



Listening to the
Movement



A SYNODAL MOVEMENT IN MISSION

Fruits of the Synodal Listening Process



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RENEWING OUR VALUES, VISION AND PURPOSE



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PREFACE

FROM ITS EARLIEST DAYS, Jesus Youth movement has held onto a promise the Lord gave us: *“I will raise you step by step.”* The 41-year journey of grace that has unfolded is a testament to this promise. The Lord has faithfully led us, step by step, from a small beginning in Kerala to communities across India and, to the corners of the world.

As we now look toward the **great Jubilee of Redemption in 2033** and our **Golden Jubilee in 2035**, we pause to ask: *How is the movement called to move forward? How can we prepare for these milestones in spirit and mission?*

The past two years have been a time of grace as we embarked on an extraordinary journey of **“Listening to the Movement.”** This was more than a consultation—it was a pilgrimage of conversion, echoing the path of the *synodal Church* envisioned by Pope Francis: a Church that listens, walks together, and discerns the voice of the Holy Spirit.

At the **International Council meeting in Dubai (May 2023)**, the team sensed the Spirit inviting us to prayerfully reflect on our way forward—a **Kairos moment** for renewal. This renewal begins with foundational questions: *Who are we? How do we deepen our roots? How do we hand on this grace to the next generation?*

Across more than **40 countries**, thousands of young people, families, leaders, clergy, and consecrated persons entered into a **“Conversation in the Spirit”**—a rhythm of silence, prayer, dialogue, and discernment. The fruits gathered were not statistics but signs of grace—echoes of the Spirit calling Jesus Youth to renewal in three deeply interconnected areas.



LISTENING TO THE MOVEMENT A SYNODAL JOURNEY



Jesus Youth

RENEWING OUR VALUES, MISSION AND PURPOSE

2023-2025

[May 2023] INSPIRATIONS FOR RENEWAL

Jesus Youth International Council meets in Dubai with the Vision Forum - inspirations for a renewal of the movement



Jun 2023– Feb 2024 CONSULTATIONS

Consultations with senior leaders, clergy for guidance and direction



Feb 2024 THE METHOD

JY adopts synodal listening as the method, drawing from the Synod on Synodality

Mar – Jun 2024 ORIENTATION

Introduction to the process, Demo sessions, Training of Agents of Listening



Aug 2024–Feb 2025 CONVERSATIONS IN THE SPIRIT

Small group conversations - 40 Countries, 800 small groups, 8000 participants



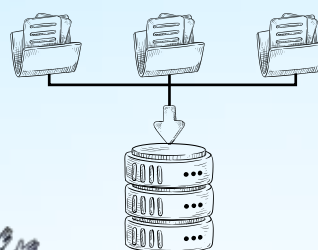
Feb– July 2025 CONSOLIDATIONS

Synthesis and discernment at various levels -Zonal, Regional, National, Continental



Aug– Oct 2025 PREPARATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Consolidated data for International Assembly



July 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONSOLIDATION

International consolidation in Thailand, 29 key leaders from around the globe



CONTINUE TO BUILD THE KINGDOM WITH GREATER CLARITY AND RENEWAL

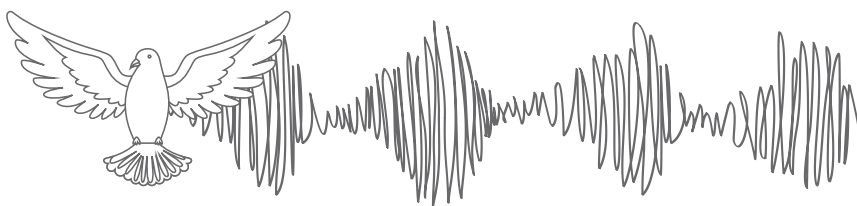
Delegates return to their countries with greater clarity and participate in the way forward plan. New iCouncil entrusted to support the efforts.



Nov 2025 JY INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

All delegates come together, representing their countries, to finalise the way forward plans in a spirit of prayer, listening and dialogue.





The Process

A Journey of Listening

THROUGH PRAYER AND CONSULTATION, it became clear that the Lord desired something deeper than reports or activities. He was calling us to a **renewal from the grassroots**, to translate His will into the daily realities of our movement.

From the outset, we recognised that this was a spiritual process rather than merely a strategic one. In harmony with the Church's synodal journey, we too felt called to listen deeply – to the Word of God, to each other in order to know “what the Spirit is saying to the Churches” (Rev 2: 29).

As the Final Document of the Synod reminds us, “Synodality is a path of spiritual renewal and structural reform that enables the Church to be more participatory and missionary, so that it can walk with every man and woman, radiating the light of Christ.” (FD 28)

With this conviction, the Listening to the Movement process began – with a simple yet profound invitation:

to ‘listen to the Holy Spirit by listening to others,’

as Pope Francis exhorted.

Small, prayer-filled gatherings took place in homes, parishes, universities, and communities, reaching nearly **8,000 participants** across about **800 sessions** worldwide. Many shared that it was the first time they had truly felt heard and free to open their hearts in **prayerful dialogue**.

This synodal style of listening—attentive to the Spirit’s movement within and among us—awakened something deep in our charism. It rekindled our original culture of **listening, discernment, and spiritual dialogue**, highlighted as the very DNA of the movement (Synodality in JY - Intl Assembly 2022).

Preparation was key. **Facilitators (Agents of Listening)** were identified, oriented, and supported so the process could unfold gently and meaningfully within each local context. These efforts allowed every region to discern what the Spirit was saying to Jesus Youth **in their own soil**.

