

# **NORTH AMERICAN CARIBBEAN GROUP BYLAWS (revised August 2019)**

## **Chapter I: Nature and Purpose of the NACG**

**Section 1** – The North American Caribbean Group (NACG) is the coordinating body of the Cursillo in Christianity Movement (CCM) at the international level.

**Section 2** – The NACG is a service organization. The service it provides to the National Secretariats operates according to these bylaws per the Statutes of the OMCC.

**Section 3** – The objectives of the NACG are to:

- a) promote unity of understanding of the essence of the CCM among the National Secretariats from them;
- b) assist the National Secretariats to achieve their objectives;
- c) promote the Movement in countries where the CCM does not exist or is dormant within the geographical area of the NACG;
- d) distribute all information from the OMCC activities to all the National Secretariats;
- e) preserve the CCM in its faithfulness to its charism;
- f) encourage the study of the literature of the CCM; ***including its charism as resolved at the 5th World Encounter in Korea, 1997, and in accordance with OMCC Statute, Chapter VI, Article 11 (c), which says to base our actions on the FICM and the resolutions of the World Encounters.***
- g) be associated with the other International Groups of the OMCC—namely the Asia Pacific Group (APG), European Group of Cursillo of Christianity (GECC), and Latin American Group of Cursillo of Christianity (GLCC);

## **Chapter II : Composition and Role of the NACG**

**Section 4** – The NACG is formed by the National Secretariats within the countries of the geographical area of the NACG recognized by their respective Episcopal Conferences ***and/or the Dicastery of the Laity, Family and Life***, and approved by the OMCC. This includes all language groups of the Cursillo Movement.

- a) The services of the NACG will be provided by its own Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Spiritual Advisor, Secretary, and Treasurer. This Executive Committee is appointed by the National Secretariat of the country elected to be the co-ordinating country of the NACG.
- b) The co-ordinating country for the NACG will be elected every 4 years (coinciding with the election of the seat of the OMCC) by an absolute majority of the National Secretariats which it represents. If necessary the present Coordinating Country may serve another term subject to approval of all members of the NACG.
- b) Each National Secretariat or group may only belong to one International Group and is entitled to one vote. Voting by proxy is permitted.
- d) The Coordinator of NACG shall prepare a report on activities accomplished and planned every 2 years to present at the ordinary meeting of OMCC.

### **Chapter III: Services of the NACG Executive Committee**

**Section 5** – The NACG Executive Committee will render the following services:

- a) Maintain communications with the National Secretariats of the NACG Countries
- b) Periodically organize an Encounter of the NACG
- c) Will summon all countries of the NACG to the Encounter
- d) when voting is necessary the President will summon representatives from all the countries. Voting by proxy is permitted.

**Section 6** – Publications

- a) The publication of a newsletter is encouraged
- b) All publications are to be shared with the OMCC

### **Chapter IV: Financing of the NACG**

**Section 7** – The National Secretariats will share equally all expenses of the yearly budget of the NACG.

- a) ***Each National Secretariat will pay their NACG dues annually, no later than February 15th each year, to the Treasurer of the NACG Executive Committee according to the sliding scale as agreed upon by the NACG or otherwise approved.***
- b) At the end of the four-year term, the Treasurer of the outgoing Executive Committee of the NACG will submit a Financial report of the income and expenditures with supporting documents.

### **Chapter V: Amendments to the Bylaws of the NACG**

**Section 8** – These Bylaws may be revised at any meeting of the NACG provided they pass by a 2/3 majority of the voting members.