

CHALLENGES AND DREAMS OF THE SALESIAN COOPERATORS ASSOCIATION - 2018

IDENTITY

1. Consolidate and embrace the original identity of the Cooperator conceived by Don Bosco: "true Salesian", but "in the world"
2. Be men and women convinced of their faith and witnesses of joy and hope
3. Offer an attractive vocational proposal for today's young people
4. Face with realism and hope an ASC that in many parts of the world is getting old while in others it begins to rise with youthful vitality
5. Improve communication at all levels

MISSION

1. Qualify family pastoral care as a specific dimension of our secular reality in relation to youth ministry
2. Reach out from the Centers to go to the "outskirts" and make ourselves 'neighbor' to the realities of youth, family, and territorial distress. Change perspective, and then return from the outskirts to the Centers as an opportunity to mature and deepen associative identity and interpret the experience
3. Believe and engage with humility and love in the socio-cultural sphere: having the courage to get personally involved, take a position, and assume responsibilities that provide for qualifying participation for the common good of society and for the growth of the ASC
4. Respond boldly to today's challenges by focusing more on the socio-political dimension of our commitment as lay people (good Christians, honest citizens)
5. Plan the implementation of specific works of the Association to respond to the challenges of the contemporary world

FORMATION

1. Raise awareness among the provinces to draw up two-year/three-year formation plans to avoid improvisation, paying attention to the human, Christian, and Salesian dimensions
2. Accompany the formation processes at all levels and in the different seasons of SC life
3. Devote more attention to the formation of Leaders and Formators at all levels
4. Integrate the various documents into the study and ensure the "UPDATED" study of the ASSCC physiognomy in the Salesian Family and in the Church
5. Take on more of the role as protagonists in the vocational animation of the realities in which we are present

YOUNG PEOPLE

1. Promote the reality of Salesian Youth Cooperators as animators of other young people (YxY). Not just as recipients (FOR young people) but as co-responsible for our mission (WITH young people)
2. Develop concrete projects "FOR and WITH young people" starting from real challenges and resources in the light of the Synod of Bishops: "Youth, faith and vocational discernment"
3. Commit oneself to making the ASC youthful and welcoming by the way of proposing it to the young: reviewing our 'habits' and creating attractive proposals
4. Strengthen active presence within the SYM (and similar youth groups) to witness the charism of Don Bosco in our specific lay Association
5. Look for the means to guide our young people to offer their availability in the areas of decision-making in government: in politics, in the field of science, in law, making them professionals grounded in Gospel values.
6. Foster and accompany young aspirants / cooperators who seek other mission fields

AUTONOMY

1. Strengthen the sense of belonging and work online as ASC, as a Salesian Family, or as members of other Civil and Social Organizations
2. Form to economic solidarity and encourage it with concrete objectives as real expressions and measures of the sense of belonging
3. Foster and encourage availability for service in the Association
4. Reinforce the organization of government and animation of the ASC at all levels and work in harmony and synergy to witness to unity in the Church and in society
5. Guarantee the renewal of councilors
6. Enable co-responsibility in the animation of the ASC that makes it less dependent on the SDBs and FMAs
7. Promote economic and solidarity strategies to tackle the economic crisis at all levels of the ASC
8. Rethink a geographical structure (in very distant areas) that is better able to guarantee more focused and effective support for the local centers
9. Elaboration/implementation of *Handbooks* at the Provincial and local levels
10. Make the ASC more visible by favoring registration and official recognition [as a non-profit, ecclesial organization] in the nations where we are present