

NOTES ON THE THIRTY-SIX RESEARCH ISSUES

CONGREGATION I-WORLD IMPACT

1. LENS FINESSE

Reconstructing the basic think tanks in the light of the clarification of the methods, especially problem solving. This involves further rationalizing the interior dynamics of the course as well as re-doing the singing format, meal designs including conversations, symbolic rituals, opening and closing dramaturgy. The opening and closing lectures and think tanks must be re-done and the basic lectures refined. Structured care for participants needs to be thought through.

2. COURSE METHODS

Building on the work of the guardians in applying the social triangles to a corporation. LENS is more directly adapted to the business world. This involves clarification of the corporate, tactical and motivational methods and invisible adjustment of the whole course to this particular audience. Obviously close contact must be kept with groups #1 and #3.

3. LENS WORKBOOK

Beginning the reconstruction of the manual by first gathering all of the insights and wisdom from the teachers over the last year, plus a careful examination and evaluation by the group. Close relations must be kept with what the above two groups come up with. On the basis of this a rough outline of a new workbook must be drafted.

4. LENS BACK-UP

Basically the searching out and collecting of edge articles from publications that will serve as back-up readings on the economic, political, educational, social, and symbolic dynamics and on the human issues of family, vocation, and meaningful engagement. In addition, further research on decor (quotations, symbols, pictures, etc.) must be done plus the actual creation of such pieces.

5. LENS MARKETING TOOLS

Re-doing the major brochure and the "throw away." This does not mean starting from scratch but making the present ones more attractive and simple and impactful. The most important is the former---the major brochure. In addition, various other sales gimmicks and instruments are to be thought through and created for the several audiences---especially the business.

6. LENS MARKETING

Drawing together our past wisdom on marketing at home and abroad and creating an operating construct for the future. This requires a rational delineation of the various necessary constituencies and the means of selling each with particular attention upon building global networks. Special emphasis is to be placed on the economic and business communities. Financial models need to be created to enable LENS to pay for itself.

7. CORPORATION GUILD

Developing the rational constructs for creating the corporation guild. This will be enabled by putting the social process triangles into business language as a tool for doing business consults. An initial prioritizing of business structures relative to the impact task is also needed.

8. GLOBAL LANGUAGE

Designing a crash educational program for conversational global language that can be operated around the planet including North America. This involves a master design, imaginal education curriculum, programming machines, training faculty, legalizing the enterprise and marketing the product.

9. GLOBAL CABARET

Creating a Cabaret for the globe. It is for the "global-IN-group" (GIG). This involves analyzing the states of humanness to be invisibly communicated, designing the format, writing the script, staging the show, selecting and rehearsing a cast to present the cabaret on the second Saturday evening to the whole assembly. All of this is in preparation for the fall India Circuit in particular and global possibilities later.

CONGREGATION II-WORLD DEMONSTRATION

10. TACTICAL THINKING

Thinking through and rendering in precise prose the problem-solving or battle-planning methods. Special attention must be given to the first point---the practical vision. Secondly, special consideration must be given to describing contradictions and the meaning of implementaries. The universal application of this method must be always in the group's mind.

11. METHODS SCHOOL

Refining the SMS and adapting it as a two-week course for Buddhist Priests in Sri Lanka. This unit will likely go through the whole month. The first two weeks probably ought to be spent cleaning the SMS and preparing it for being taught around the globe this fall. Then a clear summary design needs to be created for the Buddhists for the sake of selling the SMS to them.

12. DEMONSTRATION SIGNS

Building a transrational chart of social demonstration as catalytic forces toward social change. This is done through the screen of the Social Process triangles. After this is done the work must then be pulled through the 9 Pressure Points. The intent is to discover how the 9 buttons are practically pushed by social demonstrations which will show the Movement where and how to focus its power toward the future.

13. 1976 BICENTENNIAL

Creating an inclusive proposal for various government agencies on a local community colloquy, toward enabling the grass roots to participate in forming the nation's practical vision for the next 200 years. This would involve think tank format, leadership training, estimated costs, publicity matters, national grid, time designs, and roughing out some kind of participant and teacher manuals.

14. VILLAGE MOVEMENT

Designing a major project of village or local community reformulation for Korea, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and the like. A general proposal must be created. In the second two weeks the proposal can be adjusted to the specific nations. The proposal must include the cardinal strategies, such as impactment devices, pilot projects, training schemes, etc. Back-up systems and materials must be indicated or collected.

15. OOMBULGURI/MAJURO

For Majuro a format of a National Consult is to be built that has to do with the future of the total life of these people. For Oombulguri a rough draft is to be created of the steps to be taken in reformulating an Aboriginal Community on their own land. This must be timed and back-up materials thought through and collected. This will be the seeding of a consult in Australia.

