortlisted and simplified for better understanding. Most of the phrases of the delegates are quoted as it is to preserve the essence and the freshness of the words.*
- 1. Highlights of the National Council**
 - Learnt what YCS/YSM actually is
 - Feeling great to have the whole India under one roof named YCS/YSM
 - Taken the best theme apt for this generation; - "Students' Education in Modern Era"
 - The process and the approval of the Constitution
 - The Handing Over and the Concluding Ceremony
 - The Exposure visit, Don Bosco Museum and the Darshan
 - The unconditional love of the committed NEXCO members
 - 2. Issues liked the most**
 - All the three thrusts and specially the "Universal Culture of Love & Life"

- Sharing and listening to real life issues from the people
 - Several cell meetings to discuss, share and understand the theme and the thrusts in depth
- 3. Resource Persons**
- Well prepared, friendly, experienced, readily shared their experience, informative and thought provoking.
 - Happy to have Resource Persons from the movement background
 - It would be more kind if sessions be more interactive than lecturing
 - Some of the inputs were too high to understand for the students
- 4. National Council Proceedings (The Process)**
- Very new to us which is of IYCS international standard
 - Loved process and it looked like an assembly in the parliament or a Senate
 - It was never boring and that's the way it has to be.
 - Learnt and realized that every regions' participation is more important in the Council
 - Time have to be followed with more sincerity
- 5. Assessment of the New Constitution (Practical?)**
- It's clear and systematically listed. It is very Practical
 - Felt great to be a part of this movement
- knowing the uniqueness of its internal **rules/ regulations**
- Language is so simple to understand and it's our responsibility to follow
 - Should be promoted and made aware to all the student members
- 6. Food, Lodging, Hospitality at the Venue**
- Cordial welcome and took good care of us like our own family
 - Never felt aloof and always felt at home
 - Food is healthy and given on time
 - Leant to adjust and share with our friends
 - Sisters were ever ready to serve us with a smile
 - There could have been a little more variety in the food
- 7. Local Organizing Committee(LOC)**
- Friendly, helpful, interactive and ready with a smile
 - Inspiring and generous, particularly Fr. Mathew's Humbleness and Simplicity and Fr. Felix's interactive group dynamics
 - There should be more LOCs for a Council and they have to be there always
- 8. Darshan (Outing)**
- Enjoyed to the fullest
 - Got the chance to see through our own eyes the beauty of the North East- the Seven Sisters...

- There is nothing wrong in calling it the **land with mist and magic**
- Having an outing in between the Council helps us to ease a little
- 9. Opinion on the Council Statement (Practical?)**
 - Helped us to recall the whole Council through the statement
 - It's a mixture of our movement's aim, objective, methodology, spirituality, the theme and the thrusts. Thanks to Ms. Suzan and documentation team for their effort
 - Line by line deliberation and voting made us more serious about the importance of the Theme Statement
- 10. Time Table/ Leisure/ Prayer time**
 - Time table was perfect, though it's little tight
 - Prayer time was very meaningful. Able to feel God's presence throughout the Council.
 - Many regions were well prepared and creative for the mass, but could have been better
 - Lack of time management due self indiscipline, session got delayed, but it didn't affect any sessions or programs.
- 11. Selection of the Delegates**
 - Good & Active; Interactive
 - Good choice of delegates ; Able to grasp and understand easily
 - Having innumerable talents and YCS YSM is an apt place to showcase one's ability to shine
- Selecting a delegate who is more experienced in the movement would help the Council run smoother and easier.
- The delegates need more accompaniment and proper guidance from the Animators, DYDs and RYDs.
- 12. Participation of the Delegates**
 - The delegates participated with their full charisma
 - Lot of opportunities was given, but not all utilized it.
 - Extra support from the superiors would have made them participate better
 - The interest shown during the outings, action songs and cultural items was not seen during the sessions, council proceedings and Eucharistic celebration
- 13. Animators**
 - Friendly, supportive and were with the delegates
 - Happy to see them come down to the students' level to make them understand
 - Their presence and availability made the students to participate with more vigor
 - Lack of interest among a few animators was de-motivating factor
- 14. Holy Eucharist, Celebrants & Sermons**
 - Fortunate and blessed to have Bishop's mass every day

- Their simplicity and humble attitude taught us a lot
- Their message helped us to understand the theme more comprehensively

15. Your Learning

- Clear understanding about the methodology
- NC helped us to correct our prejudices about the movement
- Learnt to Love one's culture and to respect others
- Students in modern era are smarter than the elders
- Rich Culture of the North East
- Starting respecting my culture by observing others respecting theirs
- Students have great potential; if guided they will do miracles

16. National EXCOS

- Always available; very friendly and cheerful; active, hardworking, committed, responsible, sincere and approachable.
- Their presence inspired us a lot
- We are proud to call them as our leaders and role models
- They gave their cent percent involvement and achieved it
- Should have guided the delegates more in discipline and time management

17. Self Change and Self Transformation

- By applying the methodology of YCS YSM in our life
- To be a leader who not only leads but also follows
- By coming down to earth to treat and respect everyone equally

18. How to put Learning into Practice

- By conducting meaningful cell meetings
- Sharing what we have learnt from this NC to our members in our cells, diocese and region
- By applying to life what we have learnt and experienced in the Council

19. What kind of Leader you want to be?

- As a YCS/YSMer, we want to be leaders who SEE the reality of life; JUDGE the situation in all perspectives and ACT, without selfish motives in order to Build a New Society
- A Leader who can listen more than speak
- By Practicing the God given values such as Love, Peace, Justice, Truth, Honesty, Equality and Brotherhood to Change Self and in turn Change Others by our way of living.

20. Suggestion for Improvement

- Sessions could have been more lively and interactive
- Delegates should be given more time and opportunity to speak and share
- Ample time shall be given for the delegates to ask doubts
- Using translating devices for better understanding
- Need a little more time for the group discussions and evaluation
- Liturgy have to be taken more seriously by the regions
- Animators/ DYD/ RYDs should give way for the delegates to participate
- A little nap in the afternoon
- Requesting regions to send delegates who are more serious about the movement
- Time have to be managed well

NATIONAL MOVEMENT EVALUATION REPORT

May 2010- May 2013

Introduction:

One of the most important pillars of our Action - Reflection methodology is Evaluation. Based on the proposal from the NTA/ EXCO members, a questionnaire was formed and sent to evaluate the National movement in Unit/ Diocese/ Region and National level for the past three years. The questionnaire was meticulously prepared in a simple and easily understandable manner so that the students and the animators could answer without any difficulties. Animators and Students were given separate questions to assess better. Even though sufficient time has been allotted for the regions and dioceses, the response was not satisfactory. With the responses received, we carried out the evaluation process and able to draw to a conclusion on the following points:

In sending and receiving the questionnaires, we came to realize that there was no proper communication between most of the regions and their respective dioceses as regards this evaluation process and it is not taken seriously by many.

