

**PROCEEDINGS  
THE 9<sup>TH</sup> WORLD ASSEMBLY  
THE 13<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY  
MOVEMENTS**

**July 28 – 30, 2004**

**The International Confederation of Christian Family Movements (ICCFM) was formed in Caracas, Venezuela in 1986, with the aim of helping its members live their human and Christian vocations and bear witness to the essential values of the family, based upon the Faith as announced by the Gospel and proposed by the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Confederation is composed of three types of members that fulfill the requirements established in its Constitution.**

**Full members of the Confederation are Christian Family Movements (CFM) which meet the following basic characteristics even though they may be called by other names.**

- 1. They are organized in small groups of couples, families, solo parents, widows, etc., who seek to become genuine family communities and work together with their chaplains to promote mutual growth.**
- 2. They meet regularly, participating in a formative process of Observe, Judge and Act in the light of God's word.**
- 3. They witness and minister to all families, especially to those in difficult situations such as the suffering and the poor.**

**Associate members are lay organizations which share the Christian ideals of the ICCFM and which are involved in working for the family.**

**Supporting members are those organizations or centers which share the Christian ideals of the ICCFM and which are involved in the study, research and promotion of the family.**

## ICCFM Mission

The mission of the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements (ICCFM) is to promote, encourage, and help the Christian Family Movements so that the organizations and their members live their human and Christian vocations and bear witness to the essential values of the family, based upon the faith as announced by the Gospel and proposed by the teachings of the Catholic Church. The ICCFM shall support the expansion of the CFM in those countries where it is established and shall try to establish it where it does not exist.

The ICCFM is committed to provide leadership to the worldwide local community-based CFM in the total development of the family and does this by:

1. Formulating and implementing the ICCFM Strategic Plan in a participatory and decentralized manner with the continental and national CFM Councils.
2. Facilitating and promoting effective and efficient communication between the International Council (IC) and the Continental Councils (CC), between and among the IC's, and between the IC and the National Councils (NC).
3. Promoting effective communication and partnership between the CFM and other Church endorsed organizations that are promoting the development of the family.
4. Developing resources, generating and managing the implementation and evaluation of global CFM development programs.

[www.iccfm.org](http://www.iccfm.org)

## ICCFM Member Countries

The ICCFM has affiliated organizations in the following continents and in 46 countries worldwide as of 2004.

<u>Continent</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Countries</u>
Africa	475	Cameroon, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda
Asia	4,000	Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand

<b>Europe</b>	<b>3,990</b>	<b>Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain</b>
<b>Latin America</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venzeuela</b>
<b>North America</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>Canada, United States</b>
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Australia</b>

### **Official Recognition**

**The International Confederation of Christian Family Movements is recognized by The Pontifical Council on the Laity as a private association and has been granted Consultative Status II as an NGO by the United Nations. The various elements of the ICCFM are recognized by the national Roman Catholic Conferences in many countries.**

### **THE 9<sup>TH</sup> WORLD AND 13<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ICCFM**

**The 9<sup>th</sup> World Assembly and the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the ICCFM was held on the campus of the University of Santa Clara in Santa Clara, California, USA from July 28 through August 1, 2004. The 9<sup>th</sup> World Assembly, a thematic process utilizing the Observe, Judge and Act methodology, began at 2 pm on July 28 and closed at 5 pm on July 30, 2004. The 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, the business meeting of the ICCFM, was held on July 31, 2004 at the same location. A community brunch was held on August 1, 2004 followed by the closing liturgy.**

**Delegates from 18 countries attended the ICCFM Assemblies. Average daily delegate attendance was 150. The delegates represented the following countries:**

**AFRICA**

**Ghana**

**ASIA**

**Japan, Phillipines, Thailand**

<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain</b>
<b>LATIN AMERICA</b>	<b>Columbia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Peru</b>
<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>	<b>Canada, United States</b>

### **ICCFM HYMN**

**The ICCFM Hymn was officially introduced to the 9<sup>th</sup> World Assembly at the Opening Ceremony. The hymn, performed for the first time, was composed by Yolanda Jurado of MFC Columbia and translated to English by Elma Muangroot of Thailand.**