16. UPTOWN LAB

Like the rabbit in the races, UPTOWN must keep out in front---scouting ahead, breaking the trail. The work of the experiment must be carried out, but while this is going on, the next year for the whole parish experiment must be in mind. Also, this will be training for the Movement people. This group must be in touch not only with the units of this column but also with units #16, #17, and #18.

17. UPTOWN MANUAL

For the sake of 100 5th City projects around the world, what has happened in UPTOWN needs to be rationally laid out in the form of a manual. This must be in such a design that a person in Suva, Fiji can use it step by step to replicate Uptown 5. This involves practical visions, impact tools, training devices, social methods, leadership, guilds, models, and most importantly, timelines, etc.

18. 5TH CITY ARTICLE

In the first two weeks an article for a popular magazine on the story of 5th City needs to be written and polished. The unit in no wise begins from scratch but takes the work of the past and especially the most recent effort to write such an article. This is for the Movement at large relative to 100 5th Cities and for the World at this moment of resurgence.

CONGREGATION III—CHURCH METAMORPHOSIS

19. TRANSPARENTIZED CHRISTIANITY
 Articulating in prose the sociological transparentization of humanness as it is manifest in historical particularity. The emphasis here is on the Christian Church. It must cover the universal empirical experience of the divine, the contentlessness of the Christ Event, the essentiality of the "holy" spirit with particular emphasis upon the transparentization of the sociality of the Church.
20. CLASSICAL RELIGIOUS
 Transposing the great historical religions into phenomenological concepts as grasped in the post-modern world. This requires taking the primal symbols of humanness in the various classical religions and analyzing the insights into humanness and translating them into the post-modern poetry in relation to the contentless Word. This may involve Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Sinocism, and Judaism.
21. ONTOLOGICAL LOVE
 Attempting to forge the turn from the emphasis on faith that had to do with the passingness of the past to the theology of universal benevolence that deals with the coming of resurgence. This draws together the insights of resurrectional life, the other world in this world, the post-modern grasp of revolutionary love of the world -- through primal community, social catalytic demonstration, and the religious vocation.
22. RESURGENCE MISSION
 Writing the three edifying discourses on the New World, New Church, and New Man (spirit). Building the format for the Sunday and designing the educational instrument for the time following the speaking, a manual needs to be built for the day even covering dress, presence, rhetoric, etc. Then a plan for doing the Mission globally must be created.
23. METRO CADRE
 Working with past material and gathering the experience of this last year to spell out the function and nature of the Metro Cadre. Special concern must be given as to how this is the movemental Order, how it is related to the global thrust and the area's operating design. Lastly a plan of completing the global network of Metro Cadres is needed.
24. GUARDIAN NETWORK
 Review history and organize roster of the North American guardians. Delineate their functions and think through their semi-annual meeting design and relations with them between meetings. Categorize the ways they can be of vital service to the Movement to review the Commission structure. Envision the form of the worldwide guardians.
25. LOCAL CHURCH EXPERIMENT
 Rationalizing, simplifying and extending the Local Church Experiment's tactical systems using the experience and data since 1971. Being absolutely loyal to the system and its timeline, the aim is to get the experiment in such shape that it might be broadly and quickly replicated.

26. PARISH BATTLEPLAN

Using past work try again to more precisely state what a community guild is, what its functions are, and how it functions -- its relation to the Church, the world, and local community and to the Movement. When and where it meets ought to be relatively commonized as well as the form of the meeting. Work needs to be done on how they are created and the various guilds' relations to each other.

27. COMMUNITY GUILD

Drawing together and evaluating the data relative to the 26-week experiment during the winter to spring quarter, and then building a 52-week set of guidelines for the program year of '74-'75. After placing these on a timeline a list of directions ought to be created for the research centrum and UPTOWN 5.

CONGREGATION IV MOVEMENT GLOBALIZATION

28. 21 POINT STRATEGY

The creation of the continent by continent strategy for the coming year will be a task of this group. They will build upon the 21 point plans brought back by the Elders trip from each area. Further it will concretize the common strategies with rationales and time designs for the implimentation of the 20 programs, i.e. stating the number of courses for each house per quarter, the sequence of the ITI's etc. They will be concerned with the symbolic power of rationality and common-ality.

29. GLOBAL FINANCES

This group will create a relatively simple means of bookkeeping which would be usable in all Religious Houses across the globe. They would build upon the materials brought back from the global elder's trip from each house. Further, they will develop a common method of financial reporting for each house and by area to Chicago Centrum, and a rationale and time design for such reporting. The reporting scheme will be consistent with the bookkeeping rationale. Also they will work through an objective rationale for global equity in stipends, order funds, house and missional budgets.