STUDENTS LEVEL

Cell Life

1. Majority of them function in cell. Most of the schools having YSM function as Units and few are unable to differentiate between Cell & Unit.

2. 30% have more than 4 cells in a unit. We all know that a cell should consist of 8 - 12 members, 15% have responded stating there are more than 20 student members in a cell which has to be avoided. Our movement is not based on the quantity rather quality.
3. Above 85% deal with the topics both personal and social in their cell meetings and execute them mostly through the input sessions. Few cells have taken up the initiative to go out for an exposure visit to the reality situation to SEEà JUDGEà ACT.
4. Lack of involvement of the YCS YSM in the schools are due to the management of the school and from the parents who give more importance to the student's academic results than their personal and social growth.
5. Though all agreed that the movement has helped them in all the aspects namely: Intellectual, Social, Personal, Leadership etc, 90% feels that the movement has helped them to be a better leader.
6. 10% of the units have been visited by the DYD/ RYD, that too very rarely.

METHODOLOGY:

1. Many are aware of our methodology- the Review of Life (ROL) and indeed

follow and apply it in their schools, friends circle and families; a few are not aware of the methodology of the movement.

2. 60% of the students are confident to say that the methodology has made a huge impact in their life, particularly in Knowing Oneself.

SPIRITUALITY

1. Comparatively more students expressed that they have felt the presence of God in their cell meetings.
2. YSM movement has brought the students of other faith closer to us and to share one's faith experience.
3. We learnt after living in the movement that God is not only considered as the Almighty and Powerful but also a friend who can be with us all through our journey.

UNDERSTANDING THE NATIONAL THEME

1. Nearly 60% are familiar with the National Theme, though a few confuse it with the methodology of the movement.
2. The National theme is clear and relevant to most of the students and the thrusts and the regional/ diocesan level programs based on that helped them to understand it better.
3. There are not many suggestions for the future theme yet a few suggested

having themes based on Education system.

IMPACT OF THE MOVEMENT: Learning

1. Compared to the other clubs and organizations, YCS YSM has helped the students to sit as a small group which helps them to interact and share easily. It also helps them to take quick decisions as it is a small group.
2. YCS YSM is unique as it deals with student reality and helps in faith formation.
3. It gives every student the right to express his/ her opinion with others, discuss deeper into the problems and come out with the proper solutions.
4. YCS YSM is a student movement and not Directors/ Animators/ Principals or Chaplain's movement. Each and every action was taken by the students in their respective cells with the guidance of the animator.
5. The strength of the movement lies in undertaking simple actions which are achievable and collectively make a large difference. It could have been more concrete and leading to advocacy and publicity in campaigning for the social needs.
6. Overall, the students have experienced the change in themselves after being a part in this deep rooted movement. It's time to change others to build a new and just society.

SEARCH MAGAZINE

1. We are happy to know that many students are conscious about our national Newsletter 'The Search' and reading them regularly.
2. It's sad to know from few students that the Search Magazine never comes to their hands as it lies in the Principal/ Parish Priest's office or residence.
3. The publication of the Search magazine must be made regular and every student member must get their copy with subscriptions. Animators need to take care of this.
4. As it is student's magazine, they feel that they come forward to write articles, share their faith experiences in the movement which is read all over the world.

ANIMATORS

The outcome of the evaluation questionnaire from the animators made us to realize that they are the back bone of the movement. Animator is a friend, guide, the one who accompanies the members always



in their growth process. We believe that their experiences and **suggestions** have to be taken seriously.

1. Their strength lies in their presence among the students.
2. As animators they have learned: patience, Perseverance, Willingness to listen to their point of view, motivating them to take on leadership, and above all, they learn from the students themselves.
3. Nearly 90% of the animators have admitted that their weakness is their inability to give time for the students.
4. Expecting too much from the students also serves as weakness to a few.
5. The importance given to the academic results by the Head of the institution and Parents were not given to the students' formation.
6. As animators they feel it is their role to bring students together and expand the movement.
7. The support from the DYDs and regular visits to the schools will help them animate better.
8. Regular Animators Training programs should be conducted by the diocesan/ regional and National level which will help us understand the psychology of students and serve better.

Compiled by : **Leo Joseph**

YCS/YSM 25th FORMATION SESSION AND 16th NATIONAL COUNCIL -2013 SUGGESTED BUDGET

A. Evaluation of the Movement

Study questionnaire, sessions and consultations = 50,000

B. Formation Session of LOC and NTA/EXCO and Committees

1st meeting: Oct.2012

2nd meeting: Jan 2013

3rd meeting: March 2013 = 1,00,000

C. Organizing LOC (Local Organizing Committee):

Consultation, visits, meetings, planning = 25,000

D. The National Council:

1. Delegates - Boarding & lodging: Rs. 350 x 180 x 11 = 6,93,000

2. Hall rent Rs. 2000 x 11 = 22,000

3. LOC - Boarding & Lodging
Rs. 350 x 30x15 = 1,57,500

(R. persons & invitees included)

4. Printing & Resource Material (Souvenir included) = 1,00,000

5. Delegates transportation (local & Exposure) = 1,25,000

6. Office expenses at NC = 50,000

7. Transportation (LOC) = 40,000

8. Inauguration & Concluding programme = 50,000

9. Documentation & Communication expenses = 1,00,000

10. Resource persons & Facilitator - Honorarium = 1,00,000

11. Cultural exchange, exhibition = 25,000

12. Solidarity Rally = 25,000

13. Medical expenses = 8,000

14. Miscellaneous = 10,000

Total Expenditure = **16,80,500**

Local contribution:

Delegates Reg fees Rs. 500x180 = 90,000

Regional offices Rs. 10000x7 = 70,000

National Office = 1,00,000

Hosting Region, Diocesan Bishops & Institutions = 2,00,000

Sponsors for Souvenir = 1,00,000

Student Contribution = 4,00,000

Total Local Contribution = **9,60,000**

Expenditure over income = **7,20,500**

INCOME

SPONSORS FROM NORTH EAST REGION

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| 1. NERYC Office (ICYM) (Transportation Sponsor) | - Rs. 100000 |
| 2. Losii Dikho, Honorable MLA, Mao Manipur, Pudunamei
(Sponsor Resource Materials) | - Rs 30000 |
| 3. Nonditha D. Sangma (Files sponsor) | - Rs 5000 |
| 4. Balawansuk Lynrah, Shillong (Note pad sponsor) | - Rs 4000 |
| 5. Salew Sanihe, BSF PC, Pudunamei (Liturgical items sponsor) | - Rs 1000 |

