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# » PRESENTACIÓN

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El MOVIMIENTO JUVENIL SALESIANO (MJS) lo forman todos los jóvenes que, en las obras salesianas, se mueven con diversidad de grupos, actividades, ofertas (según sus necesidades) y caminos formativos. Todos ellos, en la diversidad de expresiones, forman un único movimiento que comparte:

- el amor por Don Bosco;
- la Espiritualidad Juvenil Salesiana;
- el estilo educativo salesiano del Sistema Preventivo.

El MJS está abierto a todos los jóvenes, no sólo a los más selectos o a unos cuantos elegidos. A los jóvenes de nuestras escuelas, a los que hacen deporte, a los que están en grupos de fe, a los que son atendidos en la calle,... con diversidad de propuestas educativas y pastorales. Si dibujásemos unos círculos concéntricos, estos jóvenes están en el círculo más exterior. En un círculo intermedio, los jóvenes que están en un proceso de educación en la fe en grupo; y en el círculo interior, en el corazón del MJS, los animadores salesianos jóvenes de todas las obras salesianas. La acogida inicial es muy amplia; la exigencia y profundidad hay que realizarla con los que se van comprometiendo progresivamente.

El MJS no es un movimiento de los salesianos, sino de los jóvenes. Es llevado por los propios jóvenes, con la colaboración, la ayuda (sobre todo el acompañamiento personal y espiritual) de los Salesianos.



La vitalidad del MJS vendrá dada en la medida en que se desarrollen estos tres elementos:

- La Espiritualidad Juvenil Salesiana, conocida y vivida;
- La comunión de las personas y grupos: comunicación, coordinación, colaboración;
- La formación de los animadores salesianos.

El MJS son los jóvenes, los grupos que hay en cada obra local. Por tanto, no es una Asociación, ni una estructura jurídica de pertenencia. Es una comunión, al servicio de la comunicación, la coordinación, la colaboración,... entre todos los jóvenes y animadores de las obras salesianas. Por tanto, los miembros de estos equipos Regionales del MJS son los cauces de dicha relación y comunión.



# » INTRODUCTION

**Fr ALEXANDER Patrick Anthonyraj**

Salesian Youth Movement



“To be young is a grace, a blessing.” Youth is a gift of God.  
Young people are meant to dream great things, to seek vast horizons, to aim higher.  
The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith.

The above words of Pope Francis in *Christus Vivit*, (134, 15, 299) offer promising signs of hope for the young. General Chapter 28 with the theme ‘What kind of Salesians for the Youth of Today?’ is calling us to go back and get rooted in the option of Valdocco, placing young people and their protagonism – leadership as centre of our reflection and action.

The Youth Ministry Department, in responding to the above mentioned favourable conditions, in the 6 years plan, has placed, strengthening of the Salesian Youth Movement in the Regions as one of its concerns. All the 5 regions (Africa-Madagascar; Interamerica; America south cone, South Asia, East Asia Oceania) have begun their journey strengthening SYM, giving visibility of youth leadership and coordination at the regional level. We had meetings in which we shared our experience, concerns, priorities and designed the plan for the future. Each region has maintained its unique way of expressing its youthful dynamism and creativity. This is clearly seen in the following pages.

Dear young people, you are very important. The future of SYM depends on you. You are not the recipients or beneficiaries. You are the subject. You are the leaders (LEADS) and you are going to lead us. Youth leadership is one of the fundamental principles of SYM.

We have a long journey to make. The ‘Directory’ that you have in your hands is presenting the ‘JOURNEY’, ‘LEADS’(leaders) and PLAN of each

region. I sincerely thank all of you, dear young, people, Youth Ministry Delegates, Province Coordinator of SYM, Fr Rafael Bejarano sdb, and above all the Councilor for youth Ministry Fr Miguel Garcia sdb, without whose encouragement and support we would not have arrived to this point. Special thanks to Fr Nallayan Pancras sdb, SIGA for designing this booklet.

Don Bosco is our father and teacher. We are not only his children who cherish his fatherliness, but we are also his students who grow by listening to him and learning from. He is our continuous inspiration for our journey as SYM.

God bless us all!







# Salesian Youth Movement

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## **AFRICA - MADAGASCAR**



# 1. ROAD MAP

**2020**  
**JULY**  
**11,14,15**

'Face to Face' with the Delegates of Youth Ministry of African-Madagascar, the concern for the SYM was expressed by many. (Ref: **'Post face to face reflection of Don Miguel)**

**2020**  
**August**  
**11,14,15**

In preparation for the 'working document' on SYM, a questionnaire was sent to the delegates with two questions:

1. Any three comments on the real situation of SYM in your province
2. Any three concrete proposals for the regional or zonal levels

**2020**  
**September**  
**14-17**

In the Annual meeting of the Youth Ministry Delegates, SYM-CIVAM was one of the themes. Two sessions were allotted to share and discuss on the 'challenges' and 'suggestions'. At the final session on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020, a proposal of a meeting to discuss more on 'SYM-CIVAM' together with Province SYM Coordinators in three zones of languages

**2020**  
**September**  
**24,26**

On 24, the zones of English (10.00) and Portuguese (11.30) were gathered. On 26 the French zone had gathered.

