

# CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY



WELCOME TO OUR

## September 2025 Newsletter



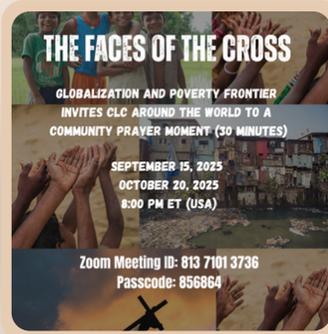
September was a month of grace-filled gatherings, transitions, and deepening commitments across CLC-USA. The Ignis Core Team met in person for a weekend of reflection and discernment clarifying roles, and refining structure. We offered prayers for Kim Pham and his family, lifted up the ongoing work of the Global Safeguarding Committee, and gave thanks for the Family Frontier's continued accompaniment. Communities entered the Season of Creation with renewed care for our common home, while KCLC Chicago and Dong Hanh hosted vibrant local gatherings that nurtured connection and mission. As we welcomed new leaders and prepared for fall assemblies, we remained rooted in collaboration, spiritual integration, and the quiet movement of the Spirit.



In this newsletter you will find:

**Regional, National, Frontier News, Events & Happenings**

# UPCOMING *Events*



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what's on our hearts, guided by our  
Frontier themes: Peace, Human  
Dignity, Race, Migration & Poverty

*Sept.*

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2025  
8:00 PM ET



## *NW Regional Retreat*

The Northwest Region is planning  
their annual retreat to be held at the  
Alton Collins Retreat Center, Eagle  
Creek, OR. ✉ Sarah Owens or  
info@clc-usa.com

*October*

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## PRAYERS FOR KIM PHAM

Please join us in lifting up **Kim Pham**, our **NCC representative for the Missouri region**, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Kim lives in St. Louis, Missouri, and has asked for our prayers as he begins treatment.

A **GiveInKind** page has been created to share messages of support and prayer:

[Together with Kim in Christ](#)

With Kim and his family's blessing, we hope to share updates on his health journey in the future. For now, this space is open for members to offer their thoughts, prayers, and encouragement.

From Kitty Gray's recent visit with Kim on August 25th:

*"Though physically weakened, Kim welcomed me with grace and warmth. We sat together at the kitchen table—his sacred space of reflection and faith."*

*"Kim spoke with deep conviction about Jesus' suffering, repeating with quiet strength, 'May His will be done.' He shared a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary during his PET scan, appearing in blue and extending her hands toward him—a moment he received as a sign of divine accompaniment."*

*"His faith was not shaken by the diagnosis. Instead, it was illuminated. Kim expressed complete trust in God's plan, saying that whatever comes, he knows he is held in love."*

*Let us pray...*

*Creator God, our Savior Jesus, and most Holy Spirit, grant us we pray, that our brother and servant leader Kim feel your loving presence as he battles cancer. Show us, his friends, how to support and accompany him as you would have us do. Bring compassionate wisdom and ideas to his doctors.*

*Most Blessed Mother Mary, hold Kim in your loving embrace and bring him and his family comfort in these days.*

*Together we pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. 🙏*



# GLOBALIZATION & POVERTY TEAM

## 🙏 Monthly Virtual Prayer Gathering

Join us for a 30-minute national prayer time each month.

We'll pray together and briefly share what's on our hearts, guided by our Frontier themes: Peace, Human Dignity, Race, Migration & Poverty

**When:** Third Monday of the month at 8:00 PM (Eastern)

 **Upcoming Dates:** September 15 & October 20

 Zoom links posted at: [clc-usa.com/globalization-poverty](https://clc-usa.com/globalization-poverty)

**All are welcome!**

## 🏠 National Support Project: The Samaritan.City

An invitation to serve our housing-insecure brothers and sisters.

