

## 41<sup>st</sup> ICYM Council Meeting

**Mangalore 10-11, June 2016:** 41<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting was held on June 10 & 11, 2016 at Shantikiran Pastoral Centre, Mangalore.

### Members present were:

Name	Designation	Region
Bishop Henry D'Souza	Chairman	
Bishop Joseph Mar Pandarasseril	Member Bishop	
Fr. Deepak Thomas KJ OCD	NYD	National office
Mr. Sijo Ambatt	NYP	Kerala
Ms. Jenny Joy	NYGS	Northern
Mr. Ajay Phipps	NYT	U.P.
Ms. Neelima Lakra	NYVP – I	Chhattisgarh
Mr. Leon Pereira	MYVP –II	Western
Mr. Felix Kumar Ekka	NYSP II	Odisha
Mr. J. Ignatius	NYS – I	Telugu
Ms. Leema Lakra	NYS – 2	M.P.
Ms. Juliet Shaaniya	NYS – 3	Tamil Nadu
Mr. D'Souza James	FIMCAP	Western
Fr. Sunil K. Kerketta	RYD	Chhattisgarh
Mr. Manoj John	RYP	Chhattisgarh
Sr. Irene Tauro	RYLA	Karnataka
Mr. Vipin Paul	RYP	Karnataka
Fr. Mathew Jacob Thiruvailil	RYD	Kerala
Fr. Alexander Jesudasan	RYD	M.P.
Sr. Shiny Chiramel	RYLA	M.P.
Mr. Amit Lakra	RYP	M.P.
Mr. David Massey	RYP	M.P.
Fr. Chetan Machado	RYD	Northern
Mr. Pratap Xalxo	RYP	Odisha
Fr. P. Marianus Isaac	RYD	Tamil Nadu
Ms. S. Arokia Angel	RYP	Tamil Nadu
Mr. Sagar Gabbeta	RYP	Telugu
Ms. Amani C	RYP	Telugu
Fr. Peter Anthony	RYD	U.P.
Sr. Darshana	RYLA	U.P.
Mr. Abhishek Benedict	RYP	U.P.
Ms. Jyoti James	RYP	U.P.
Fr. Raymond Rumao	RYD	Western
Mr. Prince George	RYP	Western
Fr. Michael F. Singh	RYD	WB & Sikkim
Ms. Anancia Fernandes	RYLA	WB & Sikkim
Ms. Florence Sonam Gomes	RYP	WB & Sikkim

### Council Invitees

Mr. Alison Pereira	Alumni	Western
Ms. M Anshi Rose	Co-ordinator	Tamil Nadu
Shoy Thomas	National Coordinator	Jesus Youth

### Regional Invitees (by the RYD of Karnataka) present were:

Name	Designation	Region
Mr. Derick Mascarenhas	DYP	Karnataka

Mr. Bryan Alphonso	ABIDE	Karnataka
Mr. Savio D'Almeida	DYP	Karnataka
Ms. A. Margaret	RYVP	Karnataka
Ms. Valida Mendonca	RYGS	Karnataka

**Member Excused**

Fr. Brendra Ekka RYD of Odisha excused himself

**Members absent were:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Region</b>
Bishop Vincent Mar Paulos	Member Bishop	
Ms. Dipthi D'Souza	NYSP I	Karnataka
Ms. Dipika Mardi	NYJT	WB & Sikkim
Mr. Avinash	RYP	Chhattisgarh
Mr. Cyril Prabhu	RYRB	Karnataka
Fr. Henry Fernando	RYD	Bihar
	RYRB	Bihar
	RYRG	Bihar
	RYP	Bihar
Fr. Peter Barla	RYD	Jharkhand
	RYRB	Jharkhand
	RYRG	Jharkhand
	RYP	Jharkhand
	RYP	Kerala
Ms. Mary Jemcy	RYRG	Kerala
Sr. Regina	RYD	North East
	RYRB	North east
	RYRG	North East
	RYP	North East
	RYRG	Odisha
	RYRB	Tamil Nadu
Ms. Sophia	RYP	Northern
Mr. Greatson	RYRB	Northern
	RYRB	WB & Sikkim

The inaugural ceremony started with a prayer service followed by lighting of the lamp by Most Rev. Bishop Henry D'Souza, the Chairman, Fr. Deepak Thomas KJ, NYD, Sr. Darshana, and Ms. Anancia, RYLA Representatives, Fr. Raymond, RYD Representative, Mr. Sijo Ambatt, ICYM President and Ms. Jenny Joy, ICYM Genreal Secretary and the council was officially declared open.

