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CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Paxromana



"Preferential Option for the Poor"

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

A REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
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PRELIMINARIES

The AGM was held at Don Bosco Youth centre from Friday 7th November 2014 to Sunday 9th November 2014 when the participants left at their own will.

The chairman led the participants in setting housekeeping rules, introductions and getting the expectations from the participants.

Generally speaking the AGM was held in an atmosphere that allowed full participation of the participants at all times.

STUDY SESSION

Presentation by Rev Fr. Michael Lewis SJ.

i) AFRICA AS A CONTINENT

Fr. Lewis observed that all human beings have gifts that are special and unique to each person. It is vital for us to identify our individual stages in the creation because the Catholic church in Africa has a responsibility of influencing a lot including development given that Africa as a continent is bigger than the US, China etc in terms of population of Catholics.

He alluded to the fact that the African continent is bigger than the US, China, among others with a population of Catholics surpassing 158 million. However, Africa is a big continent with big number of civil arrests, riots; always reported as bad news. There is therefore need to change this perception.

There is cross-cultural clash on how things are done in Africa and the west e.g. time is looked up differently- like starting to introduce each other before actual discussions commence among others.

Respect for people was therefore quite vital. Fr. Lewis indicated the cultural clashes are one of the causes of misreporting of events in Africa.

The big question to us is: "How does God see Africa?"

ii) MONEY,SEX &POWER

He indicated that money, sex and power are the most controversial topics discussed in the world. He advised that Christians should be careful in handling these topics. To ensure that challenges to these topics are overcome, he insisted that the Christians should have spiritual disciplines of many kinds including disciplines of prayer, fasting, meditation, simplicity, submission, confession, guidance etc.

He summarised the disciplines into three:

- Inner discipline e.g. fasting
- Outer discipline e.g. submission
- Corporate discipline e.g. guidance

He stated the opposites of money, sex and power as follows:

- Opposite of money is simplicity
- Opposite of sex is faithfulness/fidelity
- Opposite of power is service

Finally, Fr. Lewis guided thus: "All our lives need to be in perspective with respect to God, communities and families." People should always strive to find a balance of the many disciplines?

Fr. Etienne SJ, Pax Romana chaplain, presentation:

Experiences with Pax Romana:

Fr. Etienne shared his experiences once he was appointed as Pax Romana chaplain. "I looked at what to do as a chaplain after being appointed, wished to put all the country chaplains together." With support of **MISSIO**, Fr. organized talks and workshops around Africa.

He expressed the challenges he faced with professionals who keep on moving e.g. students from high school experience the rules etc. and after graduation from universities people think of stabilizing their lives; and when they get families they have duties in families for spouses and children. This has led to fluctuations in the levels of commitment.

He encouraged participants to balance between their family responsibilities and their service to God through the church. This would help to overcome challenges in deepening faith. He indicated that that the coming and attending the AGM was a sign of commitment to the church; and there is need to ground expectations and invest in such expectations of the people. He insisted that we must have a clear vision and commitment to the church in building a block for the church in Kenya, region and the world.

Fr. Etienne encouraged all to access Post-synod documents and the need to be familiar with them. He also indicated that he is currently trying to piece together a project bringing together Asia/Africa professionals for a consultative meet and this would include 3 participants from each country.

He also introduced Fr. Muchoka who is a Jesuit working at Mwangaza College; he originates from Tanzania. Fr. Muchoka has experience of working with the professionals in his home country.

VOLUNTEERISM: Rev. Fr. Pikiti Fabian (pastoral co-coordinator of AMECEA)

Volunteerism: Biblical perspective.

In his presentation Fr. Pikiti indicated that he helped form a professional body in his rural area; he asserted that there is a lot of human resource that is idle in many in the church.

Volunteerism refers to community based activities that can transform the church and the society e.g. help Turkana a (pastoralist community from the Northern Semi arid of Kenya) people during the drought. Quoting heavily from the bible: 2 Corinthians 9:7-8; 1 Peter 4:10 he enumerated the following questions that all should ask themselves regarding them as KMCP members:

- a) What does membership bring to the movement?
- b) What is the benefit of being a member?
- c) How does the association motivate members?
- d) How do members motivate each other?