Diocesan Contribution:

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| 1. Agartala Diocese | - Rs 10000 |
| 2. Aizawl Diocese | - Rs 15000 |
| 3. Bongaigaon Diocese | - Rs 14000 |
| 4. Diphu Diocese | - Rs 15000 |
| 5. Gawahati Archdiocese | - Rs 15000 |
| 6. Imphal Diocese | - Rs 15000 |
| 7. Itanagar Diocese | - Rs 15000 |
| 8. Jowai diocese | - Rs 15000 |
| 9. Kohima Diocese | - Rs 15000 |
| 10. Miao Diocese | - Rs 15000 |
| 11. Nongstoin Diocese | - Rs 15000 |
| 12. Shillong Archdiocese | - Rs 15000 |
| 13. Tezpur Diocese | - Rs 15000 |
| 14. Tura Diocese | - Rs 15000 |

Other Sponsors:

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| 1. Fr. Bernard Pala sdb, Rector,
St. Antony's Hr. Sec. School, Shillong | - Rs 10000 |
| 2. Zonal Director, Yuva Kendra NGO, Guwahati | - Rs 5000 |
| 3. Catholic Church, Pudunamei | - Rs 3000 |
| 4. Losii Pfohreni, Chief LIC Advisor, Pudunamei | - Rs 3000 |
| 5. Narendra Kumar, Guwahati | - Rs 1000 |
| 6. Ashiihe Nepuni, NEREFS, Pudunamei | - Rs 500 |
| 7. Kaikho Sibo, Pudunamei | - Rs 100 |

Students Contribution through Coupons:

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| 1. Montfort Hr. Sec. School, Nongpoh | - Rs 5000 |
| 2. Itanagar Diocese | - Rs 3500 |
| 3. Little Flower School, Guwahati | - Rs 1800 |
| 4. St. Francis Hr. Sec. School, Shillong | - Rs 1500 |
| TOTAL | - Rs 378400 |

SPONSORS TO NATIONAL OFFICE

1. Caritas India	-	Rs	300000
2. Archbishop Leo Cornelio, Bhoapl	-	Rs	45200
15. Archdiocese of Bombay	-	Rs	20000
3. Parish Priest, St. Sebastian Church, Permannur, Mangalore	-	Rs	15000
4. Fr. Richard Arul, Cathedral College, Jhansi	-	Rs	15000
13. Cluny Sisters, Pondichery (Memento sponsors)	-	Rs	11000
5. Fr. Richard Arul, Cathedral College, Jhansi	-	Rs	10000
20. Presentation Convent, Chennai	-	Rs	10000
6. Mr. Stany Martis & fly, Melbourne	-	Rs	5000
7. Mr. Valerian Menezes & fly, Melbourne	-	Rs	5000
8. Fr. Valerian D'Souza, Mangalore	-	Rs	5000
12. Sacred Heart Salesian Sisters	-	Rs	5000
14. Diocese of Belgaum, Education Society	-	Rs	5000
16. Superior General, Apostolic Carmel, Sisters, Bangalore	-	Rs	5000
17. Laveena D' Souza, Riya Interiors, Bangalore	-	Rs	5000
18. Jesuit Conference of India, New Delhi	-	Rs	5000
21. Diocese of Chingleput	-	Rs	5000
23. Diocese of Kolkata	-	Rs	5000
26. Milagres Church, Mangalore	-	Rs	5000
24. Raymond Osta (B/W)	-	Rs	4000
11. Fr. Philip Topno, RYD M.G. Region (Pens sponsor)	-	Rs	3000
9. Fr. Philip Kutty Joseph, St Xavier's High School, Belgaum	-	Rs	2000
10. Bishop Bosco Penha, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, Bombay	-	Rs	2000
22. Uncle John	-	Rs	2000
19. Shafi 2 Sweets, Chennai	-	Rs	1000
25. Leela Teacher, Muttom	-	Rs	1000
27. Suzan Topno, Kolkata	-	Rs	1000
28. Auxilium Convent School, Kolkata	-	Rs	330

Students Contribution through Coupons:

11. Diocese of Mangalore	-	Rs.	20000
1. Diocese of Udupi	-	Rs	15000

2.	Hyderabad Youth Commission	-	Rs	10000
3.	Diocese of Rourkela	-	Rs	8000
4.	Diocese of Kolkata	-	Rs	7170
5.	Diocese of Delhi	-	Rs	5000
6.	Diocese of Nagpur	-	Rs	3680
7.	St. Joseph's High School, Chikmagalore	-	Rs	2000
8.	Diocese of Adilabad	-	Rs	2000
9.	Diocese of Patna	-	Rs	2000
10.	Diocese of Jhansi	-	Rs	810
TOTAL -			Rs	573190
Registration Fees -			Rs	67200
GRAND TOTAL			Rs	640390

EXPENDITURE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

1.	Board & Lodge	Rs	510119
2.	Resource Material	Rs	211288
3.	Resource Persons	Rs	70400
4.	Travel & Conveyance	Rs	251179
5.	Refreshments	Rs	22277
6.	Postage	Rs	62320
7.	Souvenir	Rs	100000
10.	Miscellaneous	Rs	7000
	TOTAL	Rs	1302124

Total Income	Rs	1018790
Total Expenditure	Rs	1302124
Deficit	Rs	283334

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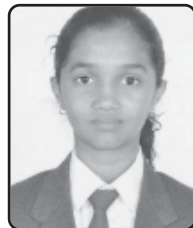
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MY NATIONAL COUNCIL JOURNEY

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I have been an YCSer since 2008 and each year of being in YCS was an awesome experience. I have taken part in many diocesan programmes, but the National Council (NC) brought this experience to the next level.

YCS gave me many 'firsts' and the NC was indeed another 'first' for me. My NC journey started on the day my unit Animator Madam Cheryl Martin gave me raffle sheets to collect funds for the event. Then one night, my regional EXCO and senior Frank Felix called and asked me whether I wanted to represent West Bengal as a delegate. My mind immediately said 'yes'. I was literally jumping with excitement for the God sent opportunity to

go to the North East. At that time I did not know what NC really meant. Senior Frank slowly inputted us on the details, schedule, what to do and what not to do.