Across all these encounters, one truth emerged: **the Spirit is leading us forward**. This process is not a conclusion but a beginning—a way of life that must continue, helping us remain attentive to the God who speaks through every person.



Consolidation and Discernment

The Voice of the Movement

The next phase involved reviewing and discerning the fruits of listening.

Consolidation meetings were held at zonal, regional, national, and cross-country levels, allowing respective teams to identify new areas of focus and mission clarity.

At every stage, **prayer and discernment** were central, ensuring that this was not simply coordination, but a true journey of the Spirit.

To deepen reflection, five teams were formed, focussing on the five major themes that emerged:

1. **Charism and Spirituality** - Rediscovering the heart and identity of Jesus Youth.
2. **Youth Focus** - Renewing our call as a youth-centred missionary movement.
3. **Family and Community Life** - Strengthening relationships and accompaniment.
4. **Formation and Leadership** - Deepening growth and guidance structures.
5. **Mission and Structures** - Reorienting systems, communication, and outreach.



Each group produced discussion papers and proposals, refined through prayerful discernment and **international** consultation. The process culminated in **Bangkok**, where **29 leaders from across the globe** gathered in prayerful dialogue to discern the Spirit's invitations.

Way Forward



A call to deeper conversion

THROUGH THIS GLOBAL JOURNEY, it became clear that what the Lord asks of Jesus Youth today is **not mere refinements but conversion**—a turning of hearts, relationships, and systems toward Christ, so that we may serve the Church more faithfully as a missionary movement.

Amid the diversity of reflections, a unifying pattern emerged. The Spirit was calling us to **three interwoven conversions**—of life, systems, and mission.

1. Conversion of Life and Communion - Rediscovering Our Foundations

A call to return to our true identity and purpose, deepening communion with Christ and with one another, and renewing our spiritual roots.

2. Conversion of Systems - Renewing to Serve

An invitation to transform the way we lead, work, and communicate—so that every structure serves people and mission with greater freedom, transparency, and simplicity.

3. Conversion of Mission - Rekindling the Missionary Flame

An invitation to rekindle our passion for evangelisation – reaching the poor, the marginalised, and today’s young generation, while radiating the joy of the Gospel through the simplicity and ordinariness of daily life with creativity, courage, and love.

Each conversion draws us back to the **Source—Christ Himself**. True renewal is not about novelty

but **fidelity**: a return to prayer, communion, simplicity, and missionary zeal.

This is not a plan but a **spiritual awareness**—a call to deeper transformation, to become a movement that listens, discerns, and walks in ongoing conversion. As the Final Document of the Synod reminds us: *“The synodal journey calls us to conversion and reform.”* And Pope Francis reminds us: *“The protagonist of the Synod is not us, but the Holy Spirit.”*

The **Listening to the Movement** journey has been more than a process; it has been a **grace-filled encounter with the Spirit**. Through listening, prayer, and dialogue, we have rediscovered our identity and mission, and the joy of walking together as one missionary family.

The way forward is clear: to live the **threefold conversion**—of life and communion, of systems, and of mission. This conversion calls each Jesus Youth to return to Christ, rekindle the founding spirit of simplicity and zeal, and witness Him creatively in today’s world.

As we journey toward **2033 and 2035**, this document stands as both **testimony and roadmap**. It reminds us that the Lord is not merely renewing our structures but transforming our hearts.

With **Mary, the Mother of Evangelisation**, we entrust this new phase to the **Holy Spirit**, that Jesus Youth may continue to be a **sign of joy, communion, and missionary hope** in the Church and in the world.



Conversion of Life and Communion



Rediscovering Our Foundations

1.1 Background

The renewal of the Jesus Youth movement, as envisioned in *Conversion of Life and Communion*, calls for a return to the heart of our charism, spirituality, and identity. This transformative journey is grounded in six key areas:

- ▶ Understanding the movement's identity in its spirituality and charism.
- ▶ Renewing our youth-centred mission.
- ▶ Strengthening families as vibrant missionary communities.
- ▶ Cultivating authentic fellowship through safe spaces, vulnerability, and testimonies.
- ▶ Fostering accompaniment and intercultural friendships.
- ▶ Prioritising effective formation for all members.

As the *Final Document of the Synodal Process* reminds us,

**“Every new step
in the life of the
Church is a return
to the source”**

(For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission).

In a similar way, the *Listening to the Movement process*, through the voice of the global movement, reminds us that true renewal begins not with programmes or strategies, but with a return to our identity— a return to Christ, our origins, and the charism that first ignited Jesus Youth.

Central to this renewal is the thoughtful and patient accompaniment of young people. The Synodal Church highlights that youth seek not only guidance but also trusted companions who journey with them in discernment, freedom, and faith. Likewise, families within Jesus Youth are not passive recipients of ministry but active witnesses, called to embody missionary communities.

Moreover, we are reminded that *“no one can progress on the path of authentic spirituality alone.”* Spiritual companionship – through mentors, elders, peers, and community – is essential for growth in holiness and mission. Formation is not optional; it is a shared responsibility that guides every member toward mature discipleship. By fostering authentic Christ-centred fellowship that transcends cultural and language boundaries, and renewing our commitment to a youth-centred identity, Jesus Youth seeks to embody a vibrant missionary spirituality that radiates Christ's love to the world.



1.2 Insights from Listening

The *Listening to the Movement* process revealed a **deep desire to return to the spiritual essence** of Jesus Youth – its charism: a youthful and missionary lifestyle rooted in personal encounter with Christ, fellowship, and Evangelisation through friendship.