The main objectives of this meeting are:

- Forming a 'small team' of coordination of SYM-CIVAM. The team consists of 12 persons (8 young people (3 from English zone – 3 from French zone – 2 from Portuguese zone) + 3 Salesians and 1 coordinator of Youth Ministry Department)
- Formation of members of small team
- Working towards minimum common plan for the SYM-CIVAM

A simple plan with 4 phases was presented and was accepted. **(Ref: file 4 phases)** For more details refer: File **'Report Phase 1)**

**2020**  
**October**  
**24**

At 17.00 the first meeting of formation of 'Small Team' was held. Some delegates and Province Coordinators of SYM also were present. Except 3 (due to network problem) all the members of the 'Small Team' were present.

Don Miguel spoke on the nature of SYM and opened up for a dialogue and listening to the young.

At the end, the date for the next meeting was fixed on 7 November, at 17.00. For more details refer: Folder **'24/10/2020'**.

**2020**  
**October**  
**27**

Communication to the Small Team on the objectives of the Small Team. It is also sent to the Youth Ministry Delegates and Provincial coordinators of SYM

The objectives are:

1. Sharing of experiences of the SYM at the regional level.  
This sharing is preceded by sharing of experience at the Zonal level and at the province level.
2. Building up networks and links with SYM at the provincial and zonal levels.
3. Creating a "meeting point" for reflection and formation (PROPOSALS) on the reality of young people in each country.
4. Making more visible the SYM of Africa-Madagascar in various national, international forums and through various means of social communication.

Coordinators for the next meeting that is scheduled on 7th November, 2020, were chosen. They are: Antony Ognunsisi and Alphoncius sdb.

**2020**  
**November**  
**02**

Meeting with coordinators through what's app conference call at 10-00 am.

- The second meeting for the 'Small Team' was discussed and planned:

The following programmes were decided

- Opening Prayer
- Sharing of SYM experience by 'Small Team' Members
- Input on SYM by Alphoncius
- Sharing of expectations of SYM-CIVAM in the future
- Concluding prayer

**2020**  
**November**  
**01**

At 17.00 the second meeting of 'Small Team' was held. 9 members of the small team participated.

- Sharing of experience in SYM and expectations from SYM-CIVAM were the themes
- The Councillor was present throughout the meeting to listen to the young.
- The sharing was real, clear and personal.
- The meeting was moderated by Anthony and a reflection on SYM was given by Alphoncius sdb. Thanks to Gerald sdb and Manuel sdb for thier simultaneous translation help. Next meeting is scheduled on 5th December 2020 at 17.00

**2020**  
**December**  
**1-10**

At Each Zone, under the coordination of Salesian, had a meeting to discuss and propose for the 'future' of SYM-CIVAM.

- All the proposal were gathered by Fr Patrick and a 'working document' was prepared for the meeting on 12th December.
- English, Portuguese and French zones suggested 11, 4 and 6 proposals respectively.
- All the proposals are translated into three languages and sent to the members of the 'Small Team'.

**2020**  
**December**  
**12**

At 17.00 third meeting of 'Small Team' was held. Meeting was moderated by Fabrice Drabo.

- All the proposals were read in the Assembly and time was allotted for discussion and clarification.
- In the group work, each zone was asked to choose only 7 priorities from the 'working document'.

English zone	1, (2+6)m (3+5), 9
Lusophone zone	2,9,11,12,14,20,21
French zone	1,5,11,12 c., 14,19,(20+9)



**2021**  
**January**  
**09**

At 17.00 third meeting of 'Small Team' was held. Meeting was moderated by Laura Dias

- Sharing of New Year's Resolutions of the Young People
- A working sheet was sent previously to the 'SMALL TEAM' after the previous to suggest on the 8 Priorities with questions to get focused.
- The Final draft of 8 Priorities was presented by Fr Patrick adding 'THINGS TO DO'. (See the document 'All replies priorities')
- Members went into group to discuss on the execution aspect of priorities
- At the end of the meeting, two commissions (English & French) were formed to work on: the vision and mission statement of SYM-AFMA; the roles and responsibilities of the 'SMALL TEAM'. This would call for involving the SYM Coordinators, Young People representatives of all the Provinces, Vice-Provinces and Delegations.

**2021**  
**JAN to**  
**MAR**

The two commissions had meetings by themselves on forming the draft of the themes chosen and sent to the Provinces for their suggestions and feed back

Each Zone had organized a meeting to suggest and comment on the Vision-Mission of SYM and the Roles and Responsibilities of Small Team... The replies were sent to Fr Patrick and he had prepared Draft 2 of plan which will be presented in the meeting to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**2021**  
**April**  
**7**

A meeting was held in the department at 16.00 to discuss on the processes and future-plans.