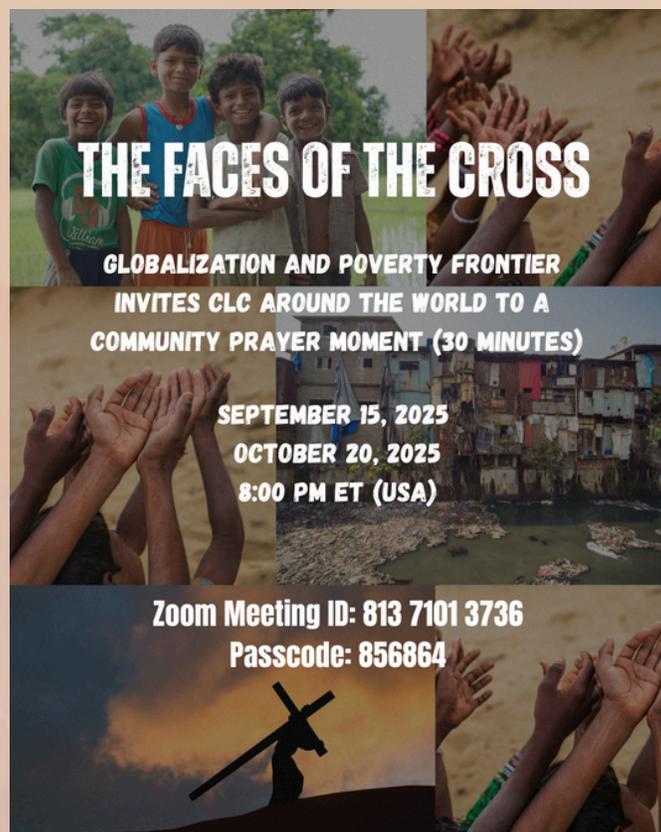
This simple, powerful initiative lets us pray for, affirm, and support those facing homelessness. 🙏 Learn more: Watch the founder's story

✉ Interested in helping? Contact Murray Dalziel (Mid-Atlantic Region, Baltimore):

✉ [murray.dalziel@gmail.com](mailto:murray.dalziel@gmail.com)

## 💬 Regional NCC Members

Please share these opportunities widely – small steps can make a big impact.



**THE FACES OF THE CROSS**  
GLOBALIZATION AND POVERTY FRONTIER  
INVITES CLC AROUND THE WORLD TO A  
COMMUNITY PRAYER MOMENT (30 MINUTES)  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025  
OCTOBER 20, 2025  
8:00 PM ET (USA)  
Zoom Meeting ID: 813 7101 3736  
Passcode: 856864

# Global Safeguarding Committee Launches First Meeting



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY  
COMMUNAUTÉ DE VIE CHRÉTIENNE  
COMUNIDAD DE VIDA CRISTIANA

We're proud to share that **Lily De Leon** is serving as the **USA representative** on the newly formed **CVX-CLC Global Safeguarding Committee**. The committee held its **first meeting on August 23rd**, marking an important step forward in our shared commitment to safety and care across the global community.

This international committee includes one representative from each of the following regions:

-  Africa
-  Asia
-  Europe
-  Latin America
-  North America (English)
-  North America (Spanish - Mexico)

Their mission is to review and update **STANDING ORDER 16 (SO16): CVX-CLC – Protection for Minors and Vulnerable Persons Against Abuse**.

We hold this work in prayer and gratitude, recognizing the importance of safeguarding all members of our communities with compassion, accountability, and integrity.



# SEASON OF CREATION 2025: “PEACE WITH CREATION”



Each year, **CLC joins people of faith across the globe** to honor the **Season of Creation**, a sacred time to reflect on our relationship with the Earth and respond to the cry of Creation. This year’s biblical focus, *Isaiah 32:14–18*, offers a poignant image of desolation—cities laid waste, peace disrupted—reminding us that **injustice fractures both human and ecological harmony**.

“Creation will find peace when justice is restored.” Hope, in the biblical sense, is active: it calls us to **pray, act, change, and reconcile**—with Creation and with the Creator—through **unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity**.

## **Online Opportunity: Environment and Spirituality Summit**

Join the 2025 Annual Environment and Spirituality Summit hosted by Faith in Place, featuring keynote speaker **Robin Wall Kimmerer**. Held online **September 29–30**, this summit explores the theme “*Strong and Supported*”, with sessions on healing the Earth and building a more just world.

## Resources for Liturgical Integration:

- [Season of Creation 2025](#)
- [Liturgical Guide: “Peace with Creation”](#) by Fr. Jim Hug, S.J.

Let this Season be a time of **spiritual renewal and prophetic action**, as we continue the journey of *Laudato Si’*, ten years strong and still unfolding.



**PEACE  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Garden of Peace  
Isaiah 32:14-18



# Bringing the Examen to Families – Watch the Recordings!

**Have you been wondering how to use the Examen as a prayer resource for your family?**

Members of the **Family Frontier** and **Ignis Ministries** have come together to explore this very question, thoughtfully adapting the Examen to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of children across different age groups.

Recognizing that **faith and emotional development evolve over time**, the team designed a program that supports families in integrating the Examen into daily life. As presenters and tech support collaborated, many shared that the process deepened their own prayer practices and helped them reflect on how the Examen could be a meaningful tool within their own families.