Members expressed concern that when organisational structures or event-driven activities dominate, the original charism – **marked by joy, simplicity, and zeal** – becomes less visible. There is a collective yearning to **rediscover the spontaneity and freedom of the early movement**, where **prayer, small communities, grassroots initiatives, and missionary courage** took precedence over formality. Renewal, therefore, is not about abandoning structure but ensuring that **structure serves the Spirit and sustains the charism**.

This renewal is inseparable from a call to **deepen spiritual and interior life**. Across the movement, many voiced a longing for **daily encounters with Christ** through Scripture, Eucharistic adoration, night vigils, rosary, silence, and intercession. Alongside this, there was recognition that **families must be supported** to grow as missionary communities, facing the challenges of contemporary life.

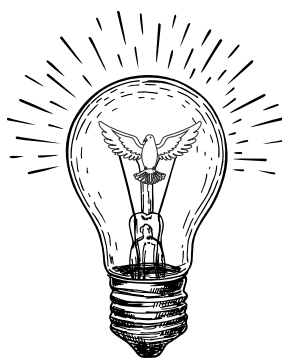
Fellowship, too, is being rediscovered – moving beyond socialisation toward authentic relationships marked by trust, vulnerability, and shared witness. Youth today seek **spaces of honest conversation** rather than

performance or superficial engagement. **A culture of testimony** is essential – where faith is shared not only through success but also through stories of struggle and grace.

The listening also surfaced practical challenges around formation, belonging, and leadership. Many identified the need for **a youth-centred approach** that empowers young people with real ownership and supports them through accompaniment rather than control. Mentoring must be reimagined as compassionate guidance, not managerial oversight. Gaps between generations, cultures, and migrant communities must be bridged intentionally, with women and emerging leaders fully recognised.

Young people also expressed a strong desire for exposure, intercultural experiences, and formation rooted in real-life missions.

Members shared both appreciation and concerns regarding the structured formation journey. Many celebrated the positive impact of the curriculum and the transformative influence of structured formation. However, concerns arose about flexibility, especially regarding the length and delivery of the Emmaus phase, which often felt overwhelming.



All these insights point to a reality: *as we grow and mature, a constant renewal is needed to reinstate the vitality and mission entrusted to the movement. – where every activity flows from a living charism and authentic discipleship in Christ.*



1.3 Proposals from Listening

A. Spirituality and Charism

- ▶ Foster an active interior life rooted in daily encounter with the Lord.
- ▶ Encourage balance between contemplation and action (Martha & Mary).
- ▶ Encourage prayer with scripture, rosary, silent adoration, healing and deliverance.
- ▶ Publish clear resources that articulate the charism, and lifestyle of Jesus Youth.
- ▶ Conduct charism training in small, reflective groups.
- ▶ Emphasis on spontaneity over rigid structures – structure should support, not limit.

B. Fellowship and Community

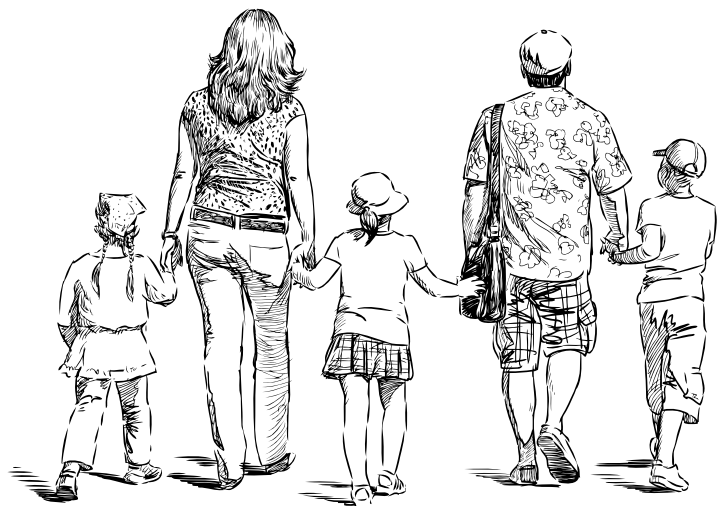
- ▶ Build intentional, accepting, joyful communities within the movement.
- ▶ Encourage peer and gender-based groups and younger-generation initiatives.
- ▶ Move from superficial fun to deep, authentic conversations.
- ▶ Promote a culture of hospitality by inviting youth into JY homes to experience the joy and challenge of missionary vocation.
- ▶ Create intentional spaces that welcome and encourage participation from diverse cultures and languages.
- ▶ Strengthen house-based fellowship, family exposure visits, and intercultural gatherings that embody lived missionary communities.

C. Revitalising the Youth focus

- ▶ Strive to remain a movement driven by and for young people. Promote Evangelisation efforts that attract and retain young people, particularly in the 18-25 age group.
- ▶ Allow youth to lead and initiate through structured participation and leadership opportunities.
- ▶ Shift from instructional learning to experiential learning through direct exposure to real-world needs and practical mission experiences.
- ▶ Promote global exchanges, collaborative leadership platforms, and youth research hubs to better understand contemporary mission realities.
- ▶ Develop formation for youth ministers accompanying youth in faith and life.
- ▶ Strengthen involvement of JY families in youth formation and mission.