- Fr Miguel, Fr Rafael and Fr Patrick were present.
- It was suggested to represent each province, vice-province and delegation in the coordination team of SYM-CIVAM. Other regions this is followed.
- A letter was sent to all the Delegates and Coordinators on this communication

**2021**  
**April**  
**11**

## SYM PRAYS FOR MYANMAR

- A common prayer moment was proposed for the Myanmar at 15.00. The Youth Ministry Delegate of MYN was consulted for preparing a prayer and a write up.
- A poster, prayer card and a report of the real situation was prepared and circulated in ENG, FRA, ITA, SPA.
- The prayer was translated in more than 12 vernacular languages, thanks to the initiatives of local Youth Ministry Delegates and SYM Coordinators.
- The prayer moments were shared in the social media with the hashtag #sympraysformyanmar
- A video on prayer by 5 young people representing regions of America, Europe, Africa, India and East Asia Oceania was prepared by the department. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1kovY5qQE8>)
- The Vatican radio had an interview with the Youth Ministry Councillor on this initiative.

**2021**  
**April**  
**24**

The meeting was held at 17.00 under the moderator William.

- The report of the previous meeting was read by Laura.
- The sharing on the prayer initiative was followed.
- Draft 2 of the Plan was presented and discussed in group
- The idea of including representation from all the provinces and vice-provinces and delegations was accepted
- Next meeting was scheduled on 29th May 2021

**2021**  
**May**  
**23**

The meeting Salesian Coordinators of Zones of SYM-CIVAM was held at 15.30. Alphoncius, Sergio and Cesare were present.

Patrick proposed to have this month's meeting in zones with two points for agenda:

1. To invite youth representative from each province and vice-provinces and delegations
2. To make the draft 2 known and understood by the young people. Then come out with dates and time bound action plan.

Next meeting is scheduled on 19th June, where in the final plan will be approved.

## 2. SYM LEADS

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## 3. THE PLAN

TOP PRIORITIES		
1	To have a vision and mission statement of SYM-CIVAM.	<p><b>VISION:</b></p> <p>The SYM -CIVAM envisions a Youth led ministry with an accompaniment by the Salesians of Don Bosco to bring uniformity in planning and implementing the SYM activities across the Africa Madagascar region, propagating the Salesian youth spirituality and pedagogy with a strong sense of belonging to the church as one family.</p> <p><b>MISSION:</b></p> <p>SYM-CIVAM exist to promote the link and the coordination of the youth from all provinces in Africa-Madagascar, giving an opportunity for youth to build up networks and links starting from SYM at zonal , provincial and regional level and connect it to the world level through interactions and celebration of Salesian youth events while appreciating the cultural differences that exists in the region.</p>
TO DO		<p>A committee to formulate the vision and mission statement of SYM-CIVAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o To take it to the province SYM along with the delegate for Youth Ministry and Coordinators for SYM</li> <li>o To do the necessary corrections and present it to the SMALL TEAM for finalizing.</li> </ul>
2	To be having at least three meetings as SYM CIVAM team members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ONCE IN three months SMALL TEAM meets via ZOOM for two hours.</li> <li>• Once in two months, one meeting is held in their zones (English-French-Portuguese) with all the Youth representatives of the provinces, coordinators and delegates for Youth Minsitry. SMALL TEAM members are responsible for organizing it.</li> <li>• Once a month SYM meeting at the province level.</li> </ul>
TO DO		

3	To make awareness of the duties, roles and scope of work for the Small team	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As a consultative body, the SMALL TEAM , it will be responsible for coordinating, organising and carrying out the common activities and projects of the Salesian Youth Movement in region of Africa-Madagascar.</li> <li>2. To promote the dissemination of formation projects and the coordination of the action of the SYM in the field of formation;</li> <li>3. To study the reception of formation books and their possible revision, according to the indications provided by the Salesian Congregation or the General Secretariat of the SYM</li> <li>4. To promote the formation of youth animators and schools of formation at regional and provincial levels;</li> <li>5. To promote cooperation between provincial and regional SYMs, through specific initiatives</li> <li>6. To know and make known the tools and initiatives on the training of leaders who are also members of the SYM</li> <li>7. To know and follow the experiences of each SYM in the province</li> </ol>
TO DO		<p>A committee to role and responsibilities of SMALL TEAM members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Now suggest the role and responsibilities of SMALL TEAM members</li> <li>o To take it to the province SYM along with the delegate for Youth Ministry and Coordinators for SYM</li> <li>o To do the necessary corrections and present it to the SMALL TEAM for finalizing.</li> </ul>
4	Coming up with a synchronized manual for SYM CIVAM. So that all of us in the continent have similar formation	
TO DO		We can wait for few more months after which we can begin to have a manual for SYM-CIVAM



<b>5</b>	Coming up with a blog page or website for Africa with the profile of the SYM CIVAM team members displayed
<b>TO DO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o It is a simple initiative. Before arriving at a website, we shall start with Email id, FB and YouTube channels.</li> <li>o We need to identify young people in the provinces who can volunteer to do this.</li> <li>o One person for each language from The SMALL TEAM will follow up this by providing information or materials.</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	Expanding more the school of Animators, because it is a formation that trains the young people to be in front of the groups and to accompany them too!
<b>TO DO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As Angola has already done this formation, they can prepare and suggest to the SMALL TEAM.</li> <li>• The animation could be planned according to the languages or in their provinces</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	The annual gathering of SYM animators at the regional level
<b>TO DO</b>	<p>IN PRESENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o First Regional level SYM CONFRONTO could be thought of for 2024, 200th anniversary of the DREAM. Three years could be the years of preparation and strengthening of SYM.</li> <li>o One Year SYM at the province level.</li> <li>o Second year study the possibilities of SYM at the regional level.</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	To accompany the SYM at the Provincial Level
<b>TO DO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For meetings refer point 2</li> <li>• Youth incharge from each province sends the report to the Small Team once in two months</li> <li>• Animation materials to be sent to the Provinces</li> </ul>

# Salesian Youth Movement

## AMERICA CONO SUR INTERAMERICA



# 1. ROAD MAP

1.