What does membership bring to the movement?

- Self-motivation by members
- Bring our giftedness to strengthen our association
- Liberation
- Service to each other
- Skills and commitments
- Good stewardship
- Ability to speak the truth without fear
- Good Ethics
- Christian charity
- Faith
- To find friends, new relationships and accomplish some objectives
- Work and be part of certain course
- To gain some achievements
- We are enriching the goals, objectives and vision of the organisation by being members.

Fr. Pikiti alluded that Jesus 'ministry starting from zero to abundance (public life). Jesus had followers, had encounter with people who experience something from personal decision through free will to follow Jesus (inner conviction). Jesus death looked like total failure. Had initial 12 followers who were His followers but only one remained but after resurrection and had inner fire. The apostles did it even with persecution. He encouraged participant thus: "I have experienced volunteerism and I love it. All the objectives, vision and mission are mine and I walk with them."

Choice of disciples by Jesus was unique since each had something unique gainful to His ministry.

What is the benefit of being a member? /Benefit to members

- Spiritual growth
- Expensive sharing
- Fulfillment
- Knowledge acquisition
- Networking
- Exposure etc

Jesus calls us to friendship (Mathew 28:26, John 15:14); he never promised anything to followers but friendship. All of us have volunteered to be followers of Jesus.

Gifts: we have unique gifts and created differently-ability, potentials, weaknesses, way God has created us intellectual, physical anterior virtues, compassion, kindness and love. This enriches the organisation.

Limitation/problems: we are not sure where to exercise our giftedness because of church and society structures.

How the association can motivate members

Example ants-anthills, bees to honey(some have a very short lifespan)

Apostles abandoned Christ. Peter was imprisoned and went ahead and did it. The organization has the responsibility to motivate the members through:

- Positively appreciating the work of the individual members(groups)
- Working together
- Intercommunication and meeting
- Sharing freely
- Exchange visits
- Encouraging initiation and efforts

- Moral support in good and bad times
 - Learning from one another (bench marking)
 - Be available to all
 - Let members know what is happening
 - Involve members in decision making
 - Never be little anyone of the members
 - Applying good conflict resolution strategies
 - Avoid favoritism
 - Be sensitive to people since reactions are different
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- Listen to others' views and ideas
 - Communicating the happenings to members

How members motivate each other

- Jesus the parable of the 3 talents
- Be sincere in the offering
- Believe in the value u make
- Be loyal to the association
- Maintain the integrity and dignity of the association
- Carry on duties reliably and promptly
- Willingness of participation and collaboration
- Contribute to the wealth of the organisation

He concluded by heavily quoting from the biblical scriptures (Miracle of multiplication of the bread and Jesus' prayerfulness), he insisted that people are hungry for the word of God and knowledge. He asserted that the professionals need to recognise that the small things they do can have a huge impact in the society. He encouraged all to bring to Christ their contributions and Jesus would multiply them. Professionals need to see themselves as valuable to the society.

Discussion: How can we contribute to the current happenings in Baringo county (the cattle rustling and police killings)??

- Judicial address
- Involving Professional view
- Education to the people
- Enhance Security
- Cross-border peace initiative
- Treat the cause problem and not symptoms

- Opportunity provided for leaders meet and solve problems
- Improve the road network
- Involvement of the community
- Have the a political will to tackle the cause problem.
- Provide Turkana people with water e.g. in Ethiopia over 103 water dams and several bore holes have been made by one of the catholic communities, they have the bore holes.
- KMCP has to lobby to help the communities e.g. through participation in the December 5th to 10th2014 conference on cross border peace in Turkana
- The lobby the County government since it has more authority
- Need to help KCCB to respond to the issues that concerns the church and society

STATUTORY SESSION

FAITH ODHIAMBO (KMCP Secretary General) presentation:

Faith presented a comprehensive administrative report for the period under review. While encouraging participants to own the movement she pleaded with the membership to make sacrifices for the movement. The main items she included are as below:

Administration Report 2012 – 2014

Introduction

Kenya Movement of Catholic Professionals (KMCP) is a Catholic organization composed of Catholic Professionals in Kenya. KMCP is a member of the Commission for Pastoral & Lay Apostolate under the auspices of the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops.

