

# Youth & Young Adults Ministries of Đồng Hành-CLC

## A 3-year vision

### I. VISION

We are a ministry which empowers young people to search and discover their inner fire in order to live out a spiritual journey with meaning and purpose. By being fully alive, we seek to bring about God's Kingdom through community and service.

### II. MISSION

To cultivate youth and young adults drawn by Christ's love as to respond in whole-hearted service and evangelization<sup>1</sup>.

### III. TEAM

The National Team, which operates from ĐH's model of "empowering growth," consists of at least two representatives from each Region (Vùng):

1. Adults who have the experience and knowledge of Ignatian spirituality and community development as well as graced with the passion, disposition, and charisma to serve youth and young adults, and;
2. Youth and young adults who heed the call to represent and serve their peers, marked by a genuine love of Christ while sensitive to their own cultures.

### IV. OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

To build a strong foundation of growth in the following three dimensions:

1. Ignatian Spirituality – Foster deeper relationship with God through:
  - a. Annual retreats for each small community (nhóm);
  - b. Thao Luyện Nhẹ Nhàng (Lightworks), Mt St Helen's, and other 18th Annotation experiences through individual CLC's (nhóm) or other kinds of groups;
  - c. Days of prayer, recollections, prayer experiences for parishes.
2. Formation – Form and cultivate within Đồng Hành:
  - a. Leaders grounded in Cura Personalis ("Care of the whole person"), discerning love, and sensitivity of the culture(s) of youth and young adults. These youth leaders are helped to discover their Vietnamese Catholic American identities while young adults are helped to discover their personal vocations;
  - b. Groups rooted as "friends in the Lord" striving to become communities with a strong discerning sense of mission;

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<sup>1</sup> Evangelization does not necessary mean converting others to Catholicism. It mainly involves bringing people to Christ, helping them adopt Gospel values, regardless of their faith. It can also be understood as drawing out Christ in people.

3. Mission & Service – Discerning focused communal outreach to:
  - a. The marginalized, the poor, and other social justice efforts;
  - b. Develop Retreat Ministries: high school aged (e.g. Kairos, Ephata), 20's and 30's (e.g. Abba, Encountering Jesus, Caritas), Silent (e.g. weekend, 3-8 days preached, guided, and directed retreats), and 19th Annotation Retreats (SEEL);
  - c. Youth and young adults beyond Đồng Hành by training local Retreat Teams and leaders to serve this age group.

## **V. GOALS AND TIMELINE**

These goals are foundational rather than comprehensive; that is, they aim at establishing the beginning of a solid infrastructure of growth that can blossom into mature programs. Close collaboration and partnership with Đồng Hành's Formation Team is envisioned in order to:

1. Organize and implement regular national gatherings (e.g. Betania, Friends in the Lord, YaYA Gathering in July 2007) to further unity and common vision.
2. Establish YaYA Ministries Teams (National and Regional) by June 2008 as well as develop an effective way to form members of these Teams in "empowering growth."
3. To continually develop an active YaYA website and explore collaboration with YaYA of CLC-USA.
4. Develop and implement a strong formation program for youth and young adult groups that can effectively transition into adult communities by January 2010.
5. Form and support five strong YaYA groups shaped by 15 strong leaders in each Region by January 2010.
6. Provide annual retreats for each group that is sensitive to its formation by January 2010.
7. Grow Retreat Ministries (high school, 20's and 30's) for each Region by January 2010.

## **VI. FINANCIAL RESOURCES NEEDED**

1. Cost to fly members of the YaYA National Ministries Team to attend 2 meetings a year (one with the National Formation Team) and the other among themselves: \$7,000.
2. Scholarship for youths and young adults to attend a YaYA National Gathering: \$5,000.
3. Cost to fly members of the YaYA National Ministries Team to train Regional YaYA Teams: provided by the Regions.
4. Scholarships for YaYA to attend retreats: as much as possible.