

THE YEAR OF THE GLOBAL ORDER COUNCIL

1. The Global Order Launch

The Year of the Global Order will be initiated across the globe at the first conciliar event following the July '83 Global Council. For North America, Europe/Eurasia and the Sub-Continent this will be the Continental councils in August and September. For SEAPAC, Africa/N.A.M.E. and Latin America this will be the Area Councils. The recommended construct for the Councils will be an Order Day. The intent of the format will be to enable each individual to articulate their personal story of commitment to the Year of the Global Order Council. This occasion could initiate the use of journals for the Year.

The following are some common tools to be adapted for use in the Order Day. These are tested models and may reflect a particular locale. They include: (See Appendix)

1. Procedures for Life Journey Plan
2. Worksheets
  - a. Journey Battleplan
  - b. Priority Chart
3. Brooding Questions Exercise
4. Reflection Charts
  - a. Obedience
  - b. Prayer

It is recommended that this Order Day take place toward the end of the Councils and make use of an altered time design. For example one Area used 6 p.m. to midnight for rest time, beginning the new day with exercises and a vigil.

2. The Local Mission

The intent of this component is to rethink the missional context in which the local work is conducted. The Nine Common Elements for Local Development could be used to provide a base for such, and continent strategies rethought to provide a context for all the local activities. Each House would carry out this type work and take the products to the Continental Research Colloquy. The products would consist of a local operations system, 4-year plan and recommended area and continental strategies.

3. The I.E.R.D. Prep

The intent of this component is to complete Phase I in the I.E.R.D. program. The common I.E.R.D. plans will be used by each region or nation to carry out the remaining necessary activities set forth by the plan. Also, the completed products will be distributed or carried out as set by Phase I and II plans.

4. Resurgence Research Project

The intent of this component is to conduct research of local resurgent groups or activities bursting forth in whatever form in society today. Attempts will be made to get the underlying motifs or

creative dynamic that spawns resurgence. Research will take whatever local contact that is needed to get 'inside' of the practical and imaginal response to the resurgence. Each House would carry out this activity and bring the products to Continental Research Colloquy. The products would be to complete the provided report form and organize the back-up pull-together of constructs and materials that would convey adequately the resurgence taking place, to the Colloquy.

5. Talking Papers Study

The intent of this component is to create the corporate imagery and context for researching the geo-social-spirit milieu. Talking papers will be selected by the Continuum and sent to every House for study in Quarter I. These might include The One in the One, The Transposed Prolegomena, Profound Ecumenism, The Sydney Briefs or others to be created.

6. The Order Forms Collegiums

The intent of this component is for every Order member to have an opportunity to review common memory in relation to some of the foundational structures of Order life and to add their own thinking and input to what changes are required for the future regarding Corporate Designs, Journey structures and Polity Systems.

Each collegium should be scheduled for an extended length of time, approximately two hours. Suggested, one particular day of the week be set aside for this brooding time. Equal time is to be devoted to common memory and corporate reflection on future directions. The structure of these collegiums will focus on the four questions below:-

- Why was this structure begun?
- What are the pre-suppositions this form was based on?
- What is our new situation?
- What are the futuristic directions?

Much of the back up data can be in polity documents, and other resources are also helpful. (See Appendix)

7. Panchayat Trek

The intent of this component is to provide every House with the occasion to participate in 1. rehearsing the context of the Year of the Order Council, 2. journeying "Order Forms" toward the Global Research Assembly/Global Order Council, and 3. grounding finance decisions made during the Priors' Council 1983. These will be two-day treks to every House with everyone assigned to that House present. It is recommended that a reflective event be held for the Symbolic-Movemental-Extended Order.

8. The Continental or Area Research Colloquies

The intent of these Colloquies is to pull together the insight and data of the work of the Houses during Quarter II and push further the research dimension in the following arenas:-

1. Local Development and Zonal Dynamics.

The intent of this arena is to take the work from the G.R.A. on Local Development in Multi-Community Projects, the products of the Houses in "Local Mission" and all available Human Development Strategies. The product would be a refinement of the Nine Common Elements as applied to

their continent and continental and global 16-year visions and 4-year plans and how it would illuminate the image and dynamics of the H.D.Z. as it is emerging in national, rural and urban situations.

## 2. Cultural Resurgence and Practical Piety

The intent of this arena is to take the work from the Houses on "Resurgence Research", new paradigm models, consciousness of the nation and profound humanness. It would pull together and further research in depth the new forms and new modes of resurgence. It shows up in the secular and religious groupings resulting in new images, life styles and communities. This would be interfaced with the basic primordial images of the cultures in which people of the continent live, seeking out the underlying spirit blocks, cultural gifts and myth factor by which they articulate to themselves their practical lifestyle and manifestation of humanness. Finally this would be related to the major contradiction of our times and the Order life and mission in order to indicate how such resurgence illuminates response to such contradictions.