D. Strengthening Jesus Youth families

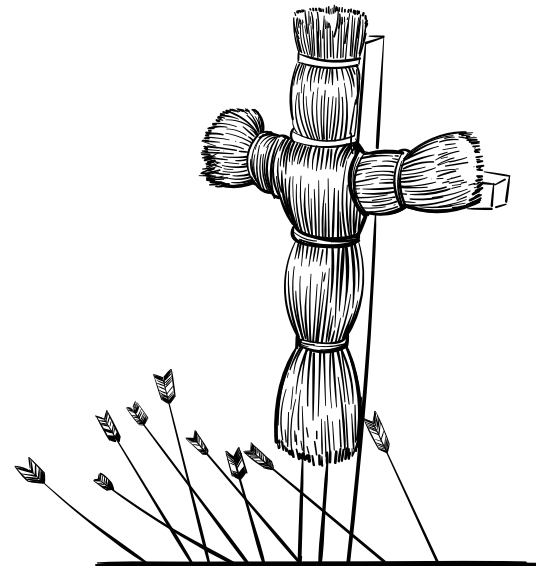
- ▶ Support system for families to grow in their spousal relationships and parenting mission.
- ▶ Accessible system of support and guidance for families struggling to balance/integrate mission activities with personal and family life.
- ▶ Provide a supportive environment for kids, teens and young people within JY families.





E. Mentoring and Accompaniment

- ▶ Develop structured guidelines for accompaniment and mentoring systems.
- ▶ Train mentors to engage emerging youth culture with sensitivity and contextual understanding.
- ▶ Encourage peer-to-peer mentoring and support frameworks.
- ▶ Develop non-judgemental and accountable accompaniment systems across ministries.
- ▶ Encourage elders to guide without control, supporting youth and families to grow as missionary communities rooted in compassion and



simplicity.

F. Testimony and witnessing

- ▶ Promote a witnessing lifestyle in the ordinary rhythms and disciplines of life.
- ▶ Embed a culture of sharing personal stories, including struggles and vulnerability.

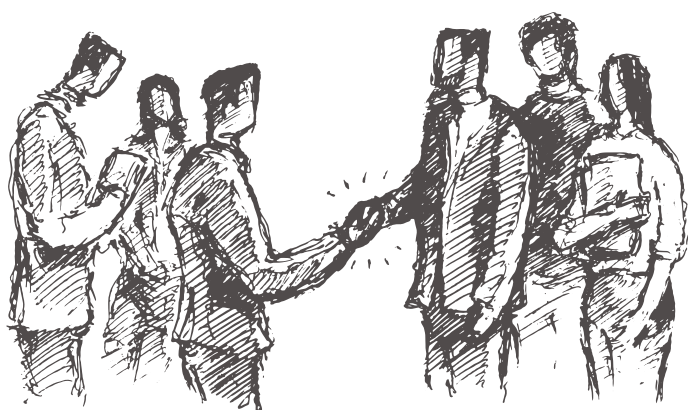
G. Jesus Youth Formation

- ▶ Overcome language and cultural barriers by creating updated, context-sensitive materials/dynamics that reflect diverse cultural settings and the lived realities of today's youth.
- ▶ Digitalise materials and create an online platform or app with formation content, reminders, and follow-up tools.
- ▶ Review and streamline the Emmaus course to make completion more achievable within the formation journey.
- ▶ Celebrate growth by sharing stories, testimonies, and gatherings that keep formation joyful, encouraging and experiential.
- ▶ Formation must lead to mission: helping each person discern their missionary vocation and live it out in family, parish,

and workplace – reaching the poor, the marginalized, and those distant from faith.

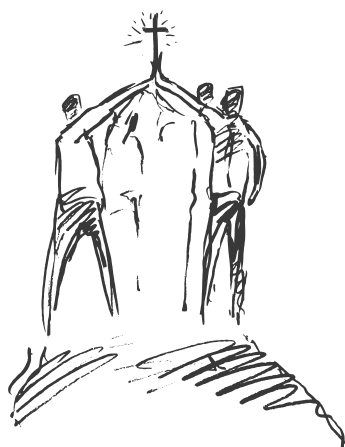
1.4 Key Recommendations

The key recommendations that follow are the fruit of a wide and prayerful listening process across the movement. Beginning at the grassroots and consolidated at national and international levels, these insights were brought before the International Assembly for collective reflection and discernment. What is presented here reflects not only feedback received, but a shared conviction shaped through dialogue, prayer, and communal discernment.



The Assembly affirmed that renewal begins with strengthening relationships, formation, and authentic community life.

- ▶ **Youth at the Heart:** Prioritise resources and efforts toward youth evangelisation and leadership development, and strengthen youth-focused initiatives within each country. Promote Jesus Youth homes that provide informal spaces for young people to grow in Christ and in human formation.
- ▶ **Accompaniment:** Establish accompaniment models supported by accountability systems and the formation of mentors and elders who can accompany members with sensitivity and pastoral wisdom.
- ▶ **Fellowship:** Ensure that every Jesus Youth belongs to a **fellowship** group that offers regular heart-to-heart sharing, deep prayer experiences, and accountable relationships, leading to mission.
- ▶ **Know Our Movement:** Publish and promote resources that transmit the charisma, spirituality, culture, values, and lifestyle of Jesus Youth, and support members in deepening their spiritual life through the six pillars and related practices.
- ▶ **Missionary Families:** Develop support systems that help Jesus Youth families to live their missionary calling.