The first wave of doubts hit me just days before the departure to Guwahati. My senior Sunit Kujur warned our team to be careful of how we presented ourselves to others as we were representing W.B. He was right to warn us, for we were left on our own there and when anyone did anything which was not expected of them, their region, and not their names would be mentioned. Another advice he gave us was to enjoy but be alert. This helped me a lot and I was even excited and eager at the prospect of meeting new people.

Being born as a Chinese in W.B., being

a Catholic, studying in an English convent school with second language Hindi and taking part in the festivals that the locals celebrate have already exposed me to a myriad of cultures. However, the NC widened my inter-cultural experiences. I got to know a lot about the North East, its people, traditions, beliefs, food, art, clothing etc. I got to know about the other parts of India from the other delegates. Hearing them talk in their own tongues and learning a few words from them was very enriching. The best part was when we had to wear cultural clothes during the exhibition. I got to see people wearing traditional dresses from the four corners of India.

The sessions on the three thrusts really helped me to understand them better.

It was tough being punctual because of the hectic schedule. The delegates from each region were mixed and divided into groups and each group had to fulfill their respective duties every day. Regional responsibilities, group responsibilities, preparations for the next day, attending sessions and orientations, all these gave us barely time to eat or sleep. Being expected to wake up early each morning to attend mass and going to sleep late at night taught me the importance of time management.

The main highlight of the NC was the regional and national reports, the passing of the Constitution, the passing of the Budget and the Theme Statement. Although tedious, I've learned to appreciate the long hours the NT/EXCOs have spent in preparing them. I was impressed by the decorum maintained by the National Convener throughout the NC. Another highlight was the outing to Cherrapunji

and the Mawsmmai caves. Seeing hills shrouded with mist, being left behind in Cherrapunji and walking barefoot inside caves was another 'first' for me.

The lively atmosphere of the retreat house, the care and concern shown for the wellbeing and health of the delegates, the pleasant weather, enough food and good accommodations, all these made my NC journey a pleasant experience.

It was really nice hearing Fr. Charles, Fr. James, Sir Manoj, other resource persons, RYDs, DYDs, Animators, NEXCOs and other delegates share their own knowledge and experiences with me. I'm grateful to them for all that they have done for me. The NC not only brought YCS/YSM together as a family by creating unbreakable bonds between the delegates of all regions, it also helped built the bonds between the delegates of my region. I learned more about them during those 10 days than I ever could during our many diocesan meetings. Team work is based on thrust and confidence. The NC helped me built my confidence and thrust in others, especially in my team. It also helped me built my peoples skill and self-confidence.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our DYD Fr. Gregory Monteiro for allowing me to participate in the NC as a delegate. I thank my seniors Suzan Topno, Joyce John, Frank Felix and Sunit Kujur for their guidance and advices. My other regional delegates have also been very supportive towards me. I would also like to thank Madam Grace for accompanying us throughout the NC, and last but not the least, I thank God for guiding and protecting us all through the NC.

WE NEVER STEP INTO A RIVER WHERE WE STAND AT SECOND TIME.....

- Jovita D'Souza, Mangalore



I am reminded of a saying time and tide wait for none, yet another saying goes opportunity once lost, lost forever.... Here I stand before you Jovita D'Souza the National Secretary to share my views and experience I gained in my second home YCS/YSM.

When I stand on the stroke of the movement and look back the journey I started in the family of YCS/YSM, it's something like standing at the clip of mountain and looking at the farthest end of the sky. The enormous opportunity embraces me only to look for person within me. I still remember the day, in the year 2009 in the month of July, the day that was fully of desperate, a sense of shame and a shadow of shyness engulfed me, when I lost the election for the post of President of Diocese of Mangalore. But allass...!!!! It's not the endIt was the beginning... Sun began to shine leading me the way, in the person of **Fr. Ronald Prakash D'Souza** DYD of Mangalore Diocese whispered a monotonous strength in my hears, giving me an opportunity to be RTS which in the years to come has taken me to every nook and corner of nation and to my surprise

beyond the boundaries of my

I have my own personal story, I believe as you too have which is enough to over shadow and cloud the rest of my life. But I am proud to say methodology of YCS/YSM has melted, broken ice in my life only to build a life worth living, a meaningful one. I have reason to find meaning in my life, search for my soul and destiny of my life. I can't forget the clear distinct, the mile stones who are in my way of destiny are directors, animators, mother, brother, my friends and very specially National Chaplain Fr. Charrrrrlliee... who is instrumental in building the nest of my life.

YCS/YSM is a stage of opportunity for me. It has brought out the person within me, which has thought me how to lead my life. Today I can travel in and around the world without any fear just because of YCS/YSM. It will never be wrong when I say Fr. Franklin, Fr. Mari Joseph, Fr. Rony, Fr. Edwin Correa... in some or other way are mentors of my life. Never the less every member of YCS family is another world to me, I wish I get to know this world every day and I know the movement YCS do hold.

I AM FORTUNATE TO HAVE AN YCS FAMILY TODAY...



The Formation Session and XVI National Council held at Bethel, Shillong, North East, India from the 19th to 28th of May, 2013 was a great opportunity for me to experience. They say that “No man is an island”. This means that, you cannot live independent. Everyone needs help from others. In a similar way, I had gone there as a stranger but with everyone’s help and brotherhood I have received an YCS/YSM family.

To be trusted upon by my former Dexco members that chose me to represent West Bengal in the National Council, held great responsibility. With great responsibility comes a bright day. On the 20th of May we were put in groups in which most of the members belonged to different regions. I belonged to group 2. In this way we interacted and made new friends. The very same day there was the Inaugural mass, cultural exhibition and welcoming. Before dark we all were very comfortable with every region member and spend the evening by singing and dancing.

We were introduced to the council and I learned every aspect of the Movement which was unknown to me. The Review of Life See, Judge and Act, is the main method of formation that YCS follows. Based on this ROL we went on our respective exposure sites. I visited **The Bethany Society for the disabled** in my group. It was a great learning experience for me. This exposure was the ‘SEE’ part of our session.

Next came the ‘JUDGE’ part in which we evaluated the reality. I learned that I was very high spirited. Like every other delegate I was enthusiastic in learning about the main Constitution of YCS/YSM India. I felt so privileged to experience the statement passing session. Every aspect of the statement passing was done in a formal and official manner. I got to learn a lot from this session.

On the day of the presentation of the upcoming NEXCO members from every region, I was introduced to the council as the representative from West Bengal. That day I learned that in a short time I had gained something called ‘Confidence’. I spoke with least nervousness and fear. I was no longer the girl that stood hesitant to take up charge, or the girl that depended on others to complete her work. Instead I am the girl now that holds confidence, responsibility and a person that has learned the value of time.

