



**Minutes of ICEE Executive Committee (ExCo) Meeting
20 – 24 October 2014
Held At The Holy Redeemer Retreat House (HRRH)
Dominica, Caribbean**

Day 1 – Mon 20 Oct

- 1.1. Opening Mass by Fr Kevin, assisted by Steve+Claudia
- 1.2. After supper, the group adjourned to Bishop Gabriel Melzairé's residence for a reception.
- 1.3. The group returned to HRRH, and Introductions were made.

Attendees:

Executive Committee

International Executive Team (interim term from 2014-2015; handover in 2015):

- Steven & Claudia Schulz & Fr. Kevin Maloney

Team A – Statistics & Communications (first term from 2012-2015; handover in 2015):

- Jaime & Raquel Martínez & Fr. Marco A. Garcia from Mexico

Team B – Finance & Secretariat (second term from 2012-2015; handover in 2016):

- Joseph+Terri Kwok from Singapore (& Fr Paul Staes, CiCm, who is unable to attend)

Team C – Outline and Resources (second term from 2012-2015; handover in 2017):

- Herbert+Monica Rubio from Guatemala & Fr James Dukowski, OMI (Oblate of Mary Immaculate) from Peru

Board Members (Regional Teams)

Central America & Spanish-speaking Caribbean:

- Uriel & Janeth Garcia from Panama

South America (Sth):

- Vicente & Elena Smiriglia from Argentina



English-speaking Caribbean:

- Tony+Angela Mitchell from Trinidad & Tobago

México:

- **Macedonio** & Sandra Garza from Mexico (arrived on Wed 22 Oct)

Observers

- Jose+Barbara Salazar from Trinidad & Tobago
- Gilbert+Noreen Williams from Dominica (Liaison Couple)

1.4 Minutes of Meeting in Quito were confirmed.

1.5 Agenda for this meeting was reviewed & changes announced.

1.6 Meeting adjourned with no other business.



Day 2 – Tue 21 Oct

- 2.1 Morning Mass presided by Fr James, assisted by Herbert+Monica.
- 2.2 Report of USA
 - a. The US report stated, “We do remain committed to supporting ICEE; however, more financial transparency from other ICEE regions would be helpful.”
 - i. Steve+Claudia will seek clarification from the US on the above.

See Task List: 2014-E1.
 - b. The US report stated, “The number of volunteers to the ministry seems to be shrinking, and the number volunteering for leadership roles is shrinking as well. Many of our leaders and presenters are growing old and ready for retirement. Getting people to volunteer for the ministry, both laity and priests, is an ongoing challenge.”
 - i. All present agreed that this appears to be a challenge faced by a majority of the communities.
- 2.3 Report of Canada
 - a. The report of Canada stated, “Some communities have decided to discontinue the open forum on Saturday evening and have adopted the Outline option to introduce the 5-Love Languages. This option has been well received by the engaged couples.”
 - i. The Executive reminded those present to purchase the rights for the 5-Love Languages program if they want to use it.
 - b. The report of Canada stated, “Some communities have adopted the Outline suggestion to have the engaged couples write a prayer prior to the Saturday evening prayer service. The couples are given instructions and are guided through the process since shared prayer may be a new experience for some.”
 - i. This is also a good idea to implement especially for couples to begin a habit of prayer.
 - c. The report of Canada stated, “To help new couples and priests prepare their talks, the District 2 workshoppers have prepared “generic scripts” – i.e. versions of each talk without the parts that require personal sharing. Couples and priests that are writing their talks can use the scripts as is then add their personal sharings to complete each talk.”
 - i. The Executive agreed that this was not the norm for workshopping talks.
 - ii. Joseph+Terri shared that they had used this concept to try to assist teams to speed up their writing of the 2010 Outline. It was important,



they said, that the workshop team who know the couple do not let them copy the generic script piece-meal (whole-sale).

- iii. IET will enquire from Canada how successful are the “generic scripts” for workshjopping talks.