A Call to **GROW TOGETHER**

From all the reflections and proposals, there emerges a clear and consistent call – a call to **grow in communion**. This means rediscovering our shared identity, walking together as one family across generations and cultures, and nurturing authentic relationships that reflect Christ's love. **Growing in communion** is not an additional task, but the very heart of our journey as a movement – a communion that represents both the source and fruit of mission. (Pp. John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*, 32)

Conversion of Systems

Renewing to Serve

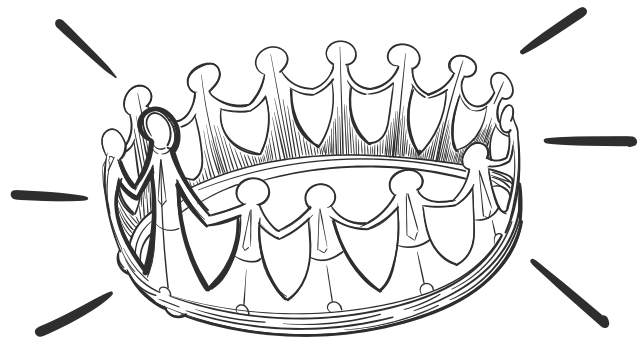
2.1 Background

As Jesus Youth has grown in numbers, diversity, and global reach, its systems and structures have likewise expanded. This development reflects maturity; yet, the *Listening to the Movement* process revealed that increasing complexity sometimes risks overshadowing the Spirit and diluting the movement's charism. Structures meant to sustain mission can become burdensome when they prioritize efficiency over communion.

The movement is invited to reimagine systems not as instruments of control but as frameworks that nurture participation, discernment, and mission. Regular evaluation, therefore, must be seen as a *spiritual exercise* – ensuring that every ministry, leadership role, and process remains aligned with the charism entrusted to the movement.

“It is necessary to have structures and methods for regularly evaluating the exercise of ministry.”

(Synod on Synodality, Final Document)



There is also a growing awareness that leadership within the movement must mirror the equal dignity of all the baptised:

“By virtue of Baptism, women and men have equal dignity as members of the People of God... what comes from the Holy Spirit cannot be stopped.”

This *conversion of systems* calls Jesus Youth to recover the simplicity, transparency, and co-responsibility that marked its beginnings – structures that serve life and charism, form disciples rather than administrators, and allow the Spirit to breathe freely.

2.2 Insights from Listening

Feedback from across zones and regions revealed that leaders are seeking renewal in how the movement governs and sustains itself. Many identified fatigue, burnout, and rigidity arising from over-complex systems, weak handovers, and lack of discernment in appointing leaders. There is widespread agreement that leadership formation, continuity, and accountability are urgent needs.

Participants proposed a **leadership formation plan** that includes second-line leaders, **ongoing spiritual direction, and mentoring** rooted in prayer and discernment. Emotional maturity, flexibility, and **servant leadership** were highlighted as essential qualities for sustainability. Several regions emphasized the **need for reconciliation and healing** among those hurt or withdrawn from leadership, recognizing that renewal must include restoration.

Listening sessions also exposed persistent gaps in **women's participation and leadership**. While women play vital roles in ministry and formation, they remain underrepresented in decision-making. The call is for intentional inclusion, supportive policy, and equal opportunities for formation and leadership at every level.

Practical renewal must extend beyond leadership culture to the very structures and systems themselves. **Training programmes should be updated**, globally coordinated, and locally adaptable. In the area of finance, members asked for **stewardship** built on budgeting, transparency and gratitude. Improved data management, communication tools, and access to resources were also viewed as essential for unity and participation.

At its heart, the movement recognises that **relationships come before regulation**. True leadership grows from prayer, friendship, and shared mission. Renewal of systems, therefore, is not a technical reform but a **spiritual conversion** – a return to simplicity, integrity, and sustained growth.

2.3 Proposals from Listening

A. Leadership Formation and Sustainability

1. Develop a leadership formation plan that trains leaders in servant leadership, conflict management, flexibility, and emotional maturity, rooted in vision, mission, and Statutes.
2. Establish systematic succession planning for leadership transitions and second-line leadership development.
3. Provide ongoing spiritual accompaniment and mentoring for a joyful ownership.
4. Build reconciliation and renewal pathways for leaders facing burnout or withdrawal.
5. Promote multicultural leadership formation to strengthen diversity and inclusion in global leadership.
6. Create avenues to share leadership challenges like burnout, fostering reflection and collective learning.

B. Women in Leadership

1. Intentionally encourage more women to participate at every level of leadership and decision-making.
2. Establish pathways that empower women and respect diverse life circumstances, enabling meaningful leadership and growth.





C. Structural and Organisational Renewal

1. Simplify the functioning of organisational structures, ensuring clarity of purpose, roles and responsibilities, aligned to the charism and vision of the movement.
2. Shift from top-down management to participatory, relational leadership.
3. Promote shared leadership, delegation, and continuity in all teams.
4. Foster communication and collaboration across teams and levels.
5. Introduce periodic evaluation and review mechanisms for leadership teams, ministries, and organisational processes.

D. Finance: Stewardship, Transparency, and Accountability

1. Implement transparent budgeting, reporting, acknowledgement, and auditing where financial transactions are involved.

2. Ensure clear distinctions between different types of financial donations and expenditures.
3. Ensure qualified finance teams for ethical and accountable financial management.
4. Provide regular formation on stewardship and responsible financial practices.

E. Data, Communication, and Leadership Tools

1. Build a centralised yet accessible data management and leadership resource portal.
2. Share global toolkits and content libraries adaptable for local use.
3. Develop tech-enabled tools to simplify leadership tasks and reduce administrative stress.
4. Strengthen interpersonal and relational communication within teams.
5. Maintain updated websites and digital channels for leadership updates and resources.

F. Formation and Research for Growth

1. Establish a Research Wing for Youth Formation to study youth realities and enhance the relevance of programmes.
2. Develop specific training and formation for Teen Ministers accompanying young people in faith and life.



