

MINUTES OF THE XV GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ICCFM HELD IN GOA, INDIA
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

The ICCFM President Couple, verified the attendance.

1. Africa: Blazio and Judith Nangwale.
2. Asia: Mel and Emma Ricafrente.
3. Europe: Anthony and Lily Gauci.
4. Latin America: Luis Carlos and Martha Pinilla.
5. North America: Laury and John Prysbyz.
6. ICCFM President Couple: William and Esilda Cheng.
7. ICCFM Chaplain: F. Jose Majadas, OSA.
8. ICCFM Vice President Couple: Hector and Maxula Rodriguez.
9. Former ICCFM President Couple: Nop and Elma Muangkroot.

With 100% quorum, the ICCFM President Couple, William and Esilda Cheng, requested F. Jose Majadas, ICCFM Chaplain, to make the initial invocation to open the General Assembly.

In accordance with the By-Laws, a couple, not having a right to vote, was chosen to preside the Assembly. The ICCFM President Couple proposed Erwin and Nora Lopez, ex President Couple of CFM Los Angeles, who are bilingual, and they were unanimously elected. For this same reason, the ladies in charge of the translation of the XI World Encounter were requested to take notes of the General Assembly.

The Agenda previously sent to all the attendants was read and after a short discussion, it was approved as follows:

- 1. Inauguration (already done)**
2. World President Couple Report
3. Continental President Couple Reports (additional to that presented in the World Encounter)
4. Election of the site for the ICCFM XII World Encounter and the XVI General Assembly
5. Other
6. Election of the new ICCFM President Couple

2. World President Couple Report

William and Esilda stated that yesterday in the World Encounter Program they already delivered their General Report for the three years as World Presidents (attached to these Minutes) and that today they only wished to express in a concise manner their thoughts and feelings about the work performed in this position, with emphasis on the following points:

- a. In all the Continents, it is necessary to make a greater diffusion of the ICCFM, its By-Laws, Regulations and membership.
- b. They talked about the importance of the unity which must exist among the members of the Confederation. They remarked that if any part of the body is sick, the whole body feels bad. In the same manner, in this Organization, if any Continent or country does not perform its work, does not reply or has problems, everybody is affected.

- c. They made comments about the difficulties which they encountered due to lack of reply to their communications. They asked for greater support to the new President Couple in this regard; reply to their communications and prompt response to requests for reports or information.
- d. Revision and updating of the By-Laws and Regulations which have not been modified since their creation 26 years ago. The countries which are a part of this Confederation must abide by its By-Laws, if we wish to have force in our resolutions. We all, big and small, rich and poor are part of a large family working for a common objective: the construction of the Kingdom of God through the family. No matter how distant we may be from one another, our different languages, different cultures, it is important to have a conductive channel, a common objective.
- e. It is embarrassing to talk about finances, but, unfortunately, if we are not all conscious of the fact that we all must contribute, the work cannot be done due to lack of human and financial resources. Nobody is so poor that he cannot contribute something, but sometimes we deny our brethren even a smile. This is very important because there are very capable leaders who can do a good job. However, due to lack of financial resources they will never be able to occupy a leadership position and this is unjust. If everybody contributes, National, Continental and World Presidents will be able to perform in a more efficient way the work entrusted to them, visiting their corresponding areas.

The Presidents reminded all presents that when Elma and Nop were World Presidents, they suggested an annual contribution of one dollar (\$1.00) per family for the ICCFM, which the United States has punctually complied with, but which has been ignored by the majority. There was a discussion over the "annual dollar". Tony Gauci from Malta stated that lack of this contribution should not be tolerated. Mel from the Philippines requested another method for collecting this contribution, because it is complicated to do it by family and Martha of Colombia remarked that they have been doing it without any complication. The truth is that no one is so poor that he cannot contribute a dollar per annum. However, this requires motivation and a sense of belonging.

- f. They gave heartfelt thanks to those who helped them to perform their work: To Elma and Nop for their prompt replies to their many worries; to Cyril and Carmen for their generosity in accepting the challenge of holding these events in their country; to their family and work team for their support; to the countries which made their contributions and made it possible for them to be here: CFM USA, MFCC, CFM Los Angeles, Latin America, Portugal, Thailand, Philippines, Spain, Hungary, Malta and India.

3. Continental President Couples Reports (Additional to that presented in the World Encounter)

- a. **Asia Report.** Elma and Nop, former World Presidents, were requested to report their participation in the Asia and Europe Continental Encounters, to which the Chengs could not attend. They presented their report with the usual great motivation.
- b. **Europe Report.** Delivered by Tony and Lily Gauci who wished to present to the Assembly Robert and Mary Carmen Kimball as the new European President Couple, and who due to last minute personal reasons, have not been able to be present.

4. Election of the site for the ICCFM XII World Encounter and the XVI General Assembly

The ICCFM Presidents requested suggestions and immediately, Luis Carlos and Martha Pinilla, Latin American Presidents, offered their country as the next site in year 2013. The proposal was approved by everyone, leaving Colombia as the chosen site.

The proposal was made to choose the theme for the next Encounter, but Tony Gauci proposed to leave this pending until the new President Couple was elected. Hector Rodriguez, present Vice President, suggested that, irrespective of the theme chosen, it must be concrete and developed in depth.

5. Others

At Rumania's request, Tony Gauci proposed that this country be accepted as a new member of the European CFM and consequently, of ICCFM. After some discussion, it was conditionally approved subject to compliance with the pending formalities: the Bishop's letter with the petition, the names of the leaders of the Movement and copy of their By-Laws.

7. Election of the new ICCFM President Couple

The candidates, Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo of Latin America and Gary and Kay Aitchison of USA, were requested to come in front to be presented to the Assembly. Their Curriculum Vitae was not read because it had been previously sent to everybody.

Before proceeding with the vote, there were tense moments for the following reasons:

- a. Reaching an agreement on the votes required for the President election.
- b. Whether the Vice Presidents could vote.
- c. Application of the number of votes per Continent. One vote for each five countries and one more vote for a fraction.

The present Vice Presidents were not allowed to vote in spite of the fact that the two versions of the present By-Laws clearly indicate that they have a right to vote (Article 14)

Africa was allowed two votes in spite of the fact that they never reported having 6 countries in their CFM before coming to the Assembly. They were thus given a vote of confidence.

All differences were overcome in a spirit of service and peace, taking as valid 12 votes: 2 for Africa, 1 for Asia, 2 for Europe, 1 for North America, 4 for Latin America, 1 for the former Presidents and 1 for the present Presidents.

The voting was done resulting in 7 votes for Gary and Kay Aitchison and 5 for Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo.

A second vote was taken, with the same result. Before taking the third vote, Jorge and Rosalinda left the Assembly, for which reason Gary and Kay were proclaimed as the new World President Couple for the new period 2011-2013.

This was a moment of congratulations and photographs and, since it was very late, the choice of the theme for the next General Assembly in 2013 was left as a responsibility of the new World Presidents, Gary and Kay and their work team who will do it in consultation and communication with the Continental President Couples.

The Assembly was closed with a prayer.