#### **CHORUS**

**Let us sing together joyfully  
For the Church and for the family  
Let us cast our nets into the sea  
To gather all humanity.**

#### **Verse I**

**To serve the world is our resolve  
To be in homes a voice of hope  
With open hands able to help  
All families are in our scope.**

#### **Verse II**

**To form in all a joyous power  
Together seek a loving union  
Tell the world our firm intention  
And fulfill our social mission**

#### **Verse III**

**We come from different continents  
Pledging a friendly harmony  
Our goal to form communities  
May soon become a reality**

#### Verse IV

**As in the home of Nazareth  
All united in work and commitment  
So we spread the Confederation  
Of Christian Family Movements**

#### Verse V

**We are the Christian Family Movements!**

### **KEY FEATURES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> WORLD ASSEMBLY OF THE ICCFM**

#### **Theme Statement and Observe, Judge, Action Process**

The World Assembly theme was **Family: Artisans of an Evolving Society**. The assembly used the traditional Cardijn methodology of Observe—Judge—Act to discern the role of authentic partners as co-creators in an emerging world society. The focus was on the true meaning of the Christian marriage relationship and its responsibility for addressing the challenges of a contemporary society being transformed in a post-modern age. Specifically, the World Assembly will reaffirm the value of married life and the Christian family in critiquing and redirecting society's shift in a technological era.

Based on the theme statement, Observe questions were distributed to the world membership prior to the Assembly. The Observe questions were:

- 1. In your country, what are the cultural-specific reasons that people marry?**
- 2. What is the role of marriage and family life within the culture of your country?**
- 3. What is the impact of Christian marriage on your culture?**
- 4. What impact do government, church and culture have on marriage and family life in your country?**
- 5. What do you think marriage and family life will be like in the future?**
- 6. What is the true meaning of Christian marriage?**

The attendees were assigned to one of six Action groups, three in Spanish and three in English. Each country presented the responses from their country.

**The Judge questions utilized by the Action group leaders were:**

- 1. How is the culture of marriage different in your country from the message in the Gospel and Church documents?**
- 2. How is the Christian theology of marriage relevant today? In the future?**
- 3. How can we bring marriage and family life more in line with the scriptures and church documents?**

**The Action groups presented the results of their discussion in resolution form which were analyzed, summarized and presented by Dr. Kenneth Weare to the membership as part of the agenda of the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the ICCFM on July 31, 2004.**

### **Prayer and Liturgical Celebrations**

**Each day of the Assembly was begun with a eucharistic liturgy. The various continents were in charge of the liturgies. Each liturgy followed the readings of the day. The celebration of the liturgy served to gather the delegates together to begin the day of inspiration, understanding and service. There were 18 priests who concelebrated at the opening, closing and daily liturgies.**

### **Homestay**

**Each delegate had the option to homestay with a family in the Santa Clara-San Jose area for each of the nights of the two Assemblies. More than half of the delegates chose to homestay with a family. The remainder of the delegates were housed in the Beverly Heritage Hotel or alternative hotels.**

**Delegates chose to homestay and share hospitality with a family as well as to reduce their costs. The delegates were delivered each morning to the Assembly site and picked up in the evening by their host family. The delegates expressed their appreciation for the genuine hospitality of their families. Most of the international delegates homestay with a family which added to the enrichment of their experience.**

### **Dinner at Home with an American Family**

**The planning committee arranged for each delegate to have dinner with an American family on the third evening of the Assembly. This experience provided the opportunity to enjoy dinner and a social evening in an American CFM/MFC family's home.**

### **American Style BBQ in the park**

**On the second evening of the Assembly, the delegates were transported by bus to Vascona County Park for an American Style BBQ and entertainment. The BBQ followed an afternoon of Observing at the Sacred Heart Community Center and the Catholic Charities Center in the Santa Clara Valley.**