2.4 Key Recommendations

The recommendations presented below are the outcome of a comprehensive process of listening and discernment that unfolded at country, regional, and international levels. They draw from grassroots feedback, national and international consolidations, and were prayerfully examined and refined through the deliberations of the International Assembly. Together, they represent the movement's shared conviction of the priorities and directions emerging from this synodal journey.

The Assembly delegates reiterated the need for systems that serve the charism, strengthen leadership, and enable mission through transparent stewardship and collaboration.

- ▶ **Synodal Leadership & Continuity:** Implement leadership formation grounded in the charism of the movement, fostering humility, openness, and a spirit of service. Strengthen leadership pipelines, succession planning, mentoring, and a healthy handover culture, while creating growth pathways that empower youth, women, and multicultural leaders.
- ▶ **Transparency, Accountability, and Stewardship:** Renew structures with simplicity to encourage grassroots mission and initiatives. Establish transparent financial systems at appropriate levels that promote stewardship and sustain mission, and convene regular zonal, regional, and national assemblies for review and discernment.
- ▶ **Communication Systems:** Develop global communication systems to share testimonies, updates, resources, tools, templates, and best practices, enabling stronger collaboration across the movement.



Renewing to Serve



The call that emerges from these reflections is clear: to **renew our systems, leadership, and structures so that they truly serve the mission.** Renewal here is not about rebuilding everything, but rediscovering simplicity, transparency, and collaboration rooted in our charism. It invites us to shape structures that breathe life, empower people, and make space for the Spirit to lead. In this renewed simplicity, leadership becomes service, systems become support, and every action points to the shared mission of Christ.



Conversion of Mission

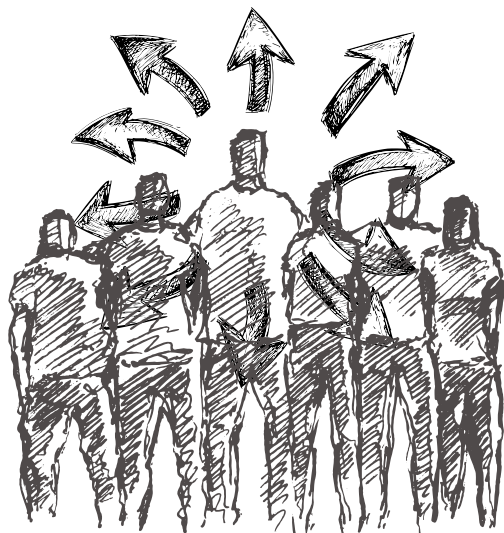
Rekindling the Missionary Flame



3.1 Background

Every Jesus Youth is a missionary. Mission lies at the heart of the Church and of every Jesus Youth. Each member is called to respond to the missionary needs of their context – at home, in workplaces, schools, and society – according to their gifts and circumstances. This missionary call is not the task of a few but the shared vocation of all within Jesus Youth.

Rooted in this conviction, *Listening to the Movement* became more than a consultation; it was a spiritual journey of discernment oriented toward mission. Across continents, members gathered to listen to the Spirit and to one another, seeking to understand how Jesus Youth is called to rediscover its missionary identity in the world today.



“Synodality is the specific *modus vivendi et operandi* of the Church, the People of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being as communion when all her members journey together, gather in assembly, and take an active part in her evangelising mission.” (*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission – XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, Oct 2025*)

This journey reminded the movement that synodality is not an end in itself but a pathway for missionary renewal. It deepens communion and co-responsibility for the Church’s mission. Jesus Youth, born from missionary fire – young people encountering Christ and sharing Him with others – is now invited to rekindle that same passion. Over time, ministries and activities have sometimes risked becoming ends in themselves. The Spirit calls the movement back to its origins: to live mission not as an event, but as a lifestyle of joyful witness rooted in prayer, friendship, and personal encounter with Christ.

Rediscovering the mission, therefore, requires recovering both the contemplative and prophetic dimensions of discipleship – seeing the world through the eyes of Christ and responding with creativity and compassion. In this conversion, structure and mission meet – when every activity flows not from obligation, but from love for Christ and zeal for souls.

3.2 Insights from Listening

Across all zones, participants expressed a desire to make **mission a culture and lifestyle** rather than a set of projects. The movement's early **simplicity and personal witness** continue to inspire, yet in some contexts, mission has become activity-driven or event-centred. Listening revealed a strong longing to return to authenticity – to **rediscover evangelisation as encounter and accompaniment**, not just another program.

A recurring theme was the need to integrate mission into every level of movement life. Formation programmes should include missionary awareness from the beginning of one's Jesus Youth journey. **Testimonies and storytelling** can rekindle missionary enthusiasm in households and small groups. **Dedicated structures** – such as mission offices and training teams – are needed to coordinate, support, and follow up on missionary initiatives. Participants highlighted the importance of **emotional, spiritual, and financial care for those serving in the field**, along with systematic re-entry processes for returning missionaries.

Another significant insight was the invitation to involve youth and families more intentionally. Mission must not be confined to young adults or specific teams but should engage entire households in prayer, service, and outreach. **Families can live their missionary vocation** through hospitality, support, and participation in mission-focused

initiatives such as **Talents for Mission** or **Mission Month** activities.

The listening also revealed that the movement's missionary renewal must respond to the **signs of the times**. Members identified pressing realities – mental health struggles, vocational uncertainty, family instability, migration, and cultural tensions – as **new mission fields** that require compassion and clarity. Formation in emotional maturity, accompaniment, and discernment will help members engage these challenges with both truth and love.