KMCP was started in 1981 and with a national secretariat under the management of a part time coordinator, two year elected National Executive Team and a National Chaplain.

KMCP is also the National Federation of Paxromana — International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs (Paxromana-ICMICA) in Kenya. Paxromana- ICMICA is an International Association of Catholic Professionals and Intellectuals united for a peaceful, equitable and sustainable world. Paxromana ICMICA is recognized by the Holy See and is active in international civil society networks such as the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations. It has a consultative relationship with the United Nations.

In Kenya, KMCP is the official representative of Paxromana-ICMICA at the UNEP/UN-Habitat. KMCP is currently present and has contacts in the following Dioceses: Nairobi, Bungoma, Eldoret, Kakamega and

Mombasa, Malindi. For the last four years, KMCP has undertaken a number of activities. These include: Spiritual formation of members Mobilizing Catholic Professionals, to participating in the current democratic reforms in Kenya Promoting and popularizing Catholic Social Teaching among Catholic Professionals in Kenya Facilitating the growth of Student Christian Movements (I.M.C.S and Y.S.C) Facilitating school to work transition of Young Professionals (recent graduates) Establishing the presence of KMCP in Kenya's Dioceses in view to unite all Catholic Professionals Associations Promoting Millennium Development Goals Establishing an Africa wide Secretariat for Paxromana Africa Region. Providing mentorship to young ICMICA movement in Africa.

OUR ACTIVITIES

PROMOTION OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

13th October 2012: KMCP together with the AICAST Secretariat (based in Harare, Zimbabwe) jointly organized a one day workshop to reflect on Catholic Professionals in the Electoral Processes in Africa Today. In attendance were Catholic Professionals from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The workshop was held on 13th October 2012, at Hekima Institute for Peace and International Relations, located along Riara Road (off-Ngong Road), from 8:30 am to 5:00pm. Promotion of Good Governance and Human Rights .

PARTICIPATION AS ELECTION OBSERVERS:

Officials of KMCP participated in the election process of 2013 as election observers as part of its mandate to ensure a democratic process.

SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND COMMON GOOD

The idea was born to establish a platform through which Kenyans from different walks of life could interact and exchange ideas on how to respond to the challenge of fostering emergence of new leaders. This program would examine political, social and economic issues and processes affecting Kenya society. It could be a place where people would research and evaluate the ethics of good governance, the relationship between politics and the economy and other related subjects. It could bring persons who have positively contributed to transform Kenyan society to share their experiences and brainstorm on the way forward for the country. Their different backgrounds and affiliations would provide a unique input to the participants who will thus undergo a formation grounded on real life practices and verified theories.

Courses offered under this program included; Conceptual foundations of development, Community based organization and capacity building, Project management, monitoring and evaluation, Public policy analysis,

Peace and reconciliation – Conflict resolution, Leadership and sustainable development, Social Teaching of Christian churches, Our common good and common responsibility – Environment, Contemporary human rights problems and global responses, Policy Advocacy, Interreligious dialogue and Economic and social justice.

MEDIATION TRAINING

In 2013, KMCP also carried out mediation training of the various elders and religious leaders at Garsen to encourage peaceful resolution of disputes especially between the Orma and Pokomo.

UPR PROCESS

The Kenya Movement of Catholic Professionals (KMCP) with her other 20 partners hence embarked on a mechanism to review Kenya performance based on her commitments at the previous review mechanism in 2010. The untapped potential of the Faith Based organizations in the region played in well. KMCP also invited civil society organizations from Uganda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Rwanda to observe and share vital insights as we were doing all these. Paxromana National federations from countries due for review within the next 2 years also took part in this all inclusive process.

The UPR focused on five key areas of concern to us being: right to food, right to healthcare, rights to water and sanitation, internal displacements in Kenya, right to quality and affordable education. Various stakeholders from the civil society, academia, research institutions and also various arms of government took part in the process leading to the preparation of the UPR report. To this end a lot of work a lot of work still remain to be accomplished and can only be done achieved with the cooperation of all the stakeholders in the quest for the realization of full provision of Human Rights in Kenya. Together with our other partners, we completed a successful UPR process and report with recommendations made to the Kenyan government.

