

MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST (MFC) INTERNATIONAL BODY OF COUNSELORS (IBC)

The IBC is a body that helps the Servant General (SG) oversee the worldwide life and work of MFC. To better handle a more massive work of evangelization throughout the world, Continent Coordinators (CoC) and Diaspora Coordinators (DC) are appointed by the SG.

The composition of the IBC is as follows:

(1) Continent Coordinators (CoC).

- * The world is divided into 7 continents or parts thereof, as follows: Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, Indian Subcontinent, Middle East and Oceania.¹ Each is represented by a CoC.
- * The role of the CoC is to assist the SG in overseeing our worldwide work.

(2) Diaspora Coordinators (DC).

- * “Diaspora” refers to a people that are living outside their original homeland.
- * The role of the DC is to work at the evangelization of the particular ethnic/national groups living in the different countries throughout the world.²

(3) Top LCSC resource persons. These are the Moderator and the LCSC World Coordinators (West, Central, East).

(4) International Mission Coordinator.

(5) Country Servant (CoS) of the Philippines.

The role of the IBC:

(1) The IBC assists the SG in the worldwide work as an advisory body.

(2) Its members are not in direct governance, unless given the corresponding authority by the SG, but do act as representatives of the SG.³

(3) Its members also function as counselors to the SG.⁴

(4) Its members look to seeing how MFC can be established in the different countries in the continent or region where it is not yet present.

The IBC meets with the SG once a year.

¹ Such subdivision may be reconfigured by the SG.

² The whole idea is for our well-established national groups (e.g., India) to reach out to their countrymen living in other countries, much as the Filipinos did.

³ As representatives of the SG, they carry the moral authority of the SG, even as they do not directly tell people what to do (though they can discuss anything and even give recommendations).

⁴ Counsel, whether solicited or unsolicited, may be given at any time, and the SG is just an email away.

- * The meeting is to be held in different parts of the world on rotation basis,⁵ with the respective continent as host.⁶
- * The agenda is decided by the SG, given inputs by IBC members.
- * Spouses of IBC members are part of this meeting.
- * The SG may invite other leaders to participate if deemed appropriate.

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⁵ Travel expenses (fare and visa cost) of CoCs are paid for by the continent, to be shared among the countries of the continent.

⁶ The CoC, in consultation with the CCs and CoSs of the different countries of the continent, decide on the country and/or area of a country to do the hosting, with the concurrence of the SG. The host continent provides for the venue, logistics, stay, food and fellowship of the IBC members, with expenses shared by the countries of the continent.