Ultimately, participants saw mission not as a program to manage but as a lifestyle of witness. **Every Jesus Youth is called to be a missionary** in the ordinary spaces of life – radiating Christ in friendship, work, service, and joy. Renewal of mission, therefore, is a renewal of identity: a call to be who we were from the beginning – a community of joyful missionary disciples.



3.3 Proposals emerged from Listening

A. Mission as a Culture and Lifestyle

- ▶ Make mission an integral part of every Jesus Youth's identity and daily life.
- ▶ Integrate mission visits into household commitments, especially during Mission Month, and foster a mission-oriented culture in households, parishes, and leadership teams through the regular sharing of evangelistic testimonies.
- ▶ Encourage reflection and storytelling by missionaries to inspire others.

B. Missionary Formation and Accompaniment

- ▶ Provide continuous formation and accompaniment for missionaries—spiritual, emotional, and practical.
- ▶ Offer adaptable preparation guidelines, pre-mission training in cultural sensitivity, contextual understanding, and pastoral maturity.
- ▶ Ensure systematic follow-up and reintegration support for returning missionaries.

C. Youth, Teens, and Families in Mission

- ▶ Develop specific formation and mission initiatives for teenagers to strengthen early faith commitment.
- ▶ Encourage peer-led Evangelisation and mentorship among school and youth groups.
- ▶ Engage families and children in mission through prayer, outreach, and creative fundraising.
- ▶ Create teen-focused gatherings, media, and mission experiences reflecting their real-life challenges.

D. Mission Opportunities

- ▶ Offer diverse forms of mission: short-term, long-term, digital, and professional (e.g., teaching or medical missions).



- ▶ Prepare clear and accessible mission participation pathways (“mission packages”).
- ▶ Encourage personal mission in everyday life—at home, work, or school.
- ▶ Celebrate Mission Month (October) with reflections, exposure programmes, and activities.
- ▶ Promote collaboration with parishes and congregations while preserving JY identity.

E. Structures, Support Systems, and Mission Offices

- ▶ Establish Mission Offices with defined responsibilities for building various missions.
- ▶ Form dedicated mission teams for coordination, training, and fundraising.
- ▶ Create mission kits, guidebooks, and training packages for missionary engagement.
- ▶ Ensure translation and contextual adaptation of materials for different mission places.

F. Reaching Beyond Borders and Migration

- ▶ Promote a purposeful approach to cross-cultural and cross-border mission, reaching out to people of all nationalities.



- ▶ Encourage youth and families to participate in international mission experiences.
- ▶ Establish networks of support for migrants and international students, ensuring belonging and faith growth.
- ▶ Celebrate cultural diversity through intercultural gatherings and exchanges.
- ▶ Build a global connectivity network for migrating members.

G. Missionary Well-being

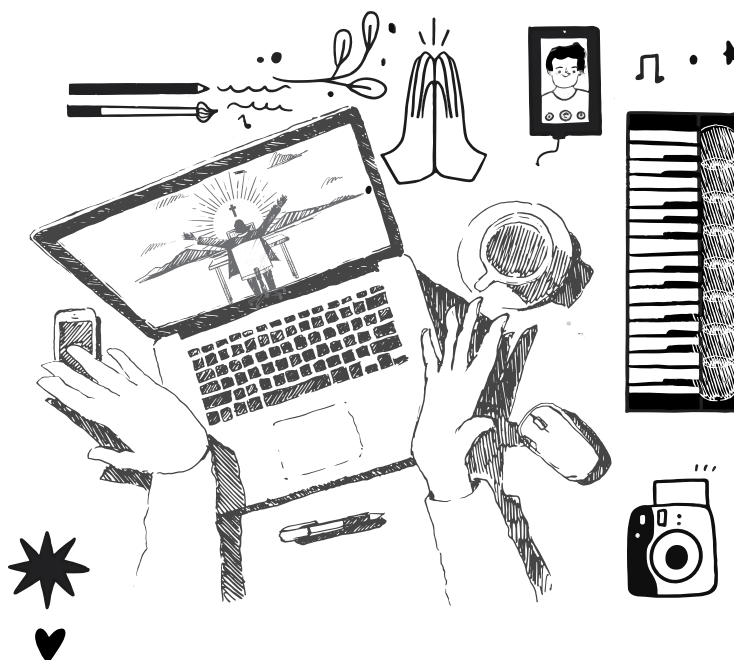
- ▶ Create safe spaces for open sharing of emotional and psychological struggles.
- ▶ Offer accessible healing resources and periodic retreats and/or training.
- ▶ Address burnout through sustainable mission rhythms and community support
- ▶ Build sensitivity toward mental health and disabilities in all mission settings.

H. Charismatic Gifts and Intercession for Mission

- ▶ Encourage the use of charismatic gifts (healing, prophecy, intercession, discernment) in Evangelisation.
- ▶ Offer formation for the responsible and discerning use of charisms.
- ▶ Form intercession teams and prayer networks supporting mission efforts.

I. Digital Mission and Creative Evangelisation

- ▶ Promote Evangelisation using digital platforms such as Kairos, and empower youth to become creative missionaries in both digital and physical spaces.
- ▶ Encourage creativity in arts, music, expressive writing, film, photography, design, and social media for mission.
- ▶ Provide training and mentorship in digital communication and responsible online witness.