See Task List: 2014-E2.

- d. The report of Canada also had these three comments on Timing:

- “Many of our communities feel that the priest’s parts in the New Outline should be expanded.”
- “Many sections of the presentations are given unrealistic timelines in the outline; either too short (to adequately present the required concepts) or too long (requiring “filler” that is not necessary).”
- “All communities felt the Stewardship presentation is too long.”
 - i. The Executive will share this feedback with the Outline Review Committee, and try and obtain clarification for the timing for talks..

See Task List: 2014-E3.

- e. The report of Canada stated, “Canada wish to be on a mailing list for updates from the Outline Review Committee – if such a list exists.”

- i. The Executive informed everyone that the Outline Review Committee.....?

- f. The report of Canada stated, “Will we face a problem in the future in our expectation of people writing? Is denying the use of electronic devices for writing still realistic?”

- i. The Executive remarked that the use of electronic devices can be impersonal; but it may be a tool for the present “Y” generation.
 - ii. If electronic devices are used during weekends, teams have to ensure that the couples have the prescribed personal time.

- g. The report of Canada stated, “On-line marriage preparation is becoming more prevalent and is being encouraged by many of our dioceses.”

- i. Each diocese will decide what sort of marriage preparation programs that will be made available.

The Executive welcomed these visitors from Dominica:

Edmond+Jun Le Tong – Team Couple
Davis+Patsy Le Tong – Team Couple
Davina Jones – EE Core and Supporter

2.4 Report of Central America & Spanish-Caribbean



- a. Uriel+Janeth provided the report of Central America & Spanish-Caribbean. They shared that Puerto Rico had held its first weekend. Fr Phillip Nunez, the Family Pastoral Vicar from San Juan, Puerto Rico, is endorsing EE as a pre-marriage course.
- b. Uriel+Janeth shared that they were trying to revive Cuba, and were also seeking outreach funds for this purpose.
- c. The Executive reminded Uriel+Janeth to obtain the Bishop's support for the outreach in Cuba.
- d. Uriel+Janeth also shared that they are hoping to be able to engage Cuba, Nicaragua and Puerto Rico at their next Regional meeting in Republic of Honduras January next year 2015.

2.5 Report of East Asia

- a. The report of East Asia stated, "In March 2014, EE was approved as one of the approved marriage preparation program under the Hongkong Catholic Diocese."
- b. The report also shared that from 7-9 March 2014, the first weekend was held in Xiaobajia, Jilin, China. The second weekend is scheduled in Nov 2014.

2.6 English Caribbean report:

- a. The Executive acknowledged the subsidy from CEE Trinidad & Tobago for the transport cost for the participants of this conference.
- b. Tony+Angela shared there is a shortage of priests to conduct weekends in Trinidad and Tobago.
- c. It was suggested to them to approach the Seminary to invite Deacons from the final year to present EE weekends, or invite religious to present weekends.
- e. Tony+Angela also shared that they will be trying to re-start weekends in Barbados; and they will seeking outreach funds for this purpose.
- f. Tony+Angela requested for the Spanish and French questions for their weekends.

See Task List: 2014-C2.

2.7 Report of Europe

- a. Steve+Claudia clarified that the Europe region covers Spain, and specifically these three cities – Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia.
- b. They clarified that there are countries in Europe presenting "EE" weekends with an old outline.
- c. They shared that IET is in contact with WWME to work together to promote EE not just in Europe.



- d. The report from Europe stated, “We are waiting for confirmation of the new outline to propose it to the community and begin the writing process by the couples.”

See Task List: 2014-E4 & 2014-C1.

2.8 Report of India:

- a. The report from India stated that EE was in Mumbai, Goa and Ranchi.
- b. The report also stated that they have still not been able to put into practice the New Outlines so far.

2.9 Report of Oceania:

- a. Oceania reported that Wellington has been revived, and that is positive news.
- b. Oceania asked, “How are other communities coping with the challenge of recruitment and lack of presenting couples? This is our constant challenge.”
- c. And they also asked, “Any suggestions on ways to deal with possible same sex couples wanting to do weekends in the future?”