**Fecha:** 17.12.2020

**Objetivos:** Reconfigurar los procesos de coordinación interinspectorial de los MJS/AJS/SYM/MSJ de las regiones de américa.

**Acuerdos:**

- Reuniones on line periódicas con posibilidad de una oración mucho más profunda,
- Fortalecer el small team como una comunidad de jóvenes que vibran con la espiritualidad juvenil salesiana,
- Conocer y compartir las realidades y experiencias de cada inspección para enriquecerse entre todos,
- Generar herramientas virtuales para compartir insumos pastorales.
- Comunicación constante con sus delegados inspectoriales de PJS para generar reflexión y propuestas conjuntas.

2.

**Fecha:** 24.01.2021

**Objetivo:** integración de los small team de las dos regiones de américa.

**Actividades:**

- Oración
- Historias personales de los miembros
- Resonancias en asamblea final.

**Acuerdos:** trabajar unificados como continente aprovechando la experiencia de las décadas de funcionamiento del MJS/AJS/YSM/MSJ en América.

3.

**Fecha:** 06.02.2021

**Objetivo:** establecer el camino conjunto para las prioridades y las responsabilidades del small team.

**Actividades:**

- Oración
- Tema de reflexión
- Explicación metodológica

- Trabajo por grupos
  - Asamblea final y comentarios.
- Acuerdos:** Continuar con los trabajos en grupo para generar la reflexión en torno a las prioridades.

#### 4.

**Fecha:** 27.03.2021

**Objetivo:** Concluir la propuesta del Rol y las responsabilidades del small team.

**Seguimiento:** trabajo por subcomisiones.

**ACTIVIDAD:**

1. cada grupo en actitud de discernimiento lee los aportes de la reunión anterior.
2. cada grupo selecciona 3 prioridades y 3 responsabilidades.
3. cada secretario lee en la asamblea los resultados
4. cada miembro del small team consulta el tema con su equipo inspectorial
5. cada grupo se vuelve a encontrar en los próximos días y hacen un ejercicio de síntesis y envían resultados al grupo whatsapp con fecha límite de 8 de abril
6. el sábado 10 de abril una hora antes del encuentro, habrá una reunión previa sólo con los secretarios para unificar la información
7. se procede al encuentro con los delegados, para escucharlos y activar sus recomendaciones.

#### 5.

**Fecha:** Sábado 10 de abril

**Objetivo:** Presentación de la propuesta a los Delegados de Pastoral de las regiones de América.

**Seguimiento:** Sugerencias y aprobación por parte de los delegados.

**Convocados:** Delegados de Pastoral Juvenil de las regiones de América y Jóvenes miembros del Small Team de las regiones de América.

**Acuerdos:**

- definición de las responsabilidades por subcomisiones
- hacer retroalimentación de los resultados del trabajo por subcomisiones en 8 días.
- Comunicar en los equipos inspectoriales los procesos del small team y escuchar resonancias.

6.

**Fecha:** Sábado 08 de mayo**Objetivo:** Definición de responsabilidades y prioridades**Seguimiento:** sugerencias finales**Convocados:** Jóvenes miembros del Small Team de las regiones de América.**Acuerdos:****3 prioridades**

- Conocimiento y vivencia de la Espiritualidad Juvenil Salesiana (compartiendo experiencias significativas y conociendo los procesos juveniles del MJS de las otras inspeccionías).
- Potenciar el sentido de iglesia fortaleciendo, acompañando y conformando una identidad cristiana sólida dentro del MJS, reconociéndose como pilar fundamental de la EJS.
- Formación integral de líderes enfatizando el protagonismo juvenil.

**3 responsabilidades**

- Visibilizar el Small Team y su papel como puentes de comunión entre la Familia Salesiana y los niños, niñas, adolescentes y jóvenes del MJS, con el objetivo de visibilizar el carisma salesiano como un todo (Comunión).
- Conocer los procesos y realidades de las inspeccionías de la América Salesiana, así como fomentar e implementar espacios de discusión, reflexión y vivencias de la EJS, en el marco de las experiencias multiculturales, multiétnicas y multireligiosas que se presentan en los diversos contextos de cada territorio y que son inherentes a las juventudes (Compromiso).
- Promover espacios de formación e intercambio de experiencias interinspeccionales a través de medios digitales (en vivos, encuentros simultáneos, post, videos) y encuentros presenciales (Formación).



6.