I would like to thank my former DEXCO members and seniors for being a motivation and inspiration for me, I would like to thank the other delegates from West Bengal for standing by me and lastly I would like to thank my mother for allowing me to go for this programme.

Thank you.

- **Annette Ling**
West Bengal

“KHUBLEI SHIBUN”

- SUNIT KUJUR, Kolkata



My XVI YCS/YSM National Council and Formation Session in Bethel Shillong, North East from 19-28th May 2013 with the theme “Students’ Education in Modern Era” and three thrusts ‘Interculturality; Religious Pluralism and Universal Culture of Love and Life’ was fruitful and enriching one. It was yet another opportunity for me to learn a lot more about my movement. My journey to North East began with lot of expectation and excitement, and surely I was not disappointed at all. The warm and lively welcome by North East stirred the excitement in everyone’s heart and a smile on each face, and their hospitality ensured that everyone was at ease. The location of the venue itself made everyone feel close to nature, with the soothing and freshness of the lush green grass surrounding helped everyone to relax and concentrate more effectively.

The National Council was inaugurated with an opening Mass followed by the hoisting of the flag accompanied by the YCS/YSM anthem rekindling the spirit of dedication and loyalty towards the movement. After which we moved on to the exhibition hall where all the regions had put up their stalls. It was a wonderful sight to look at, as each region had worn their

cultural dress and represented different parts of India, and delegates made it a point to go to each stall and know about the culture and the progress of the movement in their region, which was then followed by a cultural program by the LOC, the harmony of songs and the dance by ‘deaf and mute’ children brightened the occasion.

The exposure was really an eye opening for all of us. It was good to see the delegates interacting with the local people very easily and becoming more ‘aware’ of the problems and the situations surrounding them. And the session on ‘Spirituality’ of YCS/YSM helped everyone to ‘reflect’ what they witnessed, and with the help of the Animators, RYDs/DYDs we were able to formulate an ‘action’ plan to deal with it. And the ‘evaluation’ in general and in groups helped us to know our flaws and improve our ways of dealings.

The visitation to Don Bosco Museum and interaction with the Seminarians enlightened us on the culture of North East, especially about the Khasi culture and importance of Quai (beetle nut, beetle leaf with lime). It was very interesting to know the story behind their culture belief. The sessions on the various thrusts’ were very informative and helpful as we came to know

about “the culture of death” and the importance of the plurality of religion for the harmony in the world.

One thing that amused me a lot was the simplicity of the Bishops; everyday there would be a Bishop to celebrate the Holy Mass and homilies really inspired the delegates. Not only the Bishops but also the RYDs/DYDs present in the Council were so approachable that the delegates felt comfortable to interact and share their problems with them. On the onset of the Council the delegates were asked to be “self disciplined” and they responded to that very diligently as the presiding of the council went smooth and the constitution was intensely studied by the council members. With the presentation of the new NEXCOs, everyone looked at them with the eyes of

expectation and gave them best wishes to carry forth the movement.

The National team and the NEXCOs did an amazing job; they were able to tackle this herculean task with selfless dedication and team work. They inspired us all to work even in difficult situations with a smile on the face and have been a blessing to this movement for the past three years. All things come to an end, so did the National Council and journeying back to our place after spending 12 days together was not at all easy. We made new friends and at the end we became one big family. We cherished our memories in our hearts where tears of separation can’t wash it away. At the end I would like to say “Khublei Shibun” to everyone for making this XVI National Council a success.

IT WAS BEAUTIFUL....!

Hiiee... As a young animator I had a beautiful experience in the National Council. It was long that I was disconnected from YCS, but the formation session educated me about YCS and now I can say I know the movement and can animate my student members in a better way. I learnt how to conduct Cell meetings and the importance of See, Judge and Act in our lives.

The review of life also plays a major part in building us into a good human being. In my school I was only confined to only one kind of student, but National Council exposed me to all kinds of personalities. They helped me learn to be more patient and youthful.

Lastly, I would like to say that the Council and the members actually formed me to be a better person. Therefore I would end by saying, **“Be the change you want to be”**

- Ms Grace Mary Thomas, Animator, Kolkata.



MY PAST THREE YEARS



- Melwyn Titus, Nagpur

As I sat to type this piece, like an opening dam, my memories of the past three years came flooding into my head with such force that I went blank for a few moments. But, even if I could recollect those moments it is hard for me to give you all a brief of it. Every moment that I have spent with YCS/YSM is a moment of MY PROGRESS. Every moment of mine spent with Fr. Charlie is a moment of my growth to a RESPONSIBLE person. Every moment of mine spent with Leo ANNA is a moment of mine becoming a BETTER person and every moment of mine spent with my brothers and sisters (NEXCO Team) is a moments of being ME.

I am not a person who is sure of all the things in my life or in the life of others but I am sure that no other person in the world can have the family that I have with me whose head is and always will be Fr. Charlie. This is because the family that I speak about has gone through many phases of life happy and sad, distress and relief, eagerness and boredom and many more. I am also sure that all families in the world must have gone through this but the thing that makes my family unique is the way they have handled it. And yet after all those trial we have now come across one more hurdle of life, which seems to be easy but it isn't and that is to maintain the bonding of this family keeping in mind the thought that we

might never ever come together in a physical state. But as I said this is only a thought, who knows by the grace of God this union might happen again. This is the hope that is and will be helping us to overcome this hurdle of life.

When my family was formed some of us were immature, irresponsible, self concerned, selfish, bossy and in short I can say "A bunch of regular students." And after three years we are still the same just carrying the antonyms of the above given vices and also titled "The bunch of regular students." Leo anna always says to us that we are never at our best. If we give our 100% he expects 200% from us, this statement always makes us realize that we are never complete and it is only in our togetherness that we complete ourselves.

Every family needs a joker and I feel extremely proud to express that I am and hope so will always be the joker of this family. I have never in the past three years felt bad when they laughed at me due to some of my acts; in fact I mysteriously used to join them. This makes me realize that no one in the whole wide world can take the place of Melwyn Titus or the place of any other member because each of us is unique in our own place.

I have always believed that we all are sent for a cause. I will express the cause of

my family with a small example. This family of mine is like a fruit of YCS/YSM, like a fruit that has seeds in it and we all are the seeds of that fruit. And as we all know to grow another fruitful tree the seeds need to be separated, scattered, nourished, and are to be taken care of. After the tree is fully grown it will repeat history by giving sweet and healthy fruits. We the former NEXCO team will also be separated, scattered and nourished by the teaching of the past three years, we will also grow and help in the formation of better students for a better society to live in.