See Task List: 2014-E5.

2.10 Report of South America (North):

- a. Sth America (N) reported that Peru had succeeded in forming the first community with seven young lovebirds who did their weekend. The community had agreed to meet once per month from May 2014 and they called themselves “Growing Together”.
- b. Their region also faced a shortage of presenting Priests.
- c. They shared that they will continue to rotate the regional leadership in this sequence: Ecuador; Peru; Colombia.

2.11 Report of South America (South):

- a. Argentina is still conducting residential weekends and will organise tea parties to invite couples to become presenting team couples.
- b. They also plan to make an outreach weekend to Cordoba.
- c. Paraguay was only able to conduct one weekend up to June 2014, but will try to present additional weekends with the 2010 Outline in the rest of 2014.
- d. Vicente+Elena shared that residential weekend in Argentina which presently cost USD44 (Arg\$180) will likely have to be increased due to rising costs; and presenting teams pay for their own weekend or subsidize the cost of the weekend.



- e. The Executive suggested that Argentina consider a non-residential weekend or other options as making presenting teams pay for their own weekend or subsidize weekends will be hard to sustain.

2.12 Report of Africa.

- a. The Pretoria community finds that the concept of betrothal is not something that they can relate to, in their culture.

See Task List: 2014-E6.

- b. In presenting the 2010 Outline, they have found that the timing of the new talks is a challenge. The timing given in the outline in some talks is too short (unrealistic) if one is to cover all the points required, while in other talks too much time is provided.
- c. Africa requested that the Pretoria and Johannesburg coordinators are on your mailing list for the Friday prayers.
(Note: This matter is discussed in Team A's report, Item number 2.14a.)
- d. Africa requested that Steve+Claudia "circulate a few questions to the ICEE community ahead of the Synod on the Family, requesting comments/input on the topics that will be discussed. "
- e. However Steve+Claudia were not able to attend the Synod due to the Synod being too close to the ICEE Meeting. They requested an action item to inform the Africa and other regional teams that they did not attend the Synod.

See Task List: 2014-E7.

2.13 Report of Mexico

Macedonio+Sandra were arriving on Thu and will present the report from Mexico. See Day 4, Item number 4.2

2.14 Report of Team A.

- a. Jaime+Raquel & Fr Marco presented the stats they had received from the regions for the period July 2013 to June 2014.
- b. There were 44 more weekends in the first half of 2014, compared to the first half of 2013, which naturally meant there were more couples who attended the weekends for the reporting period.
- c. 92% of weekends were residential; while 85% were 3-day format.
- d. Team A shared that the email address list for the "Weekends around the World" was already at the maximum 450 email addresses.



- e. It was agreed that Team A will inform Regional Coordinators to transmit the “Weekends around the World” to the communities in their regions. This will reduce the very large email address list of Team A, and also provide regional teams an opportunity to keep in touch with their communities.

See Task List: 2014-E8.

2.15 Report of Team B:

- a. Joseph+Terri provided details of the balance of ICEE account held in Wells Fargo bank.
- b. They shared a forecast of likely income from the regions as we prepare to provide support to regions to attend the next full Board meeting in Panama City in 2015.
- c. They reiterated their thanks to the US for their continuing contribution to ICEE. Recently they provided Steve+Claudia with a three-year overview of the funds received and spending to share with the US National/Coordinating Team. They shared with all present the reasons that they were aware of why regions were not contributing regularly:
 - i. Regions did not maintain a US\$ bank account; and would send their contributions only when they were able to attend a Board meeting;
 - ii. Sending their contributions using bank transfers would also incur bank charges that were high and may also incur losses from currency exchange.
 - iii. Some regions were also using their own funds for regional expansion and hence instead of giving and then asking, they were prudent in managing their own regional expansion funds while contributing to ICEE.
- d. To add to point 2.15c.iii the Executive suggested that Team B add a section in the regional report on the amount the region has spent for expansion from their regional funds.

