

THERE IS NO TIME TO WAIT FOR THE MORNING  
(notes on a collegium)

1. In 1978, George Walters stood up in the Council and suggested a Global Order Council for the year 1980; we suggested various places for it to be held: Flagstaff, Mexico City, Beirut.
2. 1984 became the Year of Global Council, a sixteen-month year on behalf of sixteen years, and beginning now. We stand at the end of a sixteen-year period of our history which began with an Order Council in 1968. Those sixteen years can be divided into an eight-year period of research, dealing with the Church and the World, and another eight-year period of demonstration dealing with community and society. In those years we participated in thrusts dealing with cadres, the LCX, the PCE, LENS, Town Meeting, Social Demonstration, replication, and regions. These campaigns were done over against a world backdrop of Black resurgence, Vietnam, the Women's Revolution, OPEC, the economic shift, ecology, and the computer chip.
3. We stand at the end of this 16-year period, preparing for the next 16 years in this Year of the Order Council in a time of repentance and reconciliation. The time to initiate the Year of the Order Council is now. This is a pivotal moment in our history.
4. Everything up to this moment is done. Research and Demonstration are done. We are poised, but not motionless, as we move into a new time. This will be a time of program intensification, particularly relative to the phases of IERD. It is interesting that people decide to leave the order at times of the intensification of the mission, which always intensifies consciousness of the vocational struggle.
5. It is also at this moment that we have decided to have the Year of the Order Council, precisely at the point of this intense focus on the world. We never find our lives by stepping aside from this kind of intensity, but by depth engagement in what is going on.
6. This is the right moment for the Council: we do not know what we are going to do next.
7. Kazantzakis quote: "Burn Your Houses...". The Year of Order Council is not about reconstructing the past: we often read the Kaz quote with great drama and self-righteousness referring to other people's houses and ideas. But the Order also is asked to burn its houses from time to time. This year we may be required to "smash even yourself that I may pass." Then, on the other hand, we have to watch the tendency to rip everything up. We do have to create something new.
8. The July '83 Council was a strange council; it was inescapably representational; the time design was laid back, but the indicative was expenditure and service. The style was serious and direct; things were not whopped up. but a very significant point in our history. At present we are committed to two extended events: a three-year Exposition process, and a sixteen-month Council process. It was the Council that came up with one global priority for the year: THE YEAR OF ORDER COUNCIL involving three

polar tensional dynamics: 1. shaping our disciplined life through CORPORATE FINANCES; 2. articulating the historical task through IERD CATALYSIS; and 3. embodying future presence through ORDER COUNCIL MECHANISMS.

9. FINANCES: the work we did on finances did not demand a quick decision on particular practices, but a change in direction. We came up with a global budget, and decided to operate out of it. This was the year we decided to avoid the kind of mental click that allows us to "turn off" when finances are mentioned in a meeting in the belief that "someone else" will deal with that. This is the year we are not going to make these mental clicks; we are not going to turn off on finances. We have decided to win on stipends, and on self-support. This is the year we have decided that permeation is part of our mission; this year we can see that New Ventures is not an option, but an absolutely critical dimension of our future; this is also the year we decided to develop and catalyze all the funds needed.

10. We saw that dealing with the foundational pole of our life is a symbol of our future, and of our mission in history. Without this economic foundation, we will not have the next 16 years. We want the Order to be wealthy so that we can do the next 16 years. Sound order finances is a powerful symbol of our independence to act and a sign of our social capability. And it needs to be said that we have always forced new creative economic modes at times of financial crisis.

11. IERD: the IERD taskforce created immensely detailed models for the Delhi Plenary and a communications Manual that will serve the movement in good stead as IERD starts coming out of the closet; the effectiveness of this moment in history requires that IERD be known. In documentation, we are working towards a global computerized network of 20,000 projects, and documenting the projects to go to India through the Project Description Labs, while continuing documentation with the other projects. For funding we have a powerful story to get the needed funds raised. Then, the rise of local people is happening now and forcing us to ask what phase III means for the HDZ in Iowa, and the NW suburbs of Chicago.