PROTECTING ENVIRONMENT TO MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE DAMAGES

As accredited associations to UNEP, Paxromana/KMCP is a member of Major Groups. As such we take part in the usual meetings and conferences of UNEP At the last Governing Council we presented a written contribution on Sound Environment being a basic Human Right.

PROMOTING MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

E-Waste Management Initiative with Soweto Youth Group: Together with the Soweto Youth Group (a self-help group of youths operating in Kibera, East Africa's largest slum), KMCP (representing Paxromana) is currently involved in an e-waste management project run by a British Company which seeks to recycle the

e-waste products (mainly computers), creating employment and reduction of crime among youth in Kibera. In this project, KMCP is specifically was involved in mobilizing resources (human and financial) for training the collectors and beneficiaries. This is a project that KMCP would wish to continue will the help of donors.

MAPPING AND ENGAGING CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS IN KENYA.

KMCP has proposed a project that will map the Catholic Professionals in Kenya as to enhance their role in the Kenyan church and society. This exercise will involve collecting basic bio-data such age, location, profession, interests and current engagements, contacts (telephone numbers, email addresses, postal addresses) of Catholic Professionals in Kenya, beginning with a selected dioceses. The overall objective of the project is to enhance the role and voice of the lay Catholic Professionals in the Church and society in Kenya. This project is timely especially at this point when Kenya is experiencing tremendous democratic reforms yet challenges still remain. The country just recently voted for a constitution that has laid much emphasis on devolution and currently it is struggling to put in place structures and institutions to support this new form of government. We feel strongly that Catholic Professionals need to be mobilized to participate in this democratization process of their country. Consolidation of the Movement in Kenya: Our ambition for the last six years has been to consolidate the movement in Kenya. We managed to set up a KMCP Diocesan Chapter in Nairobi with elected members. We have sustained contacts with the following dioceses: Eldoret, Ngong, Bungoma, Nakuru, Kakamega and Mombasa.

DIOCESE ACTIVITIES

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Kenya Movement of Catholic Professionals set out to popularize Catholic Social Teaching among Catholic/Christian professionals across the dioceses in Kenya from 2011. The first round of trainings and forums traversed the Dioceses of Bungoma, Kakamega, Homabay, Kitale, Eldoret and the Archdiocese of Nairobi ending in October 2012. This initiative was supported by Missio, enabling KMCP to rolled out a program aimed at reaching many more dioceses across the country with the same message.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.

The following were highlighted as the main objectives of the program: Popularize Catholic Social Teaching Create a platform for professionals to discuss and recommend possible solutions to societal ills based on the Social Teaching of the Catholic Church. Create awareness about the mission of KMCP, recruit members and establish more chapters of KMCP to propagate the social justice in society. Create professionals networks among Catholic Professionals The following are outcomes achieved at the dioceses;

TRAININGS IN THE DIOCESES.

Malindi and Mombasa Dioceses The first of the training was supposed to bring together three Dioceses namely Mombasa, Malindi and Garissa but due to security conditions in the dioceses of Garissa at the moment we only managed to work with Mombasa and Malindi dioceses. Travel in the Garissa region at the time was restricted due to frequent attacks. The training was held at the Catholic Institute - Malindi from the 24th – 26th May 2013 facilitated by all the 7 trained facilitators among other leaders from the Diocese. The training was also attended by the Catholic Priests from the two dioceses and the Bishop of Malindi Bishop Emmanuel Barbara. In total 46 residential participants were trained and commissioned to train other professionals and Christians in the diocese. A local KMCP leadership was also put in place to coordinate the continuity of the program. **Nyeri Archdiocese** The second training was conducted in Nyeri Dioceses with the blessings of the local ordinary Rt. Rev. Peter Kairo who commissioned the program and appointed a chaplain to work with KMCP in the dioceses for the continuity of the program. The training was held at the Caritas Centre in Nyeri and attended by some 38 residential delegates and a few who were commuting daily. Delegates were drawn from the various parishes in the diocese. During the training the facilitators and the delegates also attended mass in one of the parishes and managed to hold an awareness function for the Christians on Catholic Social Teaching and they are integrated in the daily living of the Christian person. **Nairobi Archdiocese Forum** The third forum was held in Nairobi at the Laico Regency Hotel where we invited senior government officials and diplomats to speak to them about our mission and mandate and seek their support. We managed to get close to 15 members of the National Assembly who are organized under the banner of the Catholic Members of Parliament Spiritual Initiative (CAMPSSI). We are in very close collaboration with them to date and we are running our programs together. They are chaired by Hon. Mwangi and deputized by Hon. Dr. Chris Wamalwa who recently led a delegation of Catholic Professionals and MPs to visit the Pope.