Fr. Deepak Thomas officially welcomed the gathering, followed by the releasing of the convention prayer by Bishop Henry D'Souza and was prayed.

Mr. Sijo Ambat ICYM National President chaired the meeting and called for the the Quorum. Since there was no quorum the meeting was adjourned as per the constitution for 15 minutes and then the proceedings of the meeting began after 15 minutes.

Ms. Leema Lakra NYS-II read the minutes of 40<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. With Certain clarifications and corrections it was approved by the members of the council. Mr. Amit Lakra, RYP, M.P. Region proposed and Mr. Manoj John, RYR, Chhattisgarh Region seconded the minute.

**Agenda 1: YUVAGRAM**

Mr. Felix Kumar Ekka, NYSP II presented the proposed plan of starting up a self-financing project i.e. poultry farming at YUVAGRAM. Members cautioned the pros and cons with regard to the proposed plan and gave the approval for the proposed plan. There were also suggestions that a permanent set up should be arranged at least with 5 washrooms and a capacity of accommodating minimum of 30 youth. It was further suggested that the local families can be involved to help the functioning.

### **Agenda 2: Regional Visits**

The national team presented the tentative regional visit plan and informed the council that every region would be visited. The council suggested that the annual calendar of every region can be obtained and the visits can be planned accordingly. It was suggested that during the visit NEXCOs can plan for a day's session.

### **Agenda 3: Creation of Zones**

In order to increase interaction among regions, the National team proposed the idea of creation of zones and conducting competitions at zonal and national level. The proposed zones were:

1. North Zone – Northern Region and UP Region
2. West Zone - Western Region
3. East Zone – Jharkhand Region, Bihar and WB & Sikkim
4. Central Zone- M P, Chhattisgarh and Odessa region
5. North East Zone – North East Region
6. South zone – Telugu, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala region

The competitions proposed were Choreography, Group Singing, Short Film Making, Essay Writing and sports events.

After detailed discussion on the agenda topic, it was decided that it is better to have competition at the regional level itself and after NYC. NEXCO will be deciding on the dates and the competitions after receiving the annual calendar from the regions. In accordance with the annual program schedule common competitions can be conducted. Bishop Henry also suggested that one competition can be conducted wherein a youth is trained through public speaking.

### **Agenda 4: Apna Yuva Spandan**

National team presented the new format of the Bi-Monthly newsletter along with the subscription form. It was informed that Ms. Jenny Joy will be the new Editor and the reports and articles can be sent to the email id [generalsecretary@icym.net](mailto:generalsecretary@icym.net). It was also informed that the magazine will be focussed on a particular theme related to youth and the magazine will be made more informative for the youth. A suggestion was made that a survey can be conducted among the youth to precisely know what the youth is expecting from Apna Yuva Spandan

It was also said that newsletter should be subscribed at the diocesan level. Fr. Deepak Thomas, NYD also informed that the magazine will be sent internationally in the form of e-newsletter.

## **Agenda 5: National Youth Convention**

### **1. NYC Logo**

NEXCO presented the logos which were received through the Logo competition. A Logo Committee was formed in order to finalize the logo from the available options following which it will be sent to the national office. The committee will be headed by Fr. Raymond Rumao, RYD, Western Region.

### **2. NYC Theme Song**

Mr. Vipin, RYP, Karnataka informed that a committee has been formed and the work is in progress. Fr. Mari, RYD, Karnataka, (joined the council on the second day) briefed about the preparation of NYC by the region. With regard to the theme song and its recording, he informed the proposed budget. In response the council suggested that we can cut the cost by involving the youth for singing other than employing the professional singers. Karnataka region agreed to bear the cost of recording and the same will be deducted from the financial contribution from Karnataka region towards NYC. The song will be sent to National Office by the end of August.