J. Relation with Church and Collaboration with Ecclesial Movements

- ▶ Build transparent and trusting relationships with bishops, priests, and Church leaders.
- ▶ Strengthen collaboration with parishes, diocesan commissions, and Church movements for shared Evangelisation.
- ▶ Align JY mission efforts with the pastoral plans of the diocese and parishes
- ▶ Share regular mission updates, testimonies, and reports as signs of communion and accountability.
- ▶ Promote collaboration and mutual enrichment with other movements, honoring the diverse gifts of the Spirit in the Church.

K. Engage the World and contemporary challenges with hope & courage

- ▶ Monitor and engage with emerging socio-religious, political, cultural, and digital trends affecting young people.
- ▶ Use sports, fitness, and gaming communities as mission fields, engaging young people through friendship, teamwork, and joyful witness
- ▶ Equip youth to engage the world through dialogue, faith, and creative witness.
- ▶ Initiatives for mental health challenges anchored by JY mental health professionals.

L. Sexuality, Gender, and Cultural Challenges

- ▶ Develop pastoral and formation resources to address questions around gender and sexuality with truth and compassion.
- ▶ Facilitate open, non-judgemental dialogue spaces for youth.
- ▶ Equip leaders with pastoral sensitivity and theological grounding to navigate complex social and cultural narratives.

M. Vocation, Identity, and Discernment

- ▶ Be grateful for and celebrate the numerous priestly and religious vocations within the movement, and organize vocation camps that foster a space of encounter and discernment.
- ▶ Create a vocation-tracking portal to accompany and promote discernment journeys.
- ▶ Update marriage and vocation formation resources for contemporary youth contexts.
- ▶ Offer integrated formation on relationships, sexuality, and affective maturity.
- ▶ Foster intergenerational friendship and learning between older and newer families" with "that leads to freedom and healing".
- ▶ Provide formation programmes for families on relationship building and parenting.



3.4 Key Recommendations

The recommendations outlined below emerge from the extensive journey of listening across countries and regions, carefully consolidated at international levels and discerned together during the International Assembly. They represent the movement's unified response to what has been heard and recognised as essential for renewal, offering clear direction for the next phase of our common mission.

The Assembly called the movement to rekindle missionary discipleship as a lifestyle and to build supportive pathways for sustainable mission.



1. Mission as a Lifestyle in the Ordinary:

Promote witnessing faith in daily life—workplaces, neighbourhoods, and parishes—as the primary mission field, and cultivate a culture of sharing ordinary mission testimonies in households and gatherings.

2. Communities sent on Mission:

Engage youth, teens, and families in mission through exposure and exchange programmes. Provide accessible pathways including diverse forms of mission: short-term, long-term, digital, and professional.

3. Supportive Structures:

Provide qualified research and development teams to support mission and ministry development, strengthen financial assistance structures for missionaries, and establish a School for Missionaries through structured long-term formation

4. Expanding Opportunities:

Encourage initiatives that address contemporary needs & emerging challenges. Promote a purposeful approach to cross-cultural and cross-border mission, reaching out beyond comfort zones.



Love Beyond Borders

From all these proposals, there is a strong call to **Love Beyond Borders** – mission becoming the fruit of communion, engaging with the world with compassion. This love, simple and bold, is the heart of our missionary conversion and the sign of Christ alive in our midst.

Bring it to life at the grassroots level

The International Assembly has offered the movement a clear set of priorities emerging from Listening to the Movement and communal discernment.

These priorities will bear fruit only if they are embraced as a practical call to renewal in every country, region and zones. Understanding the insights deeply and translating them into local action is essential.



- ▶ Each country is encouraged to intentionally engage leadership teams, ministries, and grassroots communities in shared reflection, so that the Assembly outcomes are understood not only by a few leaders but by the wider body of the movement.
- ▶ Through prayerful discussion and discernment, leaders can identify what is most important and relevant locally and move from inspiration to implementation.

At the international level, the Jesus Youth International Council will work towards a coordinated implementation plan over the next 6-12 months.

A Synodal Movement in Mission

God calls us not merely to refinement, but to true Conversion—of our hearts, our relationships, our systems, and our mission



Jesus Youth

Conversion of Life and Communion – Call to GROW TOGETHER

Youth at the Heart

Youth engagement, leadership development, and more youth reach out



Conversion of Systems – Renewing to Serve



Synodal Leadership & Continuity

Form leaders in the movement's charism with humility, openness, and a spirit of service

Conversion of Mission – Love Beyond Borders

Mission in the Ordinary

Build a culture of daily faith witness, with testimonies shared in homes and communities



Communities sent on Mission

Inspire Teens, Youth and Families to mission and outreach, facilitate mission exchanges



Supportive Structures

Equip missionaries with resources and formation



Expanding Opportunities

Engaging beyond cultural & language boundaries. Encourage initiatives that address contemporary needs & emerging challenges.



Accompaniment
Strengthen accompaniment through a culture of listening and care, supported by clear guidelines for accountability



Fellowship
Every Jesus Youth belongs to a fellowship group rooted in prayer, honest sharing, leading to mission and service



Transparency, Accountability, and Stewardship

Empower grassroots mission initiatives, ensure transparent stewardship, and regular assemblies for review and discernment

Know Our Movement
Deepen our lives in the movement's spirituality and charism, joyfully practicing the Six Pillars



Communication Systems
Create systems to share resources, testimonies, and best practices

Missionary Families
Support Jesus Youth families to live their missionary calling



BRING IT TO LIFE



Reflect Together

Engage leaders and communities in ongoing listening, fostering a shared conviction



Act Locally

Turn insights into meaningful local action



Move with Purpose

Pray, discern, and act on what truly matters in a spirit of communion



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