We also got the presence of the French Ambassador in Kenya and Ambassadors from Burundi and Colombia sent their messages of support but did not attend. In-attendance also was Mr. Kinuthia Wamwangi the Chairman of the Transition Authority who pleaded to work with Pax Romana KMCP to advance our mandate and Mr ... President of NACADA Bungoma Diocese The fourth and last training was carried out in the month of March 2014 in the Catholic Dioceses of Bungoma in the Western parts of the country. Delegates had been invited from various parts of the diocese with the support from the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission of the diocese. Communication was sent to all parishes and several follow up communications made prior to the event that was held between the 13th March 2014 and 16th March 2014 at the St. Patrick's Pastoral Centre in Kabula, Bungoma. A total of 33 delegates attended among them local leaders and the leadership of the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission in the Diocese. His lordship Bishop did not attend but was represented by the Diocesan Secretary Rev. Fr. Edward Odongo who delivered his homily during one of the masses he presided over.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- KMCP Trust: the registration has since been done and awaiting approval of petition and issuance of a certificate from the relevant Cabinet Secretary.
- UPR report completion.
- Launch of the School of Leadership and Common Good
- Growth in Partnerships with many stakeholders
- Growth in Individual and Group Memberships
- Increased activities at the diocese level.

CHALLENGES

- Cooperation with KCCB
- Funding
- Sustainability of the movement at the Diocese level.
- Commitment of members (Subscription fees and attendance of activities)

FUTURE PROJECTS

As part of our endeavour to realize the implementation of the CSTs programs, we would like to implement the recommendations as per our report and ask our members to make donations towards the further implementation of the same. Expansion of the project of the School of Leadership and Common Good to give our youth better skills to meet the market demands while inculcating Christian ethics in their professions. Starting of a quarterly publication; Newsletter/Magazine targeting Catholic professionals.

OUR PARTNERS

- MISSIO MUENCHEN
- CATHOLIC MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SPIRITUAL INITIATIVE (CAMPSSI).
- HAKIMANI JESUIT SOCIAL CENTRE
- DIAKONIA
- INSTITUTE CENTRE FOR RIGHTS EDUCATION AND AWARENESS
- EDMUND RICE ADVOCACY NETWORK
- FRANCISCAN INTERNATIONAL
- GAPLINK INTERNATIONAL
- PASTORALIST DEVELOPMENT NETWORK OF KENYA
- JPIC FRANCISCANS AFRICA

- CANCER AWARENESS CENTRE OF KENYA
- KENYA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (KCCB)
- YOUTH COUNCIL
- END POVERTY WITH JUSTICE INITIATIVE
- AFRICA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- MEDIA INTERNATIONAL
- CENTRE FOR EDUCATION AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT
- DEV'T THROUGH MEDIA USERS AND SURVIVORS OF PSYCHIATRY (K)
- KITUO CHA SHERIA
- PROTECTION INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN
- CENTRE FOR MINORITY RIGHTS DEVELOPMENT
- THE CAUCUS FOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP
- CATHOLIC JUSTICE AND PEACE-BUNGOMA
- REFUGEE CONSORTIUM OF KENYA
- CENTRE FOR MINORITY RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT
- HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL KENYA

DIOCESEAN REPORTS

Kitale diocese: by Stanley Siakida

The diocesan representatives indicated that they would get in touch with the existing leadership in the diocese so as to develop the movement in the diocese.

Bungoma Dioceses: Melkizedeck

There were a lot of activities going on in the diocese especially in Busia deanery. Part of the leadership in the diocese had been in Busia, Kisoko, Amukura parishes and had trained a total of 42 new members. They also indicated that they had made some cash (85000/=) collections in their effort to help the church. They were fighting to change the perception of members that KMCP is the movement of the old. The diocese invited the national office to visit them.