Those who attended the live session described the content as helpful and inspiring, sparking reflections on parenting, prayer, and the desire to nurture spiritual growth in their homes.

 **Main Session** (1 hr 20 mins):

An introduction to **Ignatian spirituality and the Examen**, adapted for use with children. Includes:

- Overview of emotional and spiritual development from **toddlers to grade school**
- Two breakout sessions:
  - One for **toddlers–Pre-K**
  - One for **children ages 6–11**
- Concluding discussion
  - Watch the full session: [Bringing the Examen to Families](#)

 **Youth Breakout Session** (20 mins):

A separate session for **middle school, high school, and young adults**, offering age-appropriate guidance for practicing the Examen.

View here: [Middle–High School Examen](#)

 **Resource List Available:**

To support families in adapting the Examen, a curated list of books, videos, music, and art for children and adults is available.

Request a copy by emailing: [familyfrontier@clc-usa.com](mailto:familyfrontier@clc-usa.com)

The team is discerning future sessions to further explore how the Examen can be a source of grace, connection, and spiritual depth for families. Stay tuned—and feel free to share your reflections or suggestions!

# ✨ KCLC CHICAGO: A PILGRIMAGE ROOTED IN SILENCE AND SPIRIT

From **July 30 to August 2**, members of the **KCLC Chicago community** gathered in **Montserrat, Spain** for a **silent retreat** led by **Fr. Gabriel Lim, SJ**. Nestled in the sacred mountains, the retreat offered space for deep reflection, spiritual renewal, and communal silence.

Following the retreat, the group embarked on a **pilgrimage through sites rich in Ignatian and Catholic history**, including:

- Lourdes
- Loyola
- Manresa
- Pamplona
- Fatima

In total, **twenty-five pilgrims** journeyed together, drawing inspiration from the life of St. Ignatius and the enduring legacy of faith across these holy places. The experience was marked by **prayer, companionship, and a profound sense of grace**.

May the fruits of this pilgrimage continue to nourish the hearts of all who participated—and ripple outward into their communities.



# ☀️ DONG-HANH REGIONAL GATHERINGS – LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Over Labor Day weekend, **Dong-Hanh communities in Canada, the Midwest, and the Southwest** came together for their regional gatherings, united under the shared theme:

**“Becoming Beacons of Hope.”**

With joy and gratitude, we give thanks to God for a **grace-filled weekend**—a time rich in **blessings, companionship, and fellowship**. These gatherings offered space for reflection, renewal, and the strengthening of bonds across regions.

May the light kindled in each community continue to shine brightly, guiding us in hope and mission.



← Midwest Region

Canada →



← Southwest Region



# **DONG HANH X IGNIS MINISTRIES**

YOUNG ADULT ENGAGEMENT – SOUTHWEST & MIDWEST REGIONS

## Southwest Region – HMV Gathering

Hosted in the **Dong Hanh Southwest**, this vibrant weekend brought together **30 young adults**, spanning from undergrads to young families. Among them were:

- **8 members of Olea**
- **2 members of Galilea**
  - These are the two young adult groups Ignis Ministries has been mentoring over the past three years.



### ◆ Ignis-led Young Adult Session Highlights:

- Reflected on the **charisms of CLC**
- Rewrote the **General Principles (GPs)** in fresh, relatable language
- Created **CLC commercials** inspired by the GPs
- Shared personal stories of how **CLC has touched our lives**

It was a weekend filled with **faith, creativity, and fellowship**, leaving hearts renewed and connections deepened.

– *Bethany Vu*



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## Midwest Region – Labor Day Weekend

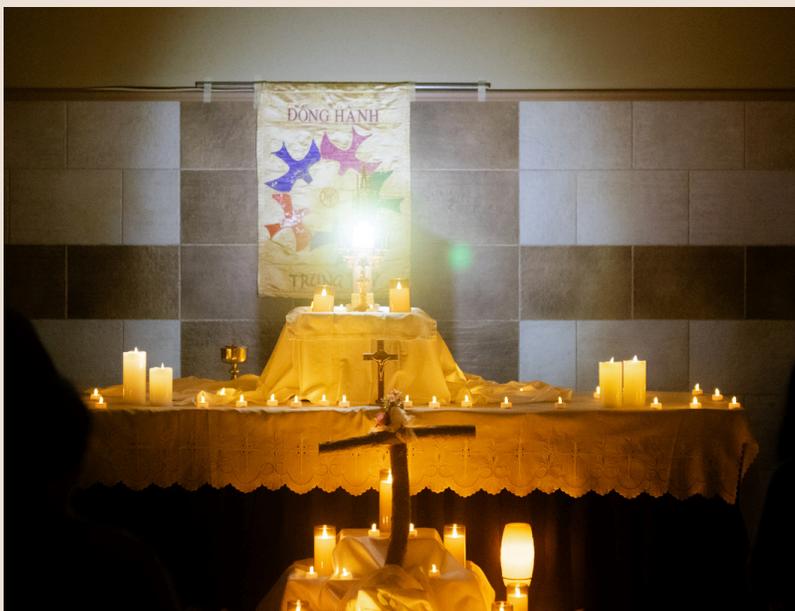
Over the holiday weekend, **15 young adults** gathered in the **Dong Hanh Midwest** region. While most were familiar with Dong Hanh, many had not yet committed to a specific CLC small group.