**Fecha:** Sábado 08 de mayo**Objetivo:** Definición de responsabilidades y prioridades**Seguimiento:** sugerencias finales**Convocados:** Jóvenes miembros del Small Team de las regiones de América.**Acuerdos:**

7.

**Fecha:** Sábado 05 de junio**Objetivo:** cierre de las conclusiones para presentar a la coordinación mundial del MJS**Convocados:** coordinadores de los subgrupos.**Acuerdos:** plan definido para unirse a las demás regiones de la congregación.

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## 3. THE PLAN

### 3 Prioridades:

1. Fortalecer la comunión entre los MJS/AJS/YSM/MSJ de cada inspección a través de encuentros que permitan compartir metodologías y materiales que se puedan replicar.
2. Formación de los líderes del MJS/AJS/YSM/MSJ en la Espiritualidad juvenil salesiana y el compromiso socio político que éste implica para garantizar una sólida propuesta de acompañamiento a los jóvenes.
3. Promover el fortalecimiento de los itinerarios de educación en la fe y las estructuras de los MJS/AJS/YSM/MSJ en cada Inspección a través del acompañamiento a los equipos inspeccionales de animación.

### 3 responsabilidades

1. Visibilizar el Leads y su papel como puentes de comunión entre la Familia Salesiana y los niños, niñas, adolescentes y jóvenes del MJS, con el objetivo de visibilizar el carisma salesiano como un todo (Comunión).
2. Conocer los procesos y realidades de las inspecciones de la América Salesiana con la recuperación de la historia del MJS en cada contexto, así como fomentar e implementar espacios de discusión, reflexión y vivencias de la Espiritualidad Juvenil Salesiana, en el marco de las experiencias multiculturales, multiétnicas y multirreligiosas que se presentan en los diversos contextos de cada territorio y que son inherentes a las juventudes (Compromiso).
3. Promover espacios de formación e intercambio de experiencias interinspeccionales a través de medios digitales (en vivos, encuentros simultáneos, post, videos) y encuentros presenciales (Formación), así como compartir y difundir materiales (de las inspecciones y otros sectores) que aporten al contexto post pandemia y las realidades de los MJS. (Videos, documentos, flyers).

# Salesian Youth Movement

## **EAST ASIA OCEANIA**



## 2. ROAD MAP

**2020  
July  
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**2020  
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**2020  
November  
10-13** In the Annual meeting of the Youth Ministry Delegates along with the 'Team' members, SYM-EAO was one of the themes. Two sessions were allotted to share and discuss on the 'challenges' and 'suggestions'.

After a long discussion, it was suggested to start with Zonal levels. It was also decided to take forward this idea towards coordination of SYM-EAO.

To discuss further, another meeting was proposed. They could choose any one of the dates: 2,3 December 2020.

**2020  
December  
2,3** In these two days, according to the availability, Youth Ministry Delegates and Province coordinators of SYM participated. On 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10 participants and on 3<sup>rd</sup> - 11 participants.

At the end of the meeting, it was decided to have a meeting with young people. So

- Each Province, Vice-Province and Delegation can represent **with one or two young people** who are already part of the Salesian Youth Movement. In this meeting, Delegates for Youth Ministry and Coordinators of SYM are also invited; but only as listeners.
- We propose (after listening to two groups) two dates: (choose any one date)  
16 January 2020 – 08.30 – 10-30 (Rome Time)  
13 February 2020 – 08.30 – 10-30 (Rome Time)
- Confirming the date and the names of young people who will be participating in the meeting is to be done before 25 December 2020.



**2021**  
**January**  
**16**  
**February**  
**13**

In these two days, meetings were held with the presence of young people.

- Introductory talk by Fr Patrick on the SYM, and orientation from Fr Miguel were followed by sharing of the sym experience of the young people.
- The sharing was personal and inspiring.
- All the young people who participated in one of these meetings (except 1) expressed their desire to have coordination team at the regional level.
- The following meeting was scheduled on March 27

**2021**  
**March**  
**27**

Youth representatives, coordinators of SYM were present for the meeting. The main agenda was to share on the:

1. What would be the structure of the EAO Coordinating Team? Who will be the people involved?
  2. What will be the top 5 priorities of EAO?
- Fr Patrick shared with the participants the existing small team of other regions.
  - The group work brought about many points on the above two.
  - The young representatives were asked to discuss these two points in their province reality and come with the feedback for the next meeting.
  - Janine of FIN took the responsibility of being a secretary and Joan of CIN would be the moderator of the meeting of April 24.

**2021**  
**April**  
**11**

SYM PRAYS FOR MYANMAR

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- The Vatican radio had an interview with the Youth Ministry Councillor on this initiative.

**2021**  
**April**  
**24**

The meeting was held at 11.00 (rome time). Joan was the moderator.