See Task List: 2014-E9.

- e. IET will work with Team B to review the guidelines in the Handbook for request for expansion funds; and to include, if necessary, that expansion funds are for expansion and not to maintain communities.

See Task List: 2014-E10.

2.16 Report of Team C:

- a. Team C distributed a thumb drive with all the resource documents in English and Spanish.
- b. Those present commended them and applauded their work!



- c. They will publish the list of post-weekend documents and other resources on the website.

See Task List: 2014-E11.

2.17 Meeting adjourned with no other business.



Day 3 – Wed 22 Oct

- 3.1 Mass presided by Fr Rodney Olive, supported by Dominica and TT.
- 3.2 Venue for 2015 Board Meeting – Panama
 - a. Uriel+Janeth shared with everyone that they were requesting a decision on the venue for the meeting – between a Retreat House or a Resort.
 - b. They provided some details and the Executive took note and would discuss this decision at the Closed Meeting on Thursday, including the proposed dates.
- 3.3 Venue for 2016 Executive Meeting
 - a. Steve+Claudia shared that they had not prepared a formal bid but would like to bid for New Orleans (District 3) to host the 2016 Executive meeting.
 - b. The dates will be from August, 22-26 Aug 14.
 - c. The weekend following from 26-28 Aug 14, will be the US CEE National Convention in New Orleans.
 - d. This bid will be discussed at the Closed Executive Meeting.
- 3.4 Venue for 2017 Executive Meeting
 - a. There were bids from Monterrey, Mexico, and Guatemala.
 - b. The bids will be discussed at the Closed Meeting.
- 3.5 Venue for 2018 Board Meeting - USA
 - a. Steve+Claudia reminded everyone that in 2018 the Board meeting will take place in the USA. This was a decision taken and approved at the ICEE Board meeting in 2009 in Cuernavaca: where from 2012 (from the meeting in Boston), the Board meeting will be held once every six years in the USA.
 - b. Steve+Claudia assured everyone that the US NET will be informed that the 2018 host will also host the ICEE Meeting.
- 3.6 SKYPE with Ginette Charbonneau

The group contacted Ginette on SKYPE.
- 3.7 Synod of Bishops
 - a. Steve+Claudia were invited; but could not attend as they had committed to attending ICEE Meeting and would have been away for three weeks.
 - b. Third World Congress on Laity in November – specifically for application to the Pontifical Council of the Laity.
 - c. CEE has been twice in the attention of the Vatican.



- d. Our statutes have been re-written and re-submitted.
- e. While in Rome, S+C will meet to discuss our application with a representative in the dycastery.

3.8 Comments from Trinidad & Tobago:

- a. Tony+Angela remarked that pornography is not covered in the Outline, and suggested that it be covered.
- b. Steve+Claudia replied that regions can approve communities adding pornography as part of their talks, even speak about local issue, such as domestic violence, as long as the intent of the Outline is not changed.
- c. Steve+Claudia requested that regions share such additions with the rest of ICEE; and even when you adapt talks without changing the talk, they could share it.
- d. Tony+Angela shared an observation that couples don't discuss or write much after Sacrament or after Stewardship.
- e. Joseph+Terri shared that in Singapore there are non-Catholics and non-Christians attending the weekend, and we provide a "synonym" for sacrament and call it a "blessed union" or we call their marriage a "sacramental" – in other words their marriage points to a sacrament. This is to help the non-Christians address the concepts introduced in the talk that their marriage and relationship is a holy union. Of course there are weekends when the participants are not writers.
- f. Fr Kevin shared that in Canada – sacrament means nothing even to catholics who need to be catechized.