## 3. Foundational Order Forms

The intent of this arena is to take all the work of the Houses' collegiums and the report of the Panchayat trip and pull together the data and insights. In addition it would study all the past documents written by O:E on the Order's life; conduct first-hand research of the orders of the great religions in their continent; and secular and fraternal groups that seek to manifest profound humanness. The product would be a statement of the role of the religious considering various manifestations, and the organizing symbolic and common life polity and dynamics that would need to be considered for our use.

The products of these Colloquies would go to the Continuum for preliminary pull-together and preparation for further work by the Delhi meeting.

## 9. The Models-Focussing Task Force

The intent of this component is to review the research analysis done to date as pulled together by the Panchayat and the Continuum and to focus the thrust of March through June 1984. This would design the strategy for Phase III of the I.E.R.D. and discern the arenas of focus for the Manifestation, Declaration and Formation Task Forces. This Models-Focussing Task Force would also focus the research arenas for the work in the Houses in Quarter IV through the Talking Paper creation and the Order Model-Building Units. This group would meet for the two weeks after the I.E.R.D. Exposition Plenary in Delhi, and the Order members assigned to the Exposition would be present.

## 10. The National Symposia

The intent of this component is to review the I.E.R.D. Exposition Plenary products and to create the implementation of Phase III of the I.E.R.D. at the national level. Participants would be National Steering Committee members, delegates and others who had participated in I.E.R.D. national preparation.

## 11. Manifestation, Declaration and Formation Task Forces

The intent of these components is to create concrete models in the arenas delineated in the Model-Focussing Task Force that will feed our common brooding and forge our common resolve in preparation for the Global Research Assembly and Council Plenary. As an initial image these models might be in arenas of Order funds, local self-support, common ritual,

Human Development Zone, configurations, resurgent modes. These Task Forces could last anywhere from one to three weeks and be convened at locations appropriate to their content. Participants would include a wide spectrum of Order experience necessary to the arena of work.

12. Talking Papers Creation

The intent of this component is to enable every House to participate in articulating the direction we must go to enable the resurgence in our times. Topics for Talking Papers will be assigned to the Houses by March 15th by the Continuum with the same topic going to at least three Houses. The focus of these papers will be the creation of the necessary spirit tools to enable the resurgence.

13. Order Week II Model Building Units

The intent of this component is that every House participate in building at least two assigned models in fully implementable form as input to the consensus process. These models would be built upon the articulated wisdom of the every-House collegiums and Continental Research Colloquies for use by a specific Task Force, Continental Research Assembly or toward the consensus formation of the Global Order Council. A House might choose to do model-building on other arenas of special interest in addition to the two assigned to them.

14. The Preparation Task Force

The intent of this component is to finalise the recommended procedures for the 1984 Global Research Assembly and the Global Order Council. They will work very closely with the Panchayat and Continuum to plan the two events. The final plans will be presented to the Global Priory prior to the beginning of the Global Research Assembly.

15. The Global Research Assembly

The 4-week Global Research Assembly, July 1984, will pull together the research done throughout the year at the local House, national/Areal and Continental levels. Global/Continental strategies will be formulated out of this, with accompanying configuration, "resurgence" tools and Order forms recommendations.

16. The Council Plenary Component

The intent of this component is to symbolise and activate the future strategic directions articulated in the Global Research Colloquy. It will include the consensus on the global strategies, configuration, and Order forms which embody our destinal role in history. The assignments for the coming year will concretise these new directions. It will be a two-week period of time during which the Order from across the globe will be present.

17. The Strategic Leap

This cycle has three components: Strategic Implementation, Resurgent Tools and Order Forms. The intent of each of these components is to ensure that the work of the Global Research Assembly and Council has a way to be

implemented in each Continent, Area and House. These primarily would be done through councils, but also would be carried out in study papers, retreats, courses, Problem Solving Units, collegiums, Symposia, conferences, interchange treks, newsletters, etc. Implementation plans would comprehensibly present all the models, and decision is a phased time line of events to ensure that all Order members may participate in all the parts of the Colloquy and Council as well as the 16 year vision and 4 year and next year planning.

## The Local Pilgrimage

The image for December, 1984, for the closing of The Year of the Council, is that of a local pilgrimage. The function of a pilgrimage is to search for roots of humanness and to embody social repentance in order to transform the world.

Each house would create and do its own pilgrimage within its geographic locale. Out of the research and corporate conversations during this keystone year, the house would decide where within its locale would be the symbol of social repentance. It would visit that location as a corporate/solitary exercise. An area might decide together to make the same pilgrimage. The journey would not be exclusively for house people only - other colleagues could also participate.

