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*« Notre responsabilité dans un monde fracturé.
Comment faire émerger une société plus équitable et plus inclusive? »*

To the leaders of the member and affiliated movements of the MIAMSI
2025

February

I – Message

Dear friends,

Through this first Letter to Movements (LAM) of the year 2025, on behalf of the MIAMSI International Bureau, I wish my best wishes to all the members of our movement. We are ten months away from our sixteenth General Assembly scheduled to be held in Fatima, Portugal from Tuesday 18 to Thursday 20 November 2025 and preparations are well underway.

In this letter, we will share with you the practical information related to this great gathering of Fatima, some of which was sent to you during the last quarter of 2024, as well as preliminary details that the movements must accomplish. Registration has begun and I invite you to spread the word about the event around you.

The theme chosen for our General Assembly is **"Our responsibility in a fractured world. How can we bring about a more equitable and inclusive society?"**.

The year 2025 having been announced as a Holy Year, it was decided to align the theme of our General Assembly with the general theme decided by the Supreme Pontiff: "Pilgrims of Hope". The choice of this theme is intended to nourish and renew hope for a world plagued by conflicts and wars, degrading poverty and threatened by the consequences of climate change, and above all to emphasize the importance of hope in Christian life and in today's world. As we have been used to for a few years, the Statutory General Assembly which will take place on the first day will be coupled with a study session on the above-mentioned theme. The particularity of this year is that this reflection session will start earlier at the regional level (regional relays) and within the movements in the member countries from the first quarter of 2025 with the support of experts that the Relays will have chosen, which will

lead to documents to be submitted to the Fatima plenary. The conclusions of the panels and the reflections carried out within the Relays and in the movements during the preparatory work on the theme of the GA and the sub-themes will be consolidated during the second day of the GA in November 2025 in Fatima, Portugal.

Fatima being a place of pilgrimage par excellence, the third day will be devoted to a Marian excursion aimed at discovering the place and the curiosities of the surroundings including the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, the Pilgrimage Centre located in Cova da Iria in the city of Fatima, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Chapel of the Apparitions, Monument dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Basilica of the Holy Trinity and the Paul VI Pastoral Centre. Fátima, one of the most famous Marian apparition sites in the world, is a popular destination for both religious pilgrims and tourists. Located in central Portugal, just 120 km north of Lisbon, it is also one of the most visited sites in Portugal.

MIAMSI would be pleased to welcome, in addition to its duly mandated delegates, guests and other interested persons from all continents to the study session and the excursion for important exchanges.

Good preparations and good luck to all.

Prosper HONAGBODE
President of MIAMSI

II – Site visit

From Tuesday, January 28 to Friday, January 31, the President of MIAMSI, supported by the President of ACI Portugal, who is also Treasurer and Vice-President in charge of Europe, visited the host of the General Assembly, namely the Domus Carmeli R. do Imaculado Coração de Maria 17,2495-441 Fatima. In this context, the rooms, the Auditorium, the rooms, the rooms for group work, the room to be used as a secretariat, the chapel and other reception facilities were visited as well as the sanctuary located in front of the Domus. The centre having a tradition of hosting large meetings, everything is in place to reserve us a good stay. Nearby hotels will be able to lend us a hand in case the Domus is full. Banners, badge holders, bags and other small equipment have already been ordered. Discussions will continue with the tourist guides and the group in charge of the animation of the fiesta.

On the sidelines of the visit, the National Council of ACI Portugal held its meeting at the beginning of the year in which the President took part and gave a conference. The mobilization on the part of the ACI, which is committed to the cause of the event, is total, which bodes well for the future. Goodwill from all will be added to the members of the ACI for the success of the event.

III – Provisional programme

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Matchday 1: Tuesday 18-11-2025

Morning

Prayer

Statutory General Assembly 1st part: 2 delegates per country duly mandated

Moral and Financial Report + Debates + Vote

Reports of the MIAMSI Delegates to the International Institutions

Exchanges and Appropriation of the reforms underway since 2020

Current context: Decrease in members and disappearance of some

Member movements, difficulties in extending the movement, countries in

Difficulty: Syria, Lebanon etc

New Orientations based on the new statutes adopted in 2021

Adoption of Resolutions

Meeting between Chaplains: Accompanists present

Meeting of Regional Relays and Secretariats

Afternoon

Plenary

Presentation of the present movements: Joys and difficulties

Presentation of candidates for a position within the B.I.