3.9 NFP Video

- a. Jaime+Raquel shared a 13 minutes video on NFP that they found on this Spanish website: <http://www.goyaproducciones.com/>
- b. They suggested to show the video on the weekend, and have written to the organisation describing ICEE and asking for permission for ICEE to use it.
- c. All agreed that the video is well done, and can be used.
- d. In the course of the meeting, Goya Producciones replied giving permission for ICEE to use it, and he had written to them to find out if there were any charges.
- e. Teams were reminded to seek the approval of your family life bureau for any material you use on NFP.

Lunch

3.10 Team requirements.

Steve+Claudia reiterated the requirements for presenting team: at least one partner is catholic and the other a baptised Christian.



3.11 Korea

Steve+Claudia shared that they had received enquiries from a couple in Korea requesting the latest Outline. But when they replied that anyone wishing to use the Outline had to be affiliated, and then the couple did not pursue the matter further.

3.12 Stewardship - “Vision” money

- a. Steve+Claudia enquired from those present how is their “vision” money used
- b. Trinidad & Tobago: They use part of their funds to subsidise a Christmas party for the community.
- c. Central America & Spanish-Caribbean: They sponsor couples who cannot afford the weekends and they use the funds for Team Enrichment.
- d. South America (South): They shared that they only had 3 team couples in Buenos Aires, Argentina. They do not have any “vision” money as each weekend is making a loss; and in the past the teams would support the cost. They are now paying for teams from Argentina to start EE in Paraguay.
 - i. It was clarified that in Buenos Aires they were conducting the 3-day, 2-night residential (stay-in) weekend.
 - ii. There was a lively discussion on how Argentina could re-think how they conduct their weekends, and then grow the community instead of making losses which were not sustainable.

3.13 Financial Transparency

- a. Steve+Claudia shared that there has been recent queries by the US National Team about financial transparency of ICEE.
- b. They had shared with the US National Team that there were regions in ICEE that did not have US\$ accounts and hence only sent in their contributions at Board meetings.
- c. They also shared that some regions also used their funds for outreach in their region without seeking outreach funds while still contributing to ICEE.
- d. In view of this the Executive repeated the suggestion that regions indicate in their report what they use from their regional funds for outreach in their respective region.
- e. Fr Kevin remarked that when we make this suggestion to regional teams, we need to be careful about how we ask for transparency so that regions do not feel that the Executive are inspecting the management of their funds.

See Task List: 2014-E-9 & 2014-B2.

3.14 Handbook Revision

- a. Steve+Claudia enquired on the status of the revision to the Handbook.



- b. Herbert+Monica replied that they had incorporated the suggestions in English and Spanish but there were suggestions that needed clarification which has delayed the final edited version.
- c. A suggestion was to incorporate the changes in English and revise the Handbook; and then incorporate the Spanish changes and have the Spanish edition as the alternative.
- d. Steve+Claudia remarked that they were careful about changes to the Handbook while they prepare to apply for Vatican recognition.

3.15 Financial Support

- a. Steve+Claudia shared an observation that financial support for ICEE may be reduced since the number of couples attending the weekends are already dropping, as evidenced from the statistics being sent in.

3.16 Question in the Question Box

Qn: Many EE communities have difficulty recruiting team. What should our message be to couples to invite or recruit them?

- a. Panama, Central America & Spanish Caribbean:
 - i. They organise a social gathering after the weekend; to form a community from the weekend group.
 - ii. The weekend is stated: Sat to Sun & Tue from 7-9pm.
 - iii. On Tue the certificates are given out and an enrichment session.
 - iv. They give the weekend certificate to those who ask for it at the end of the weekend, and these are on average 2 out of 30 couples, and they are from out of town.
 - v. And the couples who turn up on Tue to get the certificate enjoy the gathering and it has a party feel; and they stay connected after that and support the Ministry.
- b. Mexico:
 - i. Each city has a core team of 10 couples who are responsible for recruiting team.
 - ii. They sustain the group through social work; stay connected thru whatsapp.
 - iii. One city even has a radio program.
 - iv. Potential team presenters are recruited from the group of volunteers.