Examples of what locations might be appropriate for some areas/houses include: Tokyo to Hiroshima, Australia to Ayres Rock, Indonesia to Borobador (Buddhist) temple, Area Cairo to Jerusalem, or Africa to Olvi Gorge in Tanzania.

### Marks of Pilgrimage

Whether contemporary or ancient, certain features are common to all pilgrimage. First, there is hazardous travel. It may be hazardous because of unknown ways and dangers of bandits, disease, weather or other external forces. Or it may be hazardous because of internal turmoil and the fact that one has had to leave behind the familiar and secure patterns of one's life. But in no case is pilgrimage travelling a smooth and easy road in first class accommodation. Such is the role of a tourist not a pilgrim. In nearly all pilgrimages a good deal of the way must be gone on foot and one must travel with little baggage and subject themselves to strange foods and manners. It is as though one must symbolize the need to make a radical break in order to go the distance to the center of being.

A second mark of pilgrimage is a very special kind of companionship which Turner calls communitas and which we would call the friendship of the League. This is unity with those both presently and in times past on the same march to the center. It is the at-oneness we have all experienced for short times in our lives when all ostensible barriers dissolve. It is a complete sharing of spirit and intent which becomes more intense as the journey proceeds from wayside inn to wayside inn and from shrine to shrine and as dangers are faced and overcome together. Once the goal is reached the esprit quickly disappears and is replaced by a memory of esprit which colors the rest of ones life. (Attempts to make this communitas an ongoing experience lead to reactionary movements and past-oriented visioning which is inevitably self-defeating.)

I THE KAIROTIC MOMENT		II THE HISTORIC JOURNEY		III THE YEAR OF COUNCIL		IV FUTURIC OPTIONS PROMISES	
A  THE CRUNCH	pluralism and options	A  IMAGE OF TIME	in the gap	A  HISTORY  HAS  CONSPIRED	the Mystery's demand	A  SIXTEEN MONTHS FOR SIXTEEN YEARS	investing time
	urgency and ambiguity		'52: Faith and Life		riding the trends		with many others
	existential and intellectual		'68 : religious houses		absurd election		third millennium
			'84: intensification				
B  THE SECOND TURN	to the world	B  '84 TO '68	global spread	B DISCIPLINED LIFE THRU CORPORATE FINANCES	foundational role	B  TOTAL  PARTICIP- ATION  (ity)	all ages
	within the world		the Church		in rel. to historic task		all symbolic order
	bouncing on the swell		the World		in rel. to failure (pres. gr. in rel.)		full time
	bucking the current		the Community		in rel. to sign of stability		every decision
C  THE METHOD	crunch statement	C  '68 to '52	teaching RS-I	C HISTORIC TASK ARTICULAT- ION THRU IERD CAT- ALYSIS	ordering role	C  PERPETUAL  REVOLUTION	burn your houses
	eye of needle		5th City model		disc. life req. viable body		total: over and over
	three taskforces		New Religious Mode		in rel. to fut. pr.:miss. Pict.		radical: root change
	"Ventures"		cadres		in rel. to accelerating rur. dev.		unconditional: win or lose
D  "DO OR DIE"	Now or never	D  WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT	beyond our imagining	D EMBODYING FUT.PRESENC THRU ORDER COUNCIL MECHANISMS	significating role	D  NEW FACE OF THE LEAGUE	global
	inevitable consequences		beyond our efforts		inrelto disc lif gives form		local
	issues that can't wait				inrelto hist tas gives perspectiv		inclusive
					forges new religious		

Towards demonstrating participatory polity through THE YEAR OF THE ORDER COUNCIL

		THE INFORMING ANALYSIS			THE FUTURIC MODELS			THE STRATEGY LEAP				
T H E T H R E E M O D E S	MANIFESTATION towards shaping global strategy	The Launch	The Local Mission	The Continent/Area Research Colloquies	The Exposition Plenary	The National Symposia (2)	The Preparat'n Taskforce	The Global Research Assembly & The Global Council Plenary	Strategy Implementation	The Pilgrimage	MANIFESTATION towards shaping global strategy	T H E T H R E E M O D E S
	DECLARATION towards researching geo-socio-spirit milieu		The IERD Prep		Talking Papers Creation	Resurgence Tools			DECLARATION towards researching geo-socio-spirit milieu			
	FORMATION towards designing undergirding Order forms		Talking Papers Study		The Declaration Taskforces	Order Forms			FORMATION towards designing undergirding Order forms			
			Order Forms Collegiums	Order Model-Building Units								
			The Panchayat Trek	The Formation Taskforces								

THE COUNCIL CONTINUUM																	
Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Qtr I			Qtr II			Qtr III			Qtr IV			Qtr I			Qtr II		

Towards articulating and symbolizing the profound identity of the Order:Ecumenical