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For the coming year of 1947, leaders' groups of the Young Christian Workers' Movement in Australia will direct their efforts towards a national campaign on "The Young Christian Worker."

The year's programme will be divided into two parts. The first part, as presented in this booklet, will constitute a refresher course. This course will enable experienced leaders and the new members of establishing groups to revise and/or learn the fundamentals of the Y.C.W. technique as adapted to Australian conditions.

The second part of the 1947 programme, which will incorporate the campaign, "The Young Christian Worker," is scheduled to commence on 1st March. Therefore, it is expected that all groups will complete Part I before this date.

New Y.C.W. groups should not confuse this booklet with the Preliminary Training Course, which must be completed by all newly-formed parochial groups.

INTRODUCTION.

Every enquiry we make, every judgment we pass, every action we decide upon, all our programmes, all our study, all our organisation, our Leaders' Groups, our General Meetings, our recreational Services — in short, every element and detail of our organisation—is, and must always be, directed towards the conquest and salvation of souls—the souls of the young workers who surround us. The SALVATION OF SOULS must be the pre-occupation of every leader.

If we belong to the Movement simply because we ENJOY talking at the Group Meetings, because we like ORGANISING THINGS, because we enjoy the company of our fellow members—then we are not leaders at all. We may call ourselves leaders; but if these are our only motives for working in the Movement, then we haven't begun to understand its ideals or to acquire its spirit.

SOULS, SOULS, SOULS—if they are not our whole and constant concern, then we are only wasting our time in the Movement, we are only playing at the game of apostles.

There is only one reason for being a leader, and that is to help in the great work of winning SOULS for Christ—to help in the task of building a Movement that can come to the aid of the whole of our youth, and enable them to lead decent Christian lives, and in this way save their SOULS.

Our Movement is interested in the bodily welfare of its members and their contacts, but only with a view to saving their SOULS. It is concerned—vitaly concerned—with their work, with their recreation, with the whole of their daily life, but only in view of their eternal destiny.

The ultimate aim of everything in our Movement, therefore, is to win souls—for the Movement, for the Church, for Christ, for eternal happiness in heaven with God.

It may be hard at times to think of all our activities in this way and to direct them all towards their one great goal. But we should have this aim constantly in view, and we should be able to stop short in our activities at any moment and say: "This work that I am engaged in is for SOULS."

Whether we are preparing a meeting, or studying a gospel, or visiting a contact, or directing a Savings Scheme, running a Learn-to-Dance class, organising a hike—it doesn't matter what activity we are engaged in, we should be able to stop in the middle of it and say: "My motive for doing this is to win souls for Christ . . . to win his friendship so as to influence him and to lead him to share my Christian ideals . . . I am distributing these pamphlets or leaflets, because I think they will help to draw people to Christ . . . I am doing my part for the General Meeting because if it is a success it will encourage our visitors to become apostles themselves."

We should BE ABLE to say this sort of thing at any moment, and we should ACTUALLY say it to ourselves and to God as often as we can.

When we have a group of leaders who have acquired this true outlook with regard to their Movement and to all that it entails, a group of leaders whose hearts are torn at the thought of the spiritual poverty and misery of so many of their fellow-workers, and who are on fire with zeal to win them and to save their souls for Christ; when we have leaders who are obsessed with this idea of helping souls, who are constantly thinking in terms of souls, and who direct every detail of their militant action towards the good of souls, then our Movement will really have begun to MOVE in the right direction, and its ultimate triumph will be assured.

LEADERS' MEETING PROGRAMME

- A. 1—Crucifix in prominent position.
2—Opening Prayer (Litany of the Saints and the Y.C.W. Prayer) (7 mins.).
3—Roll Call.
4—Gospel Meditation (15-20 mins.).
- B. 5—Review of Influence:
 (a) Minutes of previous meeting;
 (b) Report on Census;
 (c) Report on Contacts;
 (d) Report on Action—
 (i) allotted;
 (ii) voluntary. } 15 Mins.
- 6—Appointment of work arising out of reports.
- C. 7—Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading (8 mins.).
- D. 8—General Enquiry (25 mins.).
 9—(a) Appointment of work arising out of enquiry.
 (b) Read through See Section of next enquiry.
- 10—General Business.
11—Statement by each leader of duties. } 10 Mins.
12—Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

CHANGES IN PLAN OF MEETING.

Please note that the following slight changes have been made in the plan of the Y.C.W. Leaders' meeting.

They are:—

1. INCLUSION OF ROLL CALL.

This is included to ensure that attendances at meeting and apologies are properly recorded. It is suggested that the minutes include the absentees rather than those present, stating whether or not an apology was received.

3. REVIEW OF INFLUENCE.

The minutes of the previous