### **Past Presidents of the ICCFM in Attendance**

**Three former Presidents of the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements were in attendance at the Assemblies. Rolly Lereux attended from Canada. He and his wife Isabelle (deceased) were the Presidents for the period 1977 through 1983. Wayne and Sue Hamilton from the United States, Presidents 1989 through 1995, were present and participated in the planning for the Assemblies. Jose and Margarita Pich from Spain also attended. They were Presidents of the ICCFM from 1996 through 2001.**

### **Assembly Music Performances**

**During the assembly music was provided by various persons and groups. At the opening ceremony of the 9<sup>th</sup> World and 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, music was performed by Mary Mauer and Friend. At the gathering times in the morning and after lunch a large group of delegates formed a musical and singing group to entertain and provide spiritual music for the delegates to the Assembly.**

### **Gala Closing Celebration**

**The two Assemblies closed with a Gala Celebration on Saturday evening. A lovely dinner was served followed by a program. Peter and Carolyn Broeren, USA served as the Master of Ceremonies for the gala event. Nop and Elma Muangroot presented gifts of appreciation to the members who participated in the planning and implementation of the World and General Assemblies. The highlight of the evening was a show presented by an Elvis Impersonator (Marlon "Ultimate Elvis Experience") from California. People danced and enjoyed the songs of Elvis Presley. There was a photo opportunity with Elvis following the performance.**

## **Fatima, Portugal 2007 Next Assembly Site**

**It was announced that the 10<sup>th</sup> World and 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will be held in Fatima, Portugal in July-August of 2007.**

### **AGENDA ICCFM 9<sup>TH</sup> WORLD ASSEMBLY July 28 – July 30, 2004 Santa Clara University Santa Clara, California, USA**

**Theme: Family: Artisans of an Evolving Society**

**Wednesday, July 28**

**10:00 to 6 pm**

**Registration**

**2:00 pm**

**Opening Ceremonies**

**Opening prayer Gary and Kay Aitchison, USA, Assembly Chairs**

**Welcomes: Welcome from ICCFM North America, Gary and Kay Aitchison, North America Representatives**

**Nop and Elma Muangroot, Presidents ICCFM  
Bishop Patrick McGrath, San Jose Diocese, USA  
Dr. H. Richard McCord, USCCB, USA  
Patricia Mahan, Mayor Santa Clara, CA, USA**

**Presentation of Blessing from the Vatican, Bishop Patrick McGrath**

**Parade of Nations**

**Kay and Gary Aitchison, Elma Maungroot, Thailand,  
Msgr. Charles Vella, Malta**

**Performance of the ICCFM Hymn**

**Liturgy of the Waters, Fr. Sam Palmer, North America Chaplain**

**4:00 pm**

**Call to Order: Nop and Elma Muangroot, ICCFM Presidents**

**Observe Presentation I**

**Cardinal Joseph Cardijn Presentation**

**Paul and Jane Leingang, Fr. Don Conroy**

**Executive Directors and National Chaplain CFM USA**

**Introduced by Peter and Jane Buchbauer, Presidents CFM USA**

**5:00 pm**

**Dinner**





<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Instruction and assignment to groups for Observe – Judge –Action Process. The Action group leaders were:</b> <b>1 Melito and Emma Ricafrente, Philippines English</b> <b>2 Balazs and Krizstina Menesi, Hungary English</b> <b>3 Steve and Nichole Vandervoort, CFM USA English</b> <b>4 Emilio y Yolanda Wong, Panama Spanish</b> <b>5 Jose y Maria Ellena Marin, MFC LA USA Spanish</b> <b>6 Jose y Margarita Pich, Spain Spanish</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Continuation of the OJA process. Preparation of resolutions for Action</b>
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Closing ceremony of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Assembly of the ICCFM Elma and Nop Muangroot, ICCFM Presidents</b>
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Meet Host families for dinner and the evening with an American family</b>

**AGENDA**  
**ICCFM 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**  
**July 31, 2004**  
**Santa Clara University**  
**Santa Clara, California, USA**