Introducing the new countries

Relay Reports

Communications : MIAMSI's presence in International Institutions (ECOSOC)

Geneva + Council of Europe + ICC-UNESCO + Vatican)

Reception of Messages and Motions

Opening Mass

Welcome evening for participants: Exchanges with the local movement (ACI Portugal)

Matchday 2: Wednesday 19-11-2025

Morning

Prayer: Inter-Island Relay

Plenary

Presentation of the Conclusions of the regional sessions, and reflections carried out within the Relays and countries (from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025) on the theme: "Our responsibility in a fractured world.

How can we bring about a more equitable and inclusive society? »

First Communication: 1 Moderator and 1 Expert to lead the debates

Second Communication: 1 Moderator and 1 Expert to lead the debates

Work in groups (3 groups or 3 groups with 1 chair and 1 rapporteur)

Afternoon

Plenary (first part)

Feedback on work at intersections

Summary of the main problems, challenges and guidelines identified

Afternoon

Plenary (second part)

Presentation and adoption of conclusions and resolutions and Adoption of resolutions
Work of the Final Message Team.
Meeting in specific groups / Chaplains / Relays / Presidents of movements
Statutory General Assembly Part 2: Vote of the members of the IB for the 2026-2030 term
Miscellaneous Communications
Evening meeting with an association of lay people in Portugal

Matchday 3: Thursday 20-11-2025

Morning until 4 pm (8 am-4 pm)

Marian pilgrimage to Fatima
Visits and meetings helped by Guides
Return

Afternoon from 5 p.m.

Plenary
Results of the elections and presentation of the new IB and representatives to the Institutions
Recommendations and Exhortations
Closing Mass / Reading of the final message
Summary meeting between the incoming and outgoing IB
FIESTA Evening

IV-1: Reminder of contributions

All MIAMSI activities are carried out based on the contributions collected. Thus, countries that are not up to date will be deprived of the right to vote. We thank all the movements that are up to date with their membership fees or that have paid in part with the commitment to pay and we ask those who have not yet been able to do so to pay them as soon as possible. For many we are waiting for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 dues. The board recalls that the official year of the MIAMSI runs from October 1 to September 30 of the following year. Each country, which has its own year of operation, communicates the renewal of membership fees at the beginning of the year, considering the actual number of members and inviting everyone to face this statutory obligation. From this data, the treasurer makes her provisional plan for the entry of subscriptions. Contribution arrears are also expected.

We remind you that the membership fee is requested at the beginning of each year and at the latest in the first half of the year and that your financial participation is vital for our movement and allows us to meet our commitments and our operating obligations. The General Assembly will be financed from its own resources. No subsidy has been obtained to date. You will find the following word from the Treasurer.

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IV-2: WORD FROM THE TREASURER

I have come to make an appeal for the collection of MIAMSI's subscriptions because without this the International Bureau will have serious difficulties in paying all its expenses and monetary obligations for operation. Thus, all movements are invited to settle their contributions and their arrears which have not been made so far.

We are waiting for the 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 contributions. The office reminds you that the official budget year of the MIAMSI runs from October 1st to October 30th of the following year.

We also encourage all those who can really try (beyond the statutory \$5 per year) to do so, as it would be vital for our movement.

People of good will or possible generous souls can support us with their donations at the address below and we are all invited to approach us.

As a reminder, the MIAMSI asks for a share of US\$ 5 (or €5) per member per year.

Details of our bank accounts are given in the paragraph above.

On behalf of the International Bureau, I send you a big THANK YOU!

Assunção MEXIA - Treasurer of MIAMSI

V – Miscellaneous information

- **European Relay:** Session in Strasbourg on 7, 8 and 9 February 2025
- **Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life:** Annual meeting with moderators of international associations of the faithful, ecclesial movements and new communities: 05 and 06 June 2025 in the Aula Nuova of the Synod in the Vatican
- **Jubilee of Movements, Associations and New Communities,** scheduled for Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 June 2025 in the presence of the Pope.

Happy reading and good work to all.

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