GLORY BE TO THE GOD!

Hi friends wish you all success. It's a great pleasure for me to share my experience about the National Council. This council was a golden pot of many innovative, helping, teaching, caring and wise hearts. Each one where different with enormous thoughts and feelings, to make a change in the society. This council was really a great turn over for me in which I have experienced a change in me.

"The future is not tomorrow, it is today."

Therefore, each good deed we do today forms a better future. YCS-YSM is the best path to travel, to reach the right destination and to achieve our goal. At the beginning, there were many questions wandering around me like 'Will I be able to build a better society' and so on. But after this council I am confident enough that I will try my level best to bring a change in the society. And now this confidence had made me to change myself and thus to be a better example to all other youngsters to be responsible and sincere. By looking at the past NEXCO and NT members I realized something different in them, always having a positive attitude and their confidence attracted me a lot. Now,

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National Secretary 2013-16



as a National Secretary I'm sure that I will carry on my responsibilities and gather more youngsters forming a better society and I'm sure that "I will".

From my experience, YCS-YSM is not just a movement but a united family towards a successful goal that is a better society. As the saying goes,

*"For all your days prepare
And meet them ever alike
When you are the anvil, bear,
When you are the hammer, strike!"*

So, we must be prepared at all situations. We must bear all the hardships that comes in our way to success and like a hammer, we must strike against all the atrocities in the society. In every moment we must SEE-JUDGE-ACT. This is the best way to reach our goal.

So friends I hope we all together will make the dream come true and visualize a better future and thus achieve our goal. Especially I thank all the people who were behind me in all my success.

"Let YCS-YSM light shine"

THE NEVER ENDING JOURNEY...



Narrowing down the memory lane, as it goes back to the year of which I became a part of this eternal movement, I could just smile and say, "That was an accident and I still love that accident". Yes! I accidentally became the member of YCS YSM and when I call to mind now, It's no more an accident but through Providence that I am still part of this immortal movement.

The one and only question which I ask myself endlessly is that who else would I have become if I haven't met my guide, mentor, counselor and friend named YCS YSM. Certainly I would have done so many things but never ever would have Become Somebody as I am right now. From the very first day, till now our movement accompanied me throughout my journey: the joys, sorrows, problems, loneliness, confusions, disappointments, successes, failures, happiness, tears and what not! And I know that my friend will be there when my journey comes to an end too.

As Mark Twain rightly says, "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why" and without YCS I would have never realized the latter. As I pen down my 16 years journey, I am able to recall and remember thousands of faces that flashes through my mind who have helped me in the process of becoming. Happy to be born in the family of YCS YSM and I thank my parents, my brother and sisters whose love

and prayers made me invincible. My sincerest gratitude to Most Rev Leo Cornelio, our Chairman Bishop for the strong support to the movement and all the former National Chaplains, Bishops, RYDs, DYDs, Animators, Full timers, Coordinators and Ex- YCS YSMers and all those whom I have met in this journey. To name a few: Leela teacher, Br. Carol, Lawren, Lisa, Divya, Ruben, Fr. Seba, Fr. Estha, Saranya, Fr. Simon, Fr. Lawrence, Aji, Deepak, Bala, Manoj, Loucille, Fr. Johny, Suzan, Fr. M.C, Fr. Peter, Sr. Jane and the list goes long. As I bow down and thank them all from the bottom of my heart, I earnestly ask them to continue inspiring many in this movement.

In this juncture, I would never be forgiven if I miss to render my gratitude and thanks to the man who shouldered this movement and made it proud. Of course it's our own Fr. Charlie, our ever loving Chaplain. No one else other than me would have the chance to speak, share and reflect more about the movement in the past three years. Many speak about a program, but only we know what happened before and after the program. I thank God, for the opportunity to be with our National Chaplain and to lend my hand for the growth of the movement. The trust he has on me made me so special and I believe that I have done justice to my part. I don't know

how I am going to pay back the debts: the debts of love, care, understanding and hospitality. With all my little exposure and experience in the movement, I would proudly say that he is one of the Best Chaplains YCS YSM ever received. Despite the fact that we part each other, the movement will never forget to say that we are last ones to move away from this National Office. If someone is proud of what I have done, it's because of him alone, though I don't deserve it. It's my greatest pleasure in serving you and the movement dear father.

In my whole life, the only person whom I longed to see was my President Joyce. Her presence made us all to feel like a family and the rest is history. I am happy to witness her leadership and proud to call her my own President. It's a blessing to have her as my own sister and kept her close to my heart. The things I learnt from you are the best treasures to preserve. Thank you My President.

Happy to spend my three years with the best Chaplain, best Convener, best EXCOS in the best movement. Any moment I think of YCS, you always appear in my mind. I should mention all your names but I beg your pardon. Million thanks for respecting and accepting me for what I am. I know I expected more from you but you have always made our movement proud. As one big and happy family we can pat each others' shoulders and say, "We have done it!" Yes, you have made a difference, and we all are able to feel it. I take this chance to wish the new team of EXCOS

under the leadership of Jimmy and believe that they will take YCS to reach many young souls. I salute you all!!!

Best days of my life are the days I lived in YCS YSM and specifically the days I spent in the National Office. It's still unbelievable that I have breathed the air in the National Office which taught me what life actually is. Million thanks to 'Shakunthala Amma' in the office for her cheerful service to the movement by serving good food for the stomach and soul. My sincerest credit goes to my college friends for their unconditional love and help in the National Office for shouldering and sharing my responsibilities. How can I forget Mr. Kamal whose presence and aid helped me to do better. Above all I remember and thank all the little living creatures in the National Office whose company I enjoyed the most and will never be forgotten.

Feel proud my fellow comrades that we were born in this world where YCS YSM existed. I have carried my torch so long and it's your time to take it further. I have used the name YCS YSM as my surname more than that of my father. With the God given movement at my side, I believe I have the spirit to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield and when someone ask, I would happily say that this is the end of my endless journey in a never ending movement.

YCS YSM is Contagious!!!

Million thanks to all, for the chance

"To Breathe, Live, Drink and Share the Immortality of YCS YSM!"