- She had reminded the participants of the meeting few days ahead furnishing the agenda.
- Previously, a preparatory meeting was held among Fr Patrick, Joan and Jeanine on 20.4.2021
- Sharing on the SYM prays for Myanmar was held with the concluding words of Camillus of Myanmar
- Each province brought the feedback on the number of members of the coordination team
- Top 10 priorities were studied in 4 groups and each group was asked to choose only 5 as very important. The results
  - o Group 1 (presented by MYN - Fr. CAMILLUS): 1, 10, 4, 6, 8+9
  - o Group 2 (presented by CIN-Maxwell): 4+7, 2, 1, 9, 10
  - o Group 3 (presented by AUL-Teaghan): 4, 7, 2, 6, 10
  - o Group 4 (presented by CIN-Kathryn): 1, 2+8, 5, 9, 10
- Polling was done with regard to the composition of coordination team. The result is:
  - o 1 young representative from each province + 5 SDBS (17%)
  - o 1 young representative from each province + 2 SDBS (43%)
  - o 2 young representatives & 1 SDB from each province (22%)
  - o 2 young representatives from each province + 5 SDBS (13%)
  - o 8 young representatives (4%)
- The next meeting was scheduled on 22nd May 2021. Teagan of AUL will be the moderator. Kathryn of CIN was the secretary of this meeting.

**2021**  
**May**  
**13**

At 09.00 (Rome time) a meeting was called in the presence of coordinators of SYM. 11 were present. The meeting was moderated by Jobet Vivo.

- The main objective was to choose two sdb representatives who will accompany and support the young people of coordination team of SYM-EAO.
- With straw votes, Vince Michael (FIS) and Victor (INA) were elected.

**2021**  
**June**  
**15**

At 09.00 am (Rome time) another meeting was called. The meeting was moderated by Fr. Jobeth. 9 were present.

- Sacred moment for getting to know each other
- Group discussion to come up with the seven priorities, complete with the action plans for SYM EAO

**2021**  
**June**  
**26**

At 11.00 (Rome time) a meeting was called in the presence of SYM coordinators and 7 were present and moderated by Janine Nicole. Main agenda was

- Presentation of the draft plan of SYM EAO by Joan from CIN
- Group discussion
- Approval of the SYM plan

**2021**  
**July**  
**18**

At 11.00 (Rome time) a meeting was called in the presence of SYM coordinators and 7 were present and moderated by Fr. Jobeth. Main agenda was

- Introduction of Fr. Patrick about coming program of SYM PLAN LUNCH on July 31.
- Preparing the AEO SYM to join the program and give some assignment as part of the program.



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### 3. THE PLAN

Priorities	Core Messages	Actions
1. Communication and Coordination System	Communication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meet every 3 months [proposed dates: third Saturday of March, June, August, and December]</li> <li>2. Planning meetings will be conducted a week before the plenary meeting</li> <li>3. Take turn to be the secretary of every meeting</li> <li>4. Young people to be the facilitator of meetings</li> <li>5. Facilitators would be responsible for sending the Zoom link and agenda of the meeting</li> <li>6. WhatsApp group for communication</li> <li>7. Make a Facebook Page for EAO SYM</li> <li>8. Make sure that all the provinces get the message and can attend</li> </ol>
2. Formation on the SYM: its identity – faith formation – witness of God's love	Faith	<p>Regional level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online retreat 1-day conducted by us</li> <li>• The first retreat may be on Advent (December)</li> <li>• See whether holding the retreat regularly after the first time</li> <li>• Gforms can be used to gather topics from provinces and WhatsApp group will also be provided so confirmed participants can be listed</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 3 suggested topics to be confirmed on 26 June meeting               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Strenna of the Rector Major: Move by Hope</li> <li>o Birth of Jesus</li> <li>o Renewed Youth Ministry</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Invite young people from different provinces and religions to make a sharing on the topic</li> <li>• Targets: for young leaders for now</li> </ul> <p>Provincial level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders organize retreats for their own province in native language with self-defined topics</li> </ul>
3. Get to know each other	Friendship	10 minutes sharing in every meeting: about happy things in our life and related reflection, as this would get boring, appointed facilitators are to come up with new specific activity each time
4. Know more about Salesians and SYM and to define what is SYM	SYM	<p>Regional level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1-2 hours of webinar</li> <li>- 5-6 participants from each province</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Seminar: Introduction of SYM (As preparing a better foundation for future activities)</li> <li>2. Sharing: How the SYM is running in our province</li> </ol>
5. Cultural exchange (small groups for interested students to join) i.e., food, music	Cultural exchange	<p>Every province have a 5-mins video presentations introducing their national culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social media team that is in charge of the FB page can post on the Facebook Page</li> <li>• How facilitator is nominated before the next meeting, likewise, the province that has to present about their culture will be nominated</li> </ul>

<p>6. Increasing of the SYM members – through some special occasion like Salesian Youth Day.</p>	<p>Structure</p>	<p>One of the aims of regional activities is to nurture leaders from EAO provinces, and wish the leaders are able to conduct formation for their own province.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional: meet every three months</li> <li>• Provincial: meet every month → some province might find this difficult</li> </ul> <p>What could be a starting point is that the regional meeting can be used to update and discuss problems in each region and maybe come up with a solution</p>
<p>7. Formation and formation contents for the SYM leaders – Sharing contents by provinces etc.</p>	<p>Leadership</p>	<p>Leadership programme Regional level: once every two years Provincial level: once a year Topics of leadership can be narrowed by sending out surveys to the provinces through Gform Some suggested Themes: Strenna of the year/ Faith/ Metal health/ Accompaniment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development program; where there are three levels of leadership</li> <li>• Previous participants can be facilitators in the next level</li> </ul>