<b>All Day</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>8:10 am</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Day Host: Asia</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Morning Session Presiders: Nop and Elma Muangroot, International Presidents</b>  <b>Opening of the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and reports</b> <b>Presidents Report: Nop and Elma Muangroot, Thailand</b> <b>Chaplain Report: Msgr Charles Vella, Italy</b> <b>Past President Report: Jose and Margarita Pich, Spain</b> <b>Treasurer Report: Peter and Carolyn Broeren, USA</b> <b>Special Representatives: Wayne and Sue Hamilton, USA</b> <b>FIRES Report: Fr. Donan Murray, Japan</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Report of the Vatican and UN Representatives: Tony and Lillie Gauci, Malta</b> <b>Continental Reports</b> <b>Africa: Wayne and Sue Hamilton, Representatives, USA</b> <b>Asia: Mel and Emma Ricafrente, Philippines</b>

**Europe: George and M'Louise Sammut, Malta**  
**Latin America: William and Esilda Cheng, Columbia**  
**North America: Gary and Kay Aitchison, USA**  
**Country Reports**

**11:50 am** **Report on Action Statements by OJA groups**  
**Fr. Ken Weare, CFM USA**

**12:00** **Lunch**

**1:30 pm** **13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Afternoon Session**

**Country Reports continued**

**3:15 pm** **Approval of Resolutions**  
**Election of President Couple**  
**Remembrance of Departed ICCFM Members**  
**Selection of Site for 2007**  
**Acknowledgements and appreciation to the planning**  
**and working committees for the Assemblies**  
**Closing of the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

**4:30 pm** **Free time and preparation for Gala Celebration**

**6:30 pm** **Reception/Dinner/Gala Celebration**  
**Entertainment**  
**MC: Peter and Carolyn Broeren, USA**  
**Refreshments and social hour**  
**Prayer – Fr. Bill Young, USA**  
**Gala Dinner**  
**ICCFM Raffle**  
**Recognition of national and local planning teams**  
**Entertainment by Elvis Impersonator**  
**Photos with Elvis**

**Sunday, August 1**

**9:00 am** **ICCFM Secretariat Meeting, Nop and Elma Muangroot, Presiding**

**11:00 am** **Sunday Brunch on the lawn of Santa Clara University**

**1:00 am** **Closing of the 9<sup>th</sup> World and 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the ICCFM**  
**Celebration of the Closing Liturgy at the Mission**  
**Santa Clara de Asis**  
**Celebrant: Msgr Charles Vella, Malta**  
**Speaker: Harolding the Future: ICCFM Family**  
**Spirituality, Msgr. Charles Vella, Malta**  
**Homilist: Fr. Raphael Davila, MFC USA**  
**Offeratory led by Andy and Martha Maurer, USA**

accompanied by one President Couple  
per Continent with the Action resolutions  
from the 9th World Assembly and approved by the 13<sup>th</sup>  
General Assembly.

Presentation of the Cardinal Cardijn Award to:  
Tony and Lillie Gauci, Malta  
Fr. Samuel I. Palmer, USA

Presentation of Presidential Awards for Exceptional Service

3:00 pm

Final Departure of delegates

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#### 2004 ICCFM PROGRAM PLANNERS AND FACILITATORS

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ICCFM Presidents	Elma and Nop Muangroot, Thailand
ICCFM Vice Presidents:	Carlos and Magda Hita, Brazil
ICCFM Treasurers:	Carolyn and Peter Broeren, USA
ICCFM Chaplain:	Msgr. Charles Vella, Italy
ICCFM Program Chairs:	Kay and Gary Aitchison, USA

#### ICCFM 2004 ASSEMBLY PLANNING COMMITTEE\*

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**Program Committee:**

Sue and Wayne Hamilton  
Kay and Gary Aitchison  
Carolyn and Peter Broeren  
Elma and Nop Muangroot  
Fr. Ken Weare

**Finance and Registration:**

Peter Broeren  
Martha and Andy Maurer  
Andy Pozdol

**Facilities and Hotel:**

Martha and Andy Maurer  
Kay and Gary Aitchison  
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**Transportation Services:**

Martha and Andy Maurer

**Translation Services:**

Martha and Andy Maurer  
Carolyn and Peter Broeren

**Prayer and Worship:**

**Fr. Sam Palmer  
Fr. William Young  
Msgr. Charles Vella**

**Gala Dinner Event:**

**Sue and Wayne Hamilton  
Kay and Gary Aitchison  
Carolyn and Peter Broeren  
Martha and Andy Maurer  
Elma and Nop Muangroot**