Leo Joseph

STRIKE THE NOTES OF GRATITUDE

- **Sr. Agnes Sanihe**, MSMHC
YCS/YSM Regional Coordinator, North East



Looking back at the day I came along with two NEXCOs from Northeast region to Seva Kendra, Kolkata for the NTA/EXCOs meeting, it gives me a deep sense of joy to recall the first experience I encountered with the YCS/YSM Movement. I thought I would be a stranger to them but to my amazement, they were beloved friends, brothers and sisters as children of God the Father as **the founder Cardinal Joseph Cardijn often reminds, 'you are created in the image and likeness of God'.** There was not a sign of differences towards one another but only loving approach and warm hearted attitude, always ready to help and support. That occasion developed my confidence. I was impressed greatly that, a Movement consisting of young students from across the country provides a platform of joy and laughter, learning and growth, peace and harmony. The Movement becomes the replica of its aim, "Building a new society, God's Kingdom" through 'Change self, Change others' applying the methodology of - See, Judge & Act.

We had been together as a family of YCSers/YSMers for the last ten days in the

lovely home, Bethel – Barapani, in the archdiocese of Shillong. I'm sure all of us enjoyed the enchanting beauty of the scenery surrounding us, the blue hills, the pleasant breeze that sweep our being with its cooling nature, the smiles, exchange of laugh and laughter from the delegates representing all over the country within the same campus. We have come to know each other better, worked and moved together for a greater cause. At the start, all were welcomed to North East, the land of Paradise unexplored. Now, time came to say 'Thank You' and your presence on the soil of this land, was indeed a pride and privilege for us.

With immense love and gratitude, I offer my sincere thanks to the Loving God Almighty, who through His plentiful blessings has made this great event a fruitful one, and to the Blessed Mother Mary through whose continuous intercession has made everything a source of blessing.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to His Grace Archbishop Leo Cornelio, the Archbishop of Bhopal and CBCI Chairman Office for youth

commission for his support and all the good wishes he has conveyed to us far away from Rome. He showed great concern and availed himself in Bethel on 5th April for the LOC meeting.

I am exceedingly grateful to His Lordship Bishop John Thomas, The Regional Bishop In charge of Office for Youth and the Bishop of Itanagar. He took keen interest and was always with us, giving full support and encouragement for this program. We thank him sincerely for his paternal care and concern especially at this juncture of the Council held in the region.

My heartfelt gratitude goes to Rev. Fr. Charles Menezes, National Chaplin for selecting North East as the venue and giving us this rare opportunity to host National Council in our region. I thank and congratulate him for the fervent effort and hard work he had put in to make the Formation Session & 16th National Council YCS/YSM India a successful one. Similarly I take this opportunity to congratulate, thank and appreciate all the outgoing NTA/EXCOs for their hard work, interest, team spirit and efficiency in carrying out their tasks responsibly as well as wishing God's blessing upon the newly elected NEXCOs who have taken up the new responsibility for the Movement.

I must profusely thank NERYC team and LOC members, Fr. Marcus Lakra - RYD, Sr. Regina Mareem - RLYA, Sr. Paula Marak

- DYD of Guwahati Archdiocese, Fr. Felix Anthony - DYD of Miao Diocese, Sr. Maristella - DLYA of Nongstoin Diocese, Lohit Basumatary - NERYC President, Mr. Sanjeev Daroga - Technician, Pranay Minz - Accountant, Justine - Driver, for their whole hearted corporation and support in every need. They were available at all times taking extra burden, looking all round and working behind the curtain without counting the cost.

My special thanks to all the other LOC members like Mr. Emlan, Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Ronica for their selfless sacrifices in different ways for the last ten or more days. They have given their best through their valuable services, mutual support and sacrifices.

With deep sentiments of gratitude, I thank all the Bishops and Archbishops, DYDs, coordinators and Animators of North East for their prayerful support, collaboration & contribution for the success of this great and memorable event. A special word of thanks to Most Rev. Archbishops and Bishops for presiding over the daily Holy Mass with thought provoking messages. Their paternal support made everyone happy.

It was our pride and pleasure to have Mr. Celestine Lyndoh, the H'nble MLA of Umsning Constituency amidst us. We thank him for his warm presence and encouraging words.

Sincere thanks to Rev. Sr. Mary Thomas, the Superior, Sr. Martina and the domestic staff for their hard work and the extra troubles they have taken to provide accommodation and to make us comfortable during our stay in Bethel house.

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Edward & Choir group from Shillong, MSMHC Aspirants and Boarders from Umroi, Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre - Barapani, etc. All of them have created a joyful atmosphere in us through their creative performances during the Inaugural and Concluding functions.

I extend my sincere thanks to the RYDs, DYDs, Sisters, Coordinators, and Animators for having taken much trouble to come over northeast with their delegates, extending helping hands and resources. Their presence was great and a source of blessing for all the participants.

It's impossible for me to mention and name everyone here. As exhorted by one of the celebrants, "find something new to spread Good news and make some difference, Live in harmony", let us carry the light of flame in our heart, and may the Lord Almighty, the generous giver of all good things bless and repay each and every one of them abundantly.

And may the YCS/YSM Movement continue to flourish and produce young vibrant and dynamic students in our society who will stand for peace, justice and harmony. May the review of life help us to grow and spread the light of faith, hope and learning, keeping in mind the theme of the Council, "Students' education in the modern era". Let YCS/YSM light shine, far and wide today and every day.

YCS/YSM XVI

NATIONAL COUNCIL 2013 – NORTHEAST

Thank you note

We are reaching at yet another milestone of our journey in the movement as we are at the end of XVI National Council. At this juncture, as a National Chaplaincy I would like to look back into my life in the movement for the past 3 years.

I started my journey as the Mangalore Diocesan YCS/YSM Director and involved in the movement directly in 1997. The past 16 years in the movement have been very valuable and precious and specially the 8 years in Mangalore and the last 3 years as the National Chaplain have been challenging and enriching. I am full of gratitude to the movement, members and for the memorable moments, events and experiences.

The way of Movement has become the way of life for me. It is a special formation of searching and struggling together, deepening my spirituality and relationship, having a clear vision and finding meaning in life, enabling and empowering me to live and promote values.

I am extremely glad to experience the life and work of the movement. Its growth and strength in the life of the members and its participation and involvement in the life of the society have been remarkable. The movement has shaped a number of good leaders at every level. It has responded to various situations and needs; has raised its voice for the voiceless and has stood for Justice and Peace. The movement has given the young confidence and faith to face any situation and find meaning in life. Thus our movement has been a source of inspiration. It is a joy to see the students grow by their

Fr Charles Menezes

National Chaplain



active participation, matured relationship, responsible undertakings, collaboration and cooperation and commitment to service.