30. GLOBAL POLITY

The dynamics of centrum commission, area and panchayat need to be articulated in terms of their functioning arena and their particular role in the creation of a global polity. This will include practical guidelines for each and a spelling out of the means of creating these dynamics (ie relationship of areas and centrum). Further, this group will work on the commonizing of the legal relationship of each house across the globe building upon the work begun by the legal commission last winter quarter.

31. RESEARCH CENTRUM

Spell out the operation of research centrum using the dynamic of centrum in its research function. This would include coordination and establishment of demonstration projects, creation of the global network of research, and providing the backup services of research to the geo-social arena of responsibility.

32. DEVELOPMENT CENTRUM

Create the models of operation for the development using the dynamics of the centrum models for local funding, development of circuits, major funding and authorization. This would include symbols, stories, rationales, and operating images of development.

33. MANAGEMENT CENTRUM

Create the operating models for the management centrum using the dynamics of the centrum as they have been developed, models of E.I. Finance, Publication, communication, property, services, and data. This would include particularly the relations to the finance and legal commission.

34. OPERATIONS CENTRUM

Create a comprehensive and detailed list of all the issues and tasks that would need to be dealt with in any operations centrum anywhere with particular emphasis on rational penetration coordinator models, strategic movement formation, and effective order care such that the centrum could be quickly initiated and adequately operated anywhere with a few people.

35. SEPTEMBER AGENDA

Outline the issues to be covered and design the constructs, the space usage, and the time-line of the September Global Priors Council, looking seriously at the whole arena of the 20 Programs in the light of creating a rational formula which would delineate how many of which programs would be carried on according to what criteria. Decide the key arenas of priorship training needed and consider the necessary format for this training. Make recommendations for the ongoing enabling practices.

36. GLOBAL ASSIGNMENTS

Pull together a comprehensive picture of the global assignment needs and the assignable forces of the order. Discern the priorities, criteria, and rationale for assigning and make the actual assignments of the global order for Quarter II of 1974-75.

CONGREGATION

TRANSFORMING MUNDANE REALITY.		DEVELOPING NEW CONSCIOUSNESS		ENABLING MISSIONAL ACTIVITY.		ORDERING CORPORATE LIFE	
CORPORATE WORSHIP	Holding accountability	THEOLOGICAL TRAINING	core curriculum	MISSION EDUCATION PROGRAM	COMMUNITY ANALYSIS	MISSIONAL COVENANT	SYMBOLIZING MISSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
	celebrating the story		advanced studies		GLOBAL EDUCATION		ACCOUNTABILITY
	rehearsing the word		scripture studies		DENOMINATIONAL MISSIONS		ABSOLUTION STRUCTURES
	articulate dedication		all phases structure		GLOBAL FIELD TRIP		DISCIPLINED LIFE STYLE
LIFE PASSAGE RITES.	Birth rites	CULTURAL EDUCATION.	male/female ontology	VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.	CONTEXTING LIFE AS A JOURNEY	FELLOWSHIP STRUCTURES	DISCONTINUOUS CELEBRATIONS
	vocational rites		celebrate other		EXPOSURE TO VARYING VOCATIONAL STYLES		MISSIONAL MUSIC MAKING.
	family rites		social studies		EXPLORATION PLAN		SMALL GROUP NURTURE
	death rites		arts appropriation		VOCATIONAL COVENANT		TASK ENGAGEMENT STRUCTURES -
SOLITARY RITES.	reflection on mystery	HERITAGE APPROPRIATION	history of the congregation	FIELD TRAINING	WEEK-END COURSES	SPIRIT LIFE STRUCTURES	VISION & RENEWAL.
	dialogue w/d history		communion history.		WORK PROJECTS		MEDITATIVE COUNSEL
	engagement with future		family history		CIVIC INVOLVEMENT		CORPORATE SIGN DEMONSTRATION
	rehearsing human journey		movement of history.		COMMUNITY LIFE AWARENESS		SPIRIT COUNSEL.
MISSIONAL SYMBOLS	create sacred space	TEACHING LIFE METHODS	social methods	MISSION DEMONSTRATION	GATHER PARISH DATA	COMMUNITY POLITY	DECISION MAKING RATIONALE
	ordering time		Spirit methods		BUILD BATTLE PLAN		INDICATIVE BATTLE PLANNING.
	defining apostolic community		intellectual methods		DOING SIGN		PRACTICAL VISIONING
	appropriate the given.		polity methods		ASSESS IMPACT		INTENTIONAL MEETING STRUCTURES.