

## Sharing our CLC Callings and Journeys

(An excerpt from the "World CLC Day 2014" issue of *Projects*, a World CLC publication)

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We grow together; we are not alone; we share in one another's joys and sufferings. For example, we share in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East who experience the impact of war and violence. We share in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in South Sudan, some who have been forced to flee their homes and live in open-air fields, in makeshift housing of cardboard and sheets. We share in the suffering of those whose family members have been kidnapped and/or murdered due to injustices in their countries.

We share in the joys, too! We celebrate with those families who welcome a newborn baby! We celebrate the victories of communities who have organized to educate children who would not otherwise receive an education. We share the joy of communities who touch the lives of people in meaningful ways, such as in marriage renewal programs and youth retreats. Together as CLC, we recognize the call to go deeper, using those Ignatian practices of prayer and openness, and in listening to where the Holy Spirit is moving us. Together, we hear God's invitation to live out more deeply the vocation as lay people engaged in the world, giving witness to Christ's message of love and peace and joy.

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