# Salesian Youth Movement

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## **SOUTH ASIA**



# 1. ROAD MAP

**2020  
JULY  
15,21,22** | 'Face to Face' with the Delegates of Youth Ministry of South Asia, the concern for the SYM was expressed by many. (Ref: **'Post face to face reflection of Don Miguel'**)

**2020  
September  
20** | In preparation for the 'working document' on SYM, a questionnaire was sent to the delegates with two questions:

1. Any three comments on the real situation of SYM in your province
2. Any three concrete proposals for the regional or zonal levels

**2020  
November  
1-4** | In the Annual meeting of the Youth Ministry Delegates along with the 'Team' members, SYM-SA was one of the themes. Two sessions were allotted to share and discuss on the 'challenges' and 'suggestions'. After a long discussion, through a 'straw vote' they agreed to move ahead to study the possibility for the coordination of SYM at South Asian level

**2020  
November  
5** | In the concluding recommendations of the meeting of Youth Ministry Delegates, the importance of SYM coordination at the SA level was one of the points.

**2020  
December  
5** | Meeting of Province Coordinators of SYM along with Youth representative from each province, in the presence of National Coordinator was held from 09.30-11.30 (Rome time)

- Fr Miguel Garcia gave the orientation talk on SYM
- Each province presented their activities, number of groups and processes
- Young people shared their ideas on the future of SYM-SA
- After a long discussion, it was decided to form a 'SMALL TEAM' with 3 representatives from each region of SA and to have first meeting on 31 January 2021 from 09.30-11.00 (Rome Time)
- It was also reminded to the regions to elect the young people to be part of the 'SMALL Team' before the next meeting.

**2020**  
**February**  
**20**

The meeting that was scheduled on 31 January was postponed to this date.

- Young representatives (11) and SYM coordinators participated
- After the introduction and inputs of Frs Patrick and Miguel, young people were invited to share their experience in Salesian Youth Movement and future possibilities.
- When asked for the need of the coordination 91% of young said 'yes'.
- Future possibilities and priorities were identified

**2020**  
**March**  
**3**

A meeting with Fr Rober Simon on the future accompaniment of SYM-SA. Fr Miguel and Patrick were present. It was held at 08.30 (Rome time). The salient concluding features:

1. Regarding the composition of 'Coordination Team' (SMALL TEAM) particularly of the presence of Salesians, we shall ask the young people themselves in the next meeting.
2. The themes of the next phase of SYM-SA: Formation - Leadership - Experience of SYM at the Province level.
3. The meetings of SYM-SA is convened by Fr Robert Simon, who is responsible for Social Experience at the SA level. This is done in coordination with Fr Patrick who is responsible for the SYM in the Youth Ministry Department.
4. In The following meetings of SYM-SA SMALL TEAM, only the members will participate. The coordinators will not participate.
5. In the next meeting of SYM-SA, the priorities suggested in the previous meetings of 20/2/2021 will be taken up for study and discussion.
6. The next meeting is on 20 March 2021 from 18.00 - 19.30.

2020  
March  
20

The meeting at 06.00 pm of India was moderated by Fr Robert Simon

- The journey of SYM-SA to this date was explained.
- Priorities were chosen in the group discussion. They are
  1. Regular meetings to plan out the programs.
  2. Formation of the coordination team and their roles & responsibilities
  3. Youth space in all the zones
  4. Cultural Exchange
  5. Mission & Vision of SYM South Asia
- The team concluded to have **one youth representative from each province** for better coordination.
- The youth representatives were requested to discuss the same with the province leaders & give their suggestions in the next meeting which will be held on April 17, 2021.
- Divya of INK was the secretary of this meeting.

2021  
April  
11

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**2021**  
**April**  
**17**

Divya of INK moderated the meeting that was held at 06.00 pm (Indian Time)

- Sharing on the experience of SYM Prays for Myanmar.
- Ideas on formation of SYM leaders was given as input
- Again the youth representatives were requested to go back to their provinces & discuss with their youth director & leaders on structuring the formation methodology & things that can be included in the formation & get their ideas & feedbacks in the next meeting.
- Milton of INM was the secretary. The next meeting was scheduled on 15th May.