### ◆ Ignis-led Young Adult Session Highlights:

- Reflected on their **graced history** through the lens of the Gospel passage: *The Road to Emmaus*
- Explored where they felt most drawn and where they longed for **greater support and inclusion**
- Created space for **vulnerability and discernment**
- Rejoined the larger community to share insights and hopes

The response from the broader Dong Hanh community was **welcoming and affirming**, fostering a sense of belonging and shared purpose.

- John Tran



# IGNIS MINISTRIES

## OUR YOUNG ADULTS SERVING CLC IN USA

★ Graced by the Year Past, Grounded for the Year Ahead

Last month, the Ignis Core Team gathered in person for our annual reflection and planning weekend. With the spiritual accompaniment of our Ecclesial Assistant, Fr. Manh Tran, SJ, we entered into a rhythm of prayer, discernment, and deep listening. The weekend was filled with grace—naming the consolations of the past year and opening ourselves to the Spirit’s invitation for what’s next.

At our in-person gathering, we:

- 🧑‍🎓 Reflected on the past year and discerned next steps
- 🛠️ Clarified roles and refined structures for sustainability
- 📅 Aligned our programming year with the Feast of St. Ignatius
- 🌱 Committed to hybrid leadership, spiritual integration, and responsive programming

### 🙏 Transitions with Gratitude

We offer heartfelt thanks to:

- John Tran and Huy Nguyen – stepping away from the Core Team
- Timothy Nguyen – stepping down from the Small Group Formation sub-team

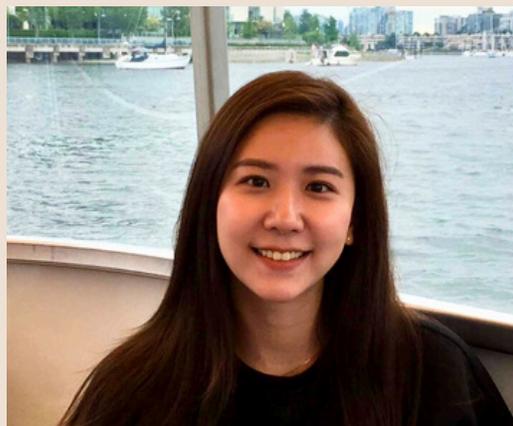
Your leadership has been a gift. Thank you for the time, care, and spirit you’ve poured into Ignis. See you down the road!

### 🙌 Welcoming New Core Team Members

We’re excited to welcome:

- Jason Vu from Dong Hanh Southwest
- Tess Lee from KCLC

We look forward to sharing the journey ahead with you both!



# ST. IGNATIUS BOSTON YOUNG ADULT CLC: A PSALM OF HOPE AND INTENTION

The young adult CLC group from **St. Ignatius in Boston** gathered recently to share an **Examen**, reflect on their **hopes and dreams for the year**, and deepen their sense of community. Their vision includes **retreats, Emmaus walks, service opportunities**, and more ways to grow together in faith and friendship.

In a moment of creative prayer, members—**Nigel, Carmela, Johnny, Matthew, and Michel**—wrote a collective **Psalm**, each contributing a line from their personal sharing. The result was a moving reflection on strength, trust, justice, and praise:

*O God, I hear You say “I will give you strength that you never knew you had.”  
I hear You say “I will prepare you for every emotion so you can get up every time  
you fall. I will prepare you for any bad thing that will come your way.”  
Teach me to trust in Your surprises that let me know You are close even when I  
think You are far, to not give up hope.*

*O God, please be with those who are persecuted, those affected by unjust  
systems who are scared and alone. Show us the way out and to love our  
neighbor.*

*Help me to maximize my finite time with intentionality and grace.*

*You are a glowing light amidst the darkness.*

*Give us strength for the Winter.*

*Praise God with loud sounding cymbals.*

