

The message of CLC Italy to the 2023 World Assembly

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The 2023 World Assembly of the Christian Life Community is fast approaching. We have been looking forward to this gathering since 2018 and are very grateful to be able to take part in it, both as individual CLC members and as a delegation. Consistent with our deep engagement in this event, we wish to share some wishes for the future with the incumbent World Executive. We hope we will have the opportunity to engage in these topics further in the spirit of walking together as one global Community.

A World Assembly for All

We wish to experience the World Assembly as **a place where everyone feels welcome**, just like in CLC-CVX. We are concerned that current participation constraints do not fully reflect this spirit. Instead, they might make it hard for many CLCers – especially those with family commitments and small children – to participate as delegates or stand as candidates.

To preserve the diversity we cherish, we invite the incoming World Executive to **make participation modalities more inclusive**, while still ensuring discernment, prayer, and hard work during the Assembly.

The World ExCo: a wider and more engaged “We”

We cherish the blessings of being part of a global community, but we also believe that we can do more to 1) **work together with the World ExCo** on a more regular basis, and 2) establish a network of local communities **making their voices heard** on a global scale.

For this reason, we stand ready to engage with the incoming World ExCo to continue strengthening our global community **by taking a stance** on the topics that are at the heart of **the mission of the Church**, including in the lead-up to the Synod. For the future, we also wish to make our support to Pope Francis even more visible on topics such as peace, ecology, poverty, and migration as well as in multilateral fora.

Going out to the frontiers: time to take stock/where are we at?

As part of “Discerning the paths of hope,” we feel the need to reflect on how the many intentions of the World Assemblies are applied in the local, national, and regional context. We invite our global community and the incoming World ExCo to continue reflecting on **how far we have come in going out to the apostolic frontiers of our times**, including ecology and poverty.

We are welcoming within the Communities, as sign of hope, the separated and divorced people and LGBTQ+ persons, as well as are accompanying Lonely Companions to experience God's mercy and true relationships.

We believe that taking stock of whether and how we have till now followed this mandate is the first step **towards a renewed missionary Church**.

Eleonora: a European citizen of the world

Eleonora is a world citizen! With her candidature being submitted by Belgium and supported by Italy, she has been a CLC member in various cities and countries since she was a young student.

With CLC, she has also volunteered in Romania and helped manage CLC international volunteer camps with migrants in Italy.

Today, she is part of CLC Italy and a member of the European ExCo's Migration Core Team. She is an academic and a policy analyst passionate about European affairs. She lives between Rome and Brussels with her husband Francesco and their daughter Livia.

Despite her curriculum, she is the youngest candidate to the World ExCo, which makes her freshness a good choice for our future :)