3.17 These are the outreach requests that have been received, and will be discussed by the Executive tomorrow at the Closed Meeting:

- a. Central America – Request for Cuba & Puerto Rico.
- b. South America (South) – Request for Cordoba, Argentina



- c. East Asia – Request for Xianxian, China
 - d. Eng-Caribbean – Request for Barbados
- 3.18 The group went on an outing to Scotts Head, followed by dinner at Westport Tavern, organised by Gilbert+Noreen.



Day 4 – Thu 23 Oct

- 4.1 Morning Prayer was led by Vicente+Elena.
- 4.2 The Mexico report was presented by Mace+Sandra who had arrived yesterday. The key points they shared are:
 - a. EE Mexico has posted a Youtube advertisement.
 - b. They have developed a process to recruit teams:
 - i. They have a post-encounter program headed by a presenting team. Within the group they invite couples to write and share for the sessions.
 - ii. Then they identify the potential couples and recommend them to be team presenters.

4.3 ICEE Website

- a. Steve+Claudia shared that the Executive had approved the payment fee for five years to host the ICEE website which was a saving over paying the annual fee for five years.
- b. They proposed that the ICEE website be updated and revamped to which everyone agreed.
- c. And they proposed to contract a company to assist them and will obtain a quote.

See Task List: 2014-E-12.

4.4 Newsletter

- a. Steve+Claudia invited those present to consider writing a newsletter of news from the regions.
- b. (Tony+Angela volunteered to head this project.?)

The Executive welcomed these visitors from Dominica:

Brian+Belinda Alleyne – pioneer EE team

4.5 ICEE Team Transition

- a. Steve+Claudia shared with those present the future ICEE Team Transition:

2015 – IET & Team A
2016 – Team B
2017 – Team C



- b. Mexico shared that they request any couple who are interested in leadership to complete a Resume form. Steve+Claudia requested for a copy and may use it.

4.6 Steve+Claudia reviewed the Task List.

Application for Vatican recognition.

Team B proposed Steve+Claudia Schulz seconded to continue this project.

Committee seconded unanimously.

2011-1 – closed

2011-2 – closed.

2011-3 – closed.

2011-4 – closed

2011-5 – Canada (French region) to send the French translated Outline when ready.

2011-6 – ditto

2011-7 – skype addresses to be included as part of their contact. (renumbered to 2014-?)

2011-8 – combined with 2011-8

2012-1 – closed. IET has dialog with WWME.

2012-2 – closed

2012-3 – closed

2012-4 – closed

2012-5 – completed and closed (Team A)

2012-6 – as above

2012-7 – to be completed

2012-8 – closed; handbook revisions. When the form is revised Team A will send it out.

2012-9 – closed.

2012-10 – Thailand – no progress – closed.

2012-11 – reported in 2014 report.

2012-12 – closed. New resources.

2013 – had no Task List recorded.



4.7 Closed Executive Meeting

- a. The Executive adjourned for a closed meeting.
- b. The Spanish-speaking regions and the English-speaking Caribbean met separately to discuss the 2010 Outline.

The meeting re-convened after the Closed Executive meeting.

