

Missionary Families of Christ INTERNATIONAL BODY OF COUNSELORS (IBC)

The IBC is a body that helps the Servant General (SG) oversee the worldwide life and mission 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. 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.¹

(3) Country Servant (CoS) of the Philippines.²

The role of the IBC:

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

(2) Its members³ are not in direct governance, unless given the corresponding authority by the SG, but do act as representatives of the SG.⁴

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

(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, on rotation basis in different parts of the world, as follows:

- * Every 3 years in the Philippines, to coincide with the meeting of the International Core of Seniors (ICS). The other 2 years in a country other than the Philippines, to be hosted by the continent.
- * 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.

¹ For now, these diasporas are the Hispanics/Latinos, Indians, Indonesians and Vietnamese. More can be added as our MFC membership of particular nationalities increase and as country groups become more capable of reaching out to other diasporas. The whole idea is for our well-established national groups (e.g., India and Vietnam) to reach out to their countrymen living in other countries, much as the Filipinos did.

² In consideration of the status of the Philippines as the center of the worldwide work, being the country of original founding of MFC in 1981.

³ That is, as members of the IBC.

⁴ 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).

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