### **3. Days in Diocese (DID)**

On request of the youth the decision regarding not organising Days in Diocese was reconsidered. It was decided that Fr. Mari, RYD, Karnataka after consulting Regional DYDs will be communicating the final decision to the National Office.

### **4. NYC Committees**

NEXCOs along with other council members decided the person in charge of various committees for NYC. The local committees will be formed by the region and the same will be notified to the national office.

### **5. NYC Finance**

The proposed budget for the fourth coming NYC is Rs. 1 Crore. The National team agreed to contribute 10 Lakhs. Alumni agreed to contribute Rs. 1 Lakh. Suggestions were made that in order to raise funds, parishes can have Sunday collections for convention and sponsorships can be sought. It was also recommended that Chairman Bishop could draft a letter addressing the hierarchy to assist in raising the funds.

#### **Decision made in the ICYM National Council**

- **Convention Dates 15-22, Jan 2016**, (15<sup>th</sup> arrival, 16-17 DID, 18<sup>th</sup> reaching NYC venue , 18-21 NYC proper, 22<sup>nd</sup> public programme and evening departure)
- **20 youth leaders from every diocese will participate in NYC**
- **Requested for Days in Diocese (DID) Jan 15-17, 2017**
- **NYC Prayer** (it will be translated into Kannada very soon)
- **Logo should be ready within 21<sup>st</sup> of June, 2016**
- **Theme song lyrics by 10<sup>th</sup> of August, 2016**
- **Theme song should be ready by end of August, 2016**
- **Days in Diocese (DID) final decision within end of June.**
- **Budget will be around 1 Crore and 50% will be given by local Diocese and Region**
- **Registration fee will be Rs.500 only**

An open forum was held wherein suggestions were sought from the youth present with regard to the topics and resource persons. Following were the topics and names of resource persons suggested by the youth and council members:

### Topics

- Testimonies of youth in leadership and social work
- Works of mercy
- Priorities of life
- Talks from recent youth who have cleared UPSC
- Challenges faced by Christianity
- Responses to the challenges by Christianity
- Leadership in terms of Pope Francis' leadership
- Testimonies from ICYM leaders (Alumni)
- FIMCAP
- Avoid plastic and protect greenery
- Different movements in church
- Presentations from each region
- Problems faced by each region
- Social media
- Faith formation, leadership and church matters
- Minorities rights
- Green policy
- Pornography
- Teamwork
- Leaders in politics
- YOUCAT sessions

### Resource Persons

- Fr. Walter D'Souza – Faith Formation
- Mr. Abraham Patyani – Minority rights
- Bishop Leo – Faith Formation
- Fr. Francis Britto – Lau Da tu Ci
- Michelle D'Costa – UPSC
- Fr. Jerry SJ – Catholic Leadership
- Cardinal – Releasing the DOCAT
- Mr. Dony Peter – Christian Leadership
- Ms. Megha Pathkar – Works of mercy
- Swami Nirmalananda
- Varsha Varghese – Child Rights
- Mario Joseph
- Biju Dominic – Family
- Sugobodhan Swami
- Kailash Satyarthi – Child Rights
- Fr. Edward CRI
- Fr. John Kusmolán – Morality of Youth
- Justice Kurian – Political Leadership
- Jose Jacob – Different Movements of Youth

## **Agenda 6: CAP India**

Fr. Deepak Thomas presented the CAP India project to council members. In his presentation he explained the goals and objectives of the program. He stressed on the need of the hour to motivate and guide the catholic youth to get into professional career paths. The registration forms were distributed to the council members. Regional representatives from the regions present committed the following number of registrations:

Kerala	3000
Delhi	500
Chattisgarh	500
Orissa	500
M.P.	1000
Tamil Nadu	500
Western	1000
WB & Sikkim	500
Karnataka	1000
U P	500

At the end of Day 1 the council members along with Bishop Henry D'Souza and Bishop Joseph Mar Pandarasseril visited the NYC venue, St. Joseph's Engineering College.

Post discussion on agenda points Fr. Mari, RYD, Karnataka felicitated the newly elected YCS president Ms. Jesvita Quadras, Karnataka Region.

Fr. Deepak Thomas K J Proposed the vote of thanks. The meeting ended with a prayer and blessings by Bishop Henry D'Souza.