4.8 Joseph+Terri announced the decision of the Executive of the approved expansion funds with this clarification:

- a. The funds requested should be for expansion and not for maintenance of existing communities.
- b. Regions should aim to be stable in their finances, and have a sustainable means of funding to continue conducting weekends in their existing communities – “stability before expansion”.
- c. The amount of expansion funds requested by the regional team is to assist to make up the amount required for the expansion and is not the entire amount required (“not the full bag”).
- d. Cuba
The Executive Committee agreed that we need to keep trying to grow EE in Cuba, and agreed to the requested amount.
- e. Puerto Rico
 - i. The Executive Committee acknowledged that Uriel+Janeth had seized the opportunity to conduct the first weekend in Puerto Rico.
 - ii. Moreover, the actual total cost of airfare and taxes of US\$2,862.40 had been reduced with payment by personal air miles to the value of US\$1,300, so the amount being requested for is US\$1,562.40.
 - iii. Therefore the Executive Committee approved the request and will provide the outreach funds as reimbursement.
- f. Cordoba, Argentina
 - i. In Quito in 2013, the amount of US\$600 was approved with an advance of US\$300 provided but had not been used.
 - ii. Vicente+Elena were reminded of the obligation to conduct a weekend by the next Executive meeting in Panama in 2015.
- g. Xianxian, China
 - i. The Executive shared that there is every reason to be optimistic of the growth of EE in China. Moreover, the invitation from the Bishop of Xianxian was another sign that EE was much needed in China.
 - ii. The Executive approved the amount for a team to Xianxian, China.
- h. Barbados, Caribbean
 - i. There is the possibility to revive EE in Barbados. The cost of airfare for a couple to fly from Trinidad & Tobago to Barbados is US\$800.
 - ii. The amount requested for is US\$750 so the Executive approved the request.

	Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Approved (US\$)
Central Am., Sp. Caribbean		
Cuba	1,200	1,200
P.Rico	1,562.40	1,562
Sth Am Sth		
Cordoba, Argentina	600	600
	300 given as advance	
East Asia		
Xianxian, China	2,000	2,000
Eng. Carib		
Barbados	750	750
Total	6,112.40	6,112.40

4.9 Future Meeting Venues.

- a. The future venues are as follows:
 - i. 2015 – Panama City, Panama.
The dates will be confirmed by Uriel+Janeth once they book the venue. Teams are reminded to make the travel arrangements as early as possible and to inform Uriel+Janeth or the Panama liaison team so they can plan the transport and other administration details.
 - ii. 2016 – New Orleans, USA.
The dates are 22-26 Aug; and this is followed by the US CEE Convention from 26-28 Aug. More details will be provided later.
 - iii. 2017 – to be decided in Panama in 2016 by the next Executive Committee.

4.10. Mexico National Convention, 1-2 Aug 2015, Chihuahua

- a. The Executive had approved the travel expenses for the IET to attend the Mexico convention. Mexico will be paying for the other expenses for the team.
- b. Steve+Claudia shared their vision of bringing the two regional teams of US & Mexico to meet and discuss cooperation.

4.11 Mass was presided by Fr Marco Garcia, supported by Jamie+Raquel.

The meeting re-convened after dinner.

4.12 Uriel+Janeth shared a message from (?) *(sorry, we did not record who the message is from)*



4.13 Bosquejo 2010

- a. Steve+ Claudia compartieron que había un nuevo Presidente para el Comité de Revisión del Bosquejo de Estados Unidos.
- b. Se le pidió opinión al grupo tras la discusión sobre el Bosquejo esta tarde.
- c. Las regiones de habla hispana trabajarán con el Equipo de Bosquejo & Recursos para introducir algunas de las sugerencias.
- d. El grupo de inglés (del Caribe de Habla Inglesa) compartió que intentarán obtener más música o canciones de músicos locales para introducir en el fin de semana.
- e. Feedback on the Sacrament talk: the talk explains what marriage and what a sacrament is.
 - i. Could there be added material to explain further the concept of sacrament; and to elaborate that after the wedding, something has changed?
 - ii. Could additional material on how to live out your sacrament; especially the implications of the vows be included in the workbook?
- f. Can the Outline also include post-weekend programs?
- g. Steve+Claudia thanked everyone for their feedback, and will forward the feedback to the ORC. They requested all regions to send any additional feedback to IET, if there are any.

4.14 Suggestions for a logo for ICEE

- a. Mace+Sandra presented a proposal for a standardized logo for ICEE.
- b. The logo was designed by a professional firm.
- c. After discussion it was agreed to also include the other languages into the logo; and Mace+Sandra would have the professional firm design a logo for consideration.
- d. Steve+Claudia thanked Mace+Sandra, and they suggested that if Mace+Sandra were able to present a logo at the next meeting then we can try to obtain a vote.
- e. Steve+Claudia reminded everyone that regions can decide on their own logo; as the US had adopted their own design.