It has been marvelous to experience the sacrifice of so many people in the growth and success of the movement. I appreciate the total commitment and dedicated service of the animators and chaplains who accompany the students always. I gratefully acknowledge the inspiring guidance and encouraging accompaniment of the former members and chaplains especially the former National Chaplains and NTA/EXCO members. The concern, care and encouragement of the students, animators, chaplains, bishops, parents, friends and well wishers have made me successful in all my effort. I owe my deepest gratitude to my superiors for their understanding, good will and generosity.

I am also glad that we collaborated and journeyed together with ICYM, AICUF, YCW, and CCI. Our movement has played a vital role in Asian and International coordination by participating and involving in all their undertakings.

All the same, I am very aware that the life in the movement was not smooth always. There were times of struggles, misunderstanding, opposition, discouragement and failures. These painful

incidents and events become turning points in my life. Thank God for these moments of challenges.

This National council is going to be a different chapter for the movement with new challenges. Let us seriously reflect on the identity and meaning of the movement and give a direction to be a new way of being the Movement in today's world.

I thank the NT & Exco team and look forward to the new Exco team and wish that our era will bring a new spirit and dynamism. The present NEXCO members have been my family for the past three years. We have not only worked together but we have lived together. I see a great potential in you and I wish you all the very best. **I would like to see each one of you someday, someone great, somewhere in the World.**

I also wish to sincerely thank our Chairman Archbishop Leo Cornelio. Your support, encouragement and accompaniment have been a great inspiration to us. You were more like a big brother to us than an Archbishop. We will always cherish you in our life and in our prayers.

I sincerely thank all the donors and sponsors who have been a part of this successful event. We will pray for you.

I sincerely thank the Northeast region for wholeheartedly accepting to host this event and making it a reality. I know how hard it is to host an event like this, yet Fr. Mark and Sr. Agnes with their NERYC team have made it a reality. Hats off to you all and God bless you. Thanks to all the LOC, Resource persons, former members of the movement and friends who made yourself one with us in accomplishing this task of ours so successfully.

As I come to the end of my one term as the National Chaplain, I am proud that I have done my best though I could still do better if all of us could do it together. Every single effort of mine has been sincere and total with full commitment and dedication.. I have had enriching experiences, memorable moments, joyful happenings and meaningful way of life. I will cherish these for the years to come and continue to live and enjoy the life of the movement. I feel a bit sad for those students who could not make it to the highest level of the movement due to some of the region's negligence or rather indifferent attitude to the life of the movement. I also feel sad to see that some of the leaders holding important position in the Church have not known about this movement and are making no effort to know and cater to the needs of our young people.

This movement was started by many God inspired people like Cardinal Joseph Cardijn, Ms Betty King, Sr. Jeanne Devos and volunteers from Germany and Sri Lanka at Madras and spread all over India. Though it started in Madras and continued to be there for the past 47 years, it is time that it moves to the capital city of India and by doing so I believe it will achieve its height in reaching out to all to whom it belongs to. And to do that we have the right young persons in the present NEXCO to hand it over to the right persons in the new NEXCO Team.

At the end of this council I am happy that it has ended well with a bright note quite similar to that of International Council. I thank every one of you who have been a part of this Council and extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you, who valued my worth, have a share in shaping my life and making me what I am today.

THANK YOU!

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN (MARCH-JULY 2013)

1. Participated in Mangalore Diocesan Consultation on 20-21 March 2013
2. Easter ministry at Niddodi and Kallianpur, Mangalore from 28-31 March
3. Participated in LOC meeting at Bethel, Shillong along with Archbishop Leo Cornelio and NERYC team on 5th April in preparation of National Council. 23 LOC members took part in it.
4. Session on Hard work and YCS/YSM Movement at Kanajar during Village Exposure Camp on 10th April. 85 members took part in it.
5. Full day session on the movement and animation for the New Animators at Katapadi for the Udupi Diocese on 14th April. 35 new animators took part in it
6. Session on Hard work brings success at Siddakatte during Mangalore diocesan Village Exposure Camp on 16th April. 63 members took part in it.
7. Meeting with Archbishop Leo and Fr. Rayappa at Bangalore regarding movement activities on 25th April
8. Preparatory meeting for new resource book at Bondel on 27th April
9. Meeting with Archbishop Leo and Bishop of Udupi at Udupi on 30th April
10. Took part in Fr. Paul's silver jubilee celebration at Belle on 2nd May
11. Preparation for National Council Resource material at Chennai from 2 - 10th May
12. Meeting with Archbishop Antony Swamy for the settlement of property issue on 15th May
13. Travel to Guwahati for National Council on 15th May
14. Preparatory meeting at Guwahati for NC on 16-17th May
15. Reception of delegates and putting things in order for NC at Guwahati on 18th May
16. XVI National Council at Bethel, Shillong from 19-28th May
17. Evaluation meeting at Guwahati about NC and return to Chennai on 29th May
18. Session on YCS/YSM movement and Group Dynamics for CAT at Bangalore on 2-3rd June
19. Visit to Mangalore with Leo Joseph from 4-7 June
20. Meeting at KROSS, Bangalore on all youth activities groups on 15th June
21. Visit to Delhi for FCRA issues and avenues for setting up new National

office at Delhi with meeting with Fr. Franklin, Fr. Alwyn and CBCI Centre from 16-22nd June

22. Meeting with Archbishop Leo Cornelio at Bhopal regarding office setup and approval of New Constitution of YCS./YSM on 21st June.
23. Meeting with Archdiocesan authorities of Madras-Mylapore regarding property issues on 24-25th June
24. YSM DEXCO training at Katapadi on 19th June
25. Annual Retreat at Mangalore from 30 June -5th July
26. Preparation and printing of National Council Souvenir from 6-8th July
27. Session on Leadership for YCS DEXCO at Kallianpur for Udupi diocese on 7th July

28. Youth Seminar at St. Joseph Seminary, Mangalore from 9-13 July

29. Participated in ICYM meet at Katapadi on 14th July

30. Participated in YCS DEXCO election at Mangalore Diocese on 14th July.

Future Programmes:

1. YCS/YSM training at Shimoga Diocese from 28-30 July
2. YCS/YSM training and formation at Bareilly Diocese from 11-18 August
3. National Youth Commission meeting at Jalandar from 23-25 August
4. NTA/Exco live in programme at NAVINTA, Delhi from 5-7 Oct
5. ICYM, NYC at Jalandar from 8-12 Oct
6. NSLTP in Hindi and English in Nov/Dec 2013.

WITH GRATITUDE

Shakunthala Amma

For serving the YCS/YSM National Office for 20 long years and making it your home & making us all feel at home.

May God bless you always with good health & peace of mind

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