**Vatican and Church:**

**Msgr. Charles Vella  
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Fr. William Young**

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**Kay and Gary Aitchison  
Margarita and Mario Gavidia  
Juanita and Mario Figuero  
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**Joseph Cardijn Award:**

**Sue and Wayne Hamilton  
Elma and Nop Muangroot  
Msgr. Charles Vella**

**\* All of the above committee persons were from CFM USA or MFC USA except for Secretariat members.**

**ICCFM 2004 ASSEMBLY LOCAL COMMITTEE\*\***

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**Local Committee Chairs:**

**Martha and Andy Maurer**

**BBQ Vasona:**

**Jane and Jack Leuder**

**Gift Bags:**

**Linda and Jose Garcia  
Pat Joshi  
Suzanne Regul  
Jan Wedig**

**Housing-English Speaking:**

**Margie Murchan**

**Housing-Spanish Speaking:**

**Dario Saenz  
Anabel and Florention Sanchez**

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<b>Offsite Social Outreach:</b>	<b>Margie Murchan Susan Gavidia Joanne and O. B. Roger O'Brien Betty and Eric Watje</b>
<b>Photography:</b>	<b>Rich Hendrickson</b>
<b>Registration:</b>	<b>Linda and Jose Garcia Andy Maurer Lynn and Ed Puccinelli Suzanne and Tom Regul Maria and Dario Saenz Anabel and Florentino Sanchez</b>
<b>Setup:</b>	<b>Pat Joshi Ed and Lynn Puccinelli Suzanne and Tom Regul</b>
<b>Site-SCU Logistics:</b>	<b>Martha and Andy Maurer</b>
<b>Priest/Deacon Stoles:</b>	<b>Margaret Henrickson</b>
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<b>Transportation – Spanish:</b>	<b>Maria and Arnulfo Ledesma</b>
<b>Transportation – SFO Airport:</b>	<b>Margarita and Mario Gavidia</b>

**\*\*All of the above committee members are from CFM USA and MFC USA, San Jose Diocese, CA.**

## **2004 SPECIAL FUNCTIONS AND ASSISTANCE**

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<b>ICCFM Presidents</b>	<b>Elma and Nop Muangroot</b>
<b>ICCFM Chaplain</b>	<b>Msgr. Charles Vella</b>
<b>ICCFM Treasurer</b>	<b>Carolyn and Peter Broeren</b>
<b>ICCFM North America Representatives</b>	<b>Kay and Gary Aitchison</b>
<b>ICCFM North America Chaplain</b>	<b>Fr. Sam Palmer</b>
<b>ICCFM Recording Secretaries</b>	<b>Emma and Melito Ricofrente</b>

**ICCFM Assembly Chairs**

**Kay and Gary Aitchison**

**ICCFM Program Chairs  
ICCFM Operations Chairs  
Coordinator of the OJA Process**

**Sue and Wayne Hamilton  
Martha and Andy Maurer  
Fr. Ken Weare  
Sue and Wayne Hamilton**

**Action Group Leaders**

- 1. Emma and Melito Ricafrente**
- 2. Krizstina and Balazs Menesi**
- 3. Nichole and Steve Vandervoort**
- 4. Yolanda y Emilio Wong**
- 5. Maria Ellena y Jose Marin**
- 6. Margarita y Jose Pich**

**English  
English  
English  
Spanish  
Spanish  
Spanish**

**Program MC**

**Kay and Gary Aitchison  
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**Assistance for Program**

**Pat and Frank Gacnik  
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**Speaker Introductions  
Speaker Introductions  
Speaker Introductions**

**Jane and Peter Buckbauer  
Margarita and Mario Figuereo  
Sue and Wayne Hamilton**

**Entertainment Arrangements:**

**Sue and Wayne Hamilton**

**MC Gala Celebration:**

**Carolyn and Peter Broeren**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Gary and Kay Aitchison  
ICCFM  
North American Representatives and Assembly Chairs**