See Task List: 2014-B3; 2014-Mx3; 2014-KM1.

4.15 Songs from Mexico

- a. Mace+Sandra presented four completed songs that were composed by a group of professional singers. The composer experienced the weekend (several times) and wrote every song was written specially for each weekend talk.
- b. Mace+Sandra will also make available the songs to the other Spanish-speaking regions; and will prepare guidelines for these regions to use the songs for copyright protection.



See Task List: 2014-Mx2.

- c. Once the songs are completed, Mace+Sandra had asked the group to consider translating the songs into English. The Executive will review the translated songs.

See Task List: 2014-E13.

- 4.16 Tony+Angela shared a video montage they had prepared of the meeting in Dominica; and the video they had recorded in Boston for the anniversary of CEE Trinidad & Tobago.
- 4.17 Steve+Claudia announced changes to the time for Mass tomorrow.
- 4.18 The evening closed with prayer by Joseph+Terri, followed by fellowship sponsored by Steve+Claudia, and Bishop Gabriel paid the group a visit.



INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
ENCUENTRO CATÓLICO DE NOVIOS INTERNACIONAL
(website: <http://www.icee.tv/>)



Day 5 – Fri 24 Oct

Mass presided by Fr Kevin Maloney, supported by IET.

5.1 *(the rest of Day 5 to be filled in by Steve+Claudia)*



Task List / Action item

IET

2014-E1	Ask US regional team what they mean by “financial transparency”.
2014-E2	Ask Canada how useful is the “generic script”.
2014-E3	Ask ORC to clarify the time for talks in the Outline, and if the timing will be revised to be more realistic.
2014-E4	Communicate with Europe (Spain) on writing to the 2010 Outline. (see 2014-C1)
2014-E5	To address the issue of same-sex couples registering for EE weekends.
2014-E6	To contact Africa to assist Pretoria with Betrothal (title and talk?).
2014-E7	To tell Africa, IET did not attend the Synod in Oct.
2014-E8	To inform regional teams to transmit the “weekends around the world” to their own communities. (Stats team already have 450 email addresses.) (see 2014-A1)
2014-E9	Add to regional report a section on how much was spent for expansion or outreach.
2014-E10	To review the guidelines in the Handbook for request for expansion funds.
2014-E11	To publish list of post-weekend documents on the website.
2014-E12	To find out the cost to revamp the ICEE website and to host it.
2014-E13	To explore the use of the translated Mexican songs into English for the English-speaking countries.

Team A: Statistics

2014-A1	To contact Africa for the latest leadership list (for the weekends around the world) (see 2014-E9)
2014-A2	To determine how to disseminate the weekends around the world efficiently.

Team B: Finance & Secretariat



2014-B1	To prepare a summary of decisions from the meeting and/or guidance to Regional Teams (eg timing for talks; or more time for priests); to be part of the Minutes.
2014-B2	To inform regions to provide in their reports what they are spending on outreach from their own funds (in order for Executive Committee to know the extent of what regions are spending on outreach without funding from ICEE). (see 2014-E10)
2014-B3	To send the Mandarin wording of the EE logo to the Mexico Regional Team.

Team C: Outline & Resources

2014-C1	To send the ppt to Europe (Spain) of the 2010 Outline; and to confirm they have received the 2010 Outline.
2014-C2	Send (Spanish &) French questions to CEE Trinidad & Tobago.

Mexico Regional Team

2014-Mx1	To prepare an alternative to the NFP talk using the video from Goya Producciones; and to obtain the NFP resources from Argentina as well.
2014-Mx2	Present the guidelines for Spanish-speaking countries to use the songs.
2014-Mx3	To present a proposal for the ICEE logo.

Fr Kevin Maloney

2014-KM1	Fr Kevin to obtain the French wording of the EE logo and provide it to the Mexico Regional Team.
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