**2021**  
**May**  
**15**

Milton of INM moderated the meeting that was held at 06.00 pm (Indian Time)

- Priorities were taken once again for discussion. The proposed priorities will be finalized after consultation with the SYM-SA Coordinators.
- Fr. Robert Simon animated the group on the power of Knowledge and the necessity of knowledge in being leaders
- The representatives shared the province activities particularly with Covid 19 second wave sweeping the country.
- The group discovered that they needed to get to know each other more in order to build greater solidarity and communion
- Mr. Noah was the secretary and prepared the report of this meeting

**2021**  
**June**  
**19**

- In the place of the coordination meeting the group participated in a webinar organized by the Province of Shillong.
- The webinar was on "Mental Health of Youth during the Pandemic"
- It was well organized and well attended



2021  
July  
17

- Fr. Robert Simon moderated the meeting
- Plan Launch of SYM to be coordinated by YM dept of Rome was discussed and the responsibilities toward to the same was shared
- It was decided to inform the Provincial Movements about this event though they will not be participating
- The detailed plan of the priorities with their Short and Long term interventions were revisited
- The inter Provincial Leaders and Animators Formation (LAF) programme was discussed. Due to pandemic it was decided to carry out this programme online without compromising the nature and purpose of the formation.
- Mr. Royaldeep was the secretary who prepared the report



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### 3. THE PLAN

S.No	Priorities (Objectives)	Short Term Interventions	Long Term Interventions
1	Vision & Mission for SYM-SA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relook at the previously drawn vision &amp; Mission statements</li> <li>2. Update and redraw the statements</li> <li>3. Disseminate within the Movement the reframed vision &amp; mission</li> <li>4. Use all media platforms to communicate/spread outside the Movement</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clarity &amp; understanding on the vision and mission to every member/group/zone/ province</li> <li>2. Motivate members/ groups to draw their annual/action plans on the vision &amp; mission</li> <li>3. Educate the members to personalise it</li> </ol>
2	Periodic Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coordinate periodic meetings at various levels (leaders, core teams, local, zonal, etc)</li> <li>2. Educate on the purpose and outcome of regular meetings</li> <li>3. Make the meetings attractive and useful</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create annual/ semester plans for meetings</li> <li>2. Share the responsibility of coordinating the meetings with members</li> <li>3. Regularise the meetings</li> <li>4. Make the meetings purposeful and well-coordinated</li> </ol>
3	Formation Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify a team to draw a formation plan</li> <li>2. Study the available plans in other Provinces</li> <li>3. Fix time lines for completion and wider consultation</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facilitate every member to go through</li> <li>2. Make the formation plan mandatory at all levels</li> <li>3. Make it prerequisite to be elected to any responsibility</li> </ol>

4	Formation of the coordination team and their roles & responsibilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define structures of the Movement</li> <li>2. Define the roles and responsibilities of structures</li> <li>3. Elect a team of Coordinators</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. this team shall represent the Movement at all levels</li> <li>2. shall collectively engage with SDBs in decision making for the SYM, at all levels</li> <li>3. shall coordinate/organise/conduct all programmes</li> </ol>
5	Youth space in every SDB presence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conduct a survey of available Youth Spaces and the facilities in it</li> <li>2. identify SDBs presences where we could immediately start</li> <li>3. make available basic amenities in Youth Spaces</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. periodic monitoring and evaluation</li> <li>2. formation to SDBs/ Animators who are in-charge</li> <li>3. widen the purpose and the services rendered in/through Youth Spaces</li> </ol>



*To be young is a grace, a blessing.*

*Youth is a gift of God.*

- Christus Vivit 134

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*Young people are meant to dream great things,*

*to seek vast horizons, to aim higher.*

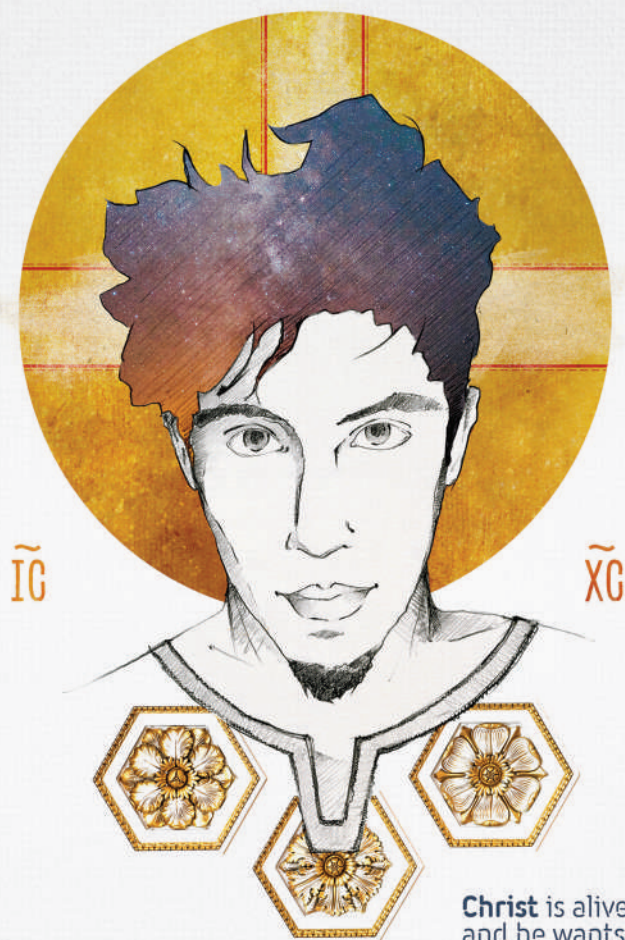
- Christus Vivit 15

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*The Church needs your momentum,*

*your intuitions, your faith.*

- Christus Vivit 299



Christ is alive  
and he wants you  
to be  
alive!

(CHV 1)