12. What does it mean to see IERD as part of the Year of the Global Order?. This is a moment of catalysing a historical movement: our task is not to create it, but to catalyze it, while not being separate from it. At the same time we are riding the back of major organizations like UNICEF, and, most recently, WHO and FAO. This has to do with developing the strategies of credibility. While riding the backs of these organizations, we are nobodies. Ben Kingsley is somebody, UNICEF is somebody, but neither Ben or UNICEF will go to the villages of Nigeria. We will be offended by the assault of this all year long, and will worry about losing our integrity.

13. The edge in all this is COALITIONING. We don't know how to do it. We know we need to do it. We have to think the process through with all dimensions of society. Coalitioning is certainly not cooperation, and it is not submission, or voting on procedures. This is an edge of our research.

14. Finally we have to say the doing IERD is doing what we have always done: the New World, the New Human, and the New Church.

15. YEAR OF ORDER COUNCIL: this year is all of a piece, one piece. In the midst of working, we are going to figure out our future. Everything we are doing is doing this event. The Year of Order Council is a fresh way to grasp our election and restate it. It is a time of regrounding our vocation. It is a time of restating our commission grounded in our strategy. It is a time of redesigning future forms that will freight all that. This year, as we go about addressing the contradictions, doing the three modes, and demonstrating participatory polity, we will find that our strategy and our Order are one mission. The Continuum's task is to undergird the work carried on under the overarching images of Informing Analysis, Futuric Models, and Strategy Leap. The Order Forms collegiums, the Panchayat Trek, and the Model-Building Units will enable every order member to participate in the consensus-forming process as part of a corporate group. Then every single member of the Order has the responsibility of struggling solitarily with his own destinal decision and with the future shape and thrust of the Order.

16. The Order Council will be an intensification of prayer, through the rethinking of our social analysis and contradictions: what God is calling us to do now. It will be a year of contemplation of The Other World in the midst of this world. It will be the intensification of meditation through regrounding ourselves in our roots. Four dangers of this year will be: 1. being unclear about our destinal story; 2. worrying about our unstable economic situation; 3. fearing continuing to bracket by wanting to rush out and do something before being clear on the strategy; 4. shallow symbolism. Finally, this will be a year of participating in sociological repentance and reconciliation.

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Quarter I  
Week 7  
1983-84

ORDER COUNCIL INITIATION	CORPORATE FINANCES	IERD CATALYSIS	ORDER COUNCIL MECHANISMS
The Feel of Council 83	Funds	Update	Intent
time design laid back inescapably representational indicative of service (not who's doing it) serious and direct style	possibility of balance cash flow crisis global transfer glitch Guardianship	Co-sponsors Kingsley Video India frame Donations (64)	addressing the contradiction the three modes Strategy & order: one mission demonstrating particip. polity
The Resolves of Council 83	Self-Support	Phase Talk Through	Over-Arching Images
one priority of the Council polar tensions dynamical relations reveals anew our destinal journey	gift of independence 12-step end priority new permeation story new direction not optional	Phase III Images Delhi format Delhi participation Delhi assignments	Informing Analysis Future Models Strategy Leap undergirding Continuum
The Spirit Dangers of the Year	Ventures	The Tasks	Modes of Participation
unclear destinal story of OIE unstable economic situation fear of continuing to bracket sell out to shallow symbolism/immediacy	winning venture story empower existing venture utilizing methods LENS INC.	Communication Documentation Funding (5 Steps) Current "Phase II"	Order Form Colleagues Panchayat Model-building units Indiv. decision to struggle corp. ly
Profound Implication for Nexus: Chicago	Budget	Profound Function	Calendar this Nexus
quinea peas for YOC Solve S/S now! demo. to world guard our doing in YOC service to (re)ass Nexus unique demo	balanced project in IERD dependent cashflow lead annual appeal planning	catalyse hist. movements strategy of credibility research-edge coalitioning 3 Master strategies world - POG - MVT	Cont. Council/Order Day Dec 83 event July Council 84 Dec 84