Nyeri diocese: Samuel Mukundi

The diocese is 3 years old having been launched by the Arc-Bishop; and it has about 20 active and regular members.

The diocese has monthly meetings every 2nd Sunday of the month.

They successfully had a workshop on CSTs (November 2011)

In January 2011 they had a recollection for all at the African bible on the ground. They had monthly activities including Legal clinics, constitution making and adoption, cancer awareness. They reported to have had good support from the national office and hoped to grow bigger.

Mombasa diocese: Dr.Mwasaru

They held successful CST project (malindi and Mombasa). They did elections and had interim officials elected. Three priests were ready to help to grow the movement in the diocese. They hope for a better group and work.

Challenges: Bishops Lele's death has slowed down many activities.

FRED WAMALWA (PHD STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN & VICE PRESIDENT FOR AFRICA, PAXROMANA-ICMICA) PRESENTATION:

Mr. Wamalwa presented a paper which was very helpful in the orientation of the participants.

Who are we?

- Founded in Rome in 1946, by the members of the International Movement of Catholic Students (PaxRomana-IMCS, 1921).
- Students were anxious to perpetuate their apostolic ideals into their adult lives after studies, so envisaged creating a Catholic movement of professionals.
- Together with IYCW, PaxRomana (ICMICA/IMCS) **sparked the creation of International Catholic Organizations (ICOs)**, ICOs played a great role in the Vatican Council II.
- Various members of **PaxRomana-ICMICA attended the deliberations of Vatican II (1962-65) as lay auditors or experts**- PaxRomana gathered over 100 national associations of students and graduates around the world for common reflection.
- Member of the Pontifical Council for the Laity; as an NGO, it has consultative status with ECOSOC, UNESCO and the Council of Europe.
- With the support of UNESCO, organised the **1st international interfaith meeting**, from Christmas to New Year in 1959-1960 in Manila, Philippine [an issue that was later picked up at the Vatican II].
- We have formed great leaders of our time- founder of EU, Gustavo Gutiérrez, Kofi Annan, Robert Mugabe, Ghana's Cardinal Peter Turkson. In Kenya- Augustine Ombati- the pioneers of St. Paul's Chaplain.

Hope and challenges of our Church Today

- The recognition of the **church as the people of God**, which calls forth the active participation and co-responsibility of the laity and all the baptized throughout the life of the church.
- **A deeper analysis on the role of women in the church**, as Pope Francis has indicated, is a major challenge for the present and future of the church.
- Special attention to the **role of youth and young professions** as both the future of the church, more so, as human capital for the church.
- **A spirituality that integrates faith and action**- coherence between church teaching (Scripture, words, theology, Catholic social teaching, etc.) and lived action (charity, advocacy, liturgy, etc.).
- A **dialogical approach** to those outside the visible Roman Catholic Church (inter-religious, ecumenical, and intercultural-dialogue) for social transformation and evangelisation. In Europe **'post-Christian era'**, in Africa **'different cultures, poverty etc'**
- Commitment and witness to justice within the church and in the church's relationship in the world. The **option for the poor** remains a central element of this commitment- that is why we speak about human rights.

Our Identity, as PaxRomana ICMICA

- Creating an understanding of the **Church as the People of God**, promoting participation of the Laity in the life of the Church, in the spirit of **Vatican II**.
- **Being a voice and witness (of Jesus Christ)** in/out of the Church, in a **prophetic style**- that is, being in what Pope Francis calls **'at the periphery/ margins/borders/frontiers'**, informed by **the universal (catholic) dimension**.
- **Denouncing injustices and human rights violations**, including speaking for and supporting those who have been victims of injustice, and uncovering the root causes of the violence- a big challenge in Africa.
- Being **an intellectual and a critical resource to society** and to the church, a role of reflection, research, animation and think-tank to the society and the Church- especially at this time of **'crises'**.
- **Promoting dialogue**, between faiths and cultures, as a witness to evangelization and enculturation of the Gospel.
- **Supporting training/formation of leaders** for our mission in the world with special attention to the youth/young professionals- support youth movements .

Structure of PaxRomana ICMICA

- **PaxRomana**- IMCS (1921) & ICMICA (1946)
- **Plenary Assembly**- highest decision-making body, meets every four years, and consists of representatives from the member federations.

- **International Council**- oversees the implementation of PA decisions and the work of the International Team, consisting of International Team and Vice Presidents
- **International Team**- the executive and co-coordinating body of the Movement, which is responsible for the implementation of the decisions and takes care of the day-to-day work of the International Secretariat. Composed of the President, Secretary General, Financial Vice-President and Chaplain.
- **Vice Presidents for each Region**- Africa, N. America, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe and Asia.
- Maintain an international office in Geneva.

Where are we in Africa?

- Team: Vice President, Chaplain, Coordinator and national federation officials.
- 19 affiliated movements
- 10 movements waiting for affiliation- Senegal, Malawi, Ethiopia, South Sudan
- Contact groups, mainly through IMCS- Egypt, Tunisia

What are we doing?

Supporting the church: latest being our contribution to the work of the committee on Curial Reforms- here were our proposals:

New strategies and structures, guided by the principles of subsidiarity and solidarity, are needed to support efforts at the parish, national, continental and global levels.

The reinstatement of structures of lay participation and dialogue at all levels in the church, including the organization of a Fourth World Congress of the Lay Apostolate and creation of a Pontifical Congregation for the Laity.

support international lay initiatives- especially initiatives concerned with training youth, students and young professionals.

The relocation of certain curial offices from Rome to other continents, as a witness and a sign of the universality of the Catholic mission and communion.

Capacity Building in Human Rights [A regional program]:

Internship program for young people – almost 15 young professionals from Africa

Universal Periodic Review (UPR), example in Kenya and Madagascar. Next cycle- Zimbabwe and Togo
Representing and advocating for the Laity at national and regional Episcopal Conferences as well as in Rome.

AMECAE, SECAM, Pontifical Council for the Laity & National Episcopal Conferences

Formation of the Laity- periodical meeting to discuss church documents – last meeting was a reflection on Evangelii Gaudium, mainly through Google-hangouts. Most activities are done at national/local levels. Example of activities at local levels: DRC – Election observation, support to young professional formation; Togo/Zambia- support to Bishops; Madagascar- UPR; Kenya- UPR/CST.

Reality in Africa/Kenya: Looking forward

- Many catholic professionals [doctors, teachers] at different levels but **not vertically and horizontally** organised. Most are in high profile positions- in and outside the public service.
- BUT, Catholic professionals have not adequately **utilized our comparative strength that lies in their professionals formation and numbers.**
- There is need **to work together under one platform**, mainly at the national and regional level, fostered by groups like KMCP, at national level and Paxromana-ICMICA, at regional and global level.
- Be **present and feasible in the local and regional Episcopal conference**, working together with the Commissions for Pastoral and Lay Apostolate [example of Tanzania/Zambia]. KMCP has tried but more needs to be done.
- **Support the local Bishops-** one idea: ‘map Catholic professionals’ and ‘mobilize them to support the church’, also, contribute to pastoral letters. Can KMCP take up this role?
- **Approach Catholic professionals in high profile position to join us- those in academia, civil service, private sector** [example of Tanzania]. Who are these people in Kenya?
- **We must be ready to donate our time, finances and human capital.**
- **Oh, we must remember that we might or might not be welcomed by the Church- but we have to keep trying!**

SUSTAINABILITY AND SELF-FINANCING FOR KMCP AND PAXROMANA: MERAB OCHIENG

Merab presented a very nice paper on this key topic so as to help the movement sustain itself for long run existence. She encouraged participants to do research so as to generate ideas and the need for the membership to start thinking out of the box for sustainability purposes.

Merab’s key presentations which allowed participants to brainstorm are as below:

Self-financing:

Self-financings one of the options that an organization has to develop a more diverse income stream.

It can also help to support programs and cover expenses that donors and grant makers do not want to fund.

How do Organizations self-finance?

- There are many different approaches to self-financing.
- Manufacture and sell products.
- Resell products.
- Offer services based on organizational skills and expertise at market prices.
- Take on contracts from the government and the private sector.
- Collect fees from members and non members in exchange for services provided to members.

Activities that have worked for other Organizations:

The following examples of self-financing activities are based on a research project that involved non-profit organizations in a number of South American countries. Most of these activities are closely linked to a specific program (e.g. health related services, agriculture) that the organizations run. Some are unrelated to its mission.

Products sales by Organizations

- Orthopedic appliance and prosthesis.
- Grains and cereals.
- Construction of low-income housing.
- Shoes, meat, dairy and silk products.
- Food and drinks (pub).
- Diverse goods (mini-market).
- Wallets and woven goods.
- Publications.
- T-shirts.
- Artistic photographs.
- Baked goods.

Sales of services by Organizations

- Rehabilitation and medical services.
- Health programs.
- Guided tours for tourists, events and theatrical productions.

- Training related to microfinance and consulting services.
- Printing related services.
- Training on the use, technical support, maintenance and repair of IT equipment
- Land use planning services for rural communities.
- Resource development training.
- Employment services.
- Language classes and volunteering programs.

This might possibly involve founding a Social Enterprise that operates separately from the traditional nonprofit activities.

Benefits of Self Financing

- More freedom to decide about what to fund
- Increased diversity of financial flows
- Increased ability to cover overhead flows
- Job creation
- Additional knowledge and skills

Preparatory work involved:

Considerable preparatory work is necessary before the organization can decide whether venturing into selling goods and services for a profit is an option that has chances to succeed. The preparatory work involves some activities that most NGOs will never have faced before, like:

- Market Research:
- Analysis of core competence

The preparation requires special knowledge and skills from those that will conduct these activities. This includes:

- i) Market Research Analysis:
 - Who are potential buyers among current contacts?
 - Are there any other prospective paying customers?
- ii) Analysis of Competence

- What are we really good at?
- How do we distinguish ourselves from competitors?
- iii) Create ideas for self-financing activities?
- iv) Conduct brainstorming activities such
 - How do other organizations generate income?
- v) Check Organizational Readiness
 - What are the barriers to profit oriented ventures?
 - How can these barriers be overcome?
- vi) Check the view of external stakeholders
 - How will grant makers and beneficiaries react?
 - How will other stakeholders and the general public react?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- a) Is KMCP ready to take up the challenge?
- b) What does KMCP need to do to embark on this process if it is ready?
- c) What are some of the ideas we have to make this a reality?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

The chairman clarified that the following would be the thematic area in 2015

- The Catholic Social Teachings phases I and II
- The family in the context of new evangelization

Month (Date)	Place (Diocese)	Event	Facilitator
February (17 - 21)	Machakos	CSTs I	NEC / Machakos leaders
February (1 st week)	Eldoret	T.C	Eldoret leaders / NEC
March	Nyeri	T.C	Nyeri leader / NEC
April	Mombasa, Malindi and Garissa	T.C	Diocesan leaders / NEC
May	Nairobi	T.C	YPG – Ruaraka
June	T.C	T.C	T.C
July	T.C	T.C	T.C
August	Bungoma	T.C	BGM leaders / NEC
September	T.C	T.C	T.C
October	Nairobi	National mass	IMCS
November	Nairobi	Dinner gala	NEC

Key: T.C – To be communicated.

Pending issues

- Paxromana day observation
- NEC capacity building
- Ecumenical week
- Kitale diocese month of event – they were to consult

ELECTION OF THE OFFICIALS FOR THE NEXT TERM:

KMCP during the last day of the Plenary (highest decision making body) culminated in the election of the following members to the National Executive Council:

- Mr. Dennis G. Ong'aria - National Chairman
- Dr. Nestor Mwasaru - Deputy National Chairman
- Ms. Delina King'asia - National Secretary General
- Mr. Benard I. Osang'ir - Deputy National Secretary General
- Ms. Irene Chege - National Treasurer
- Mr. Elvis Mang'unyi - National Publicity Secretary
- Ms. Anne Muchami - National Deputy Publicity Secretary.
- Rev. Fr. Etienne Trialle, SJ - Chaplain (not elective).

The elections were conducted by Rev. Fr. Charles Odira - National Executive Secretary - Laity and pastoral Commission - Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops (KCCB) who later commissioned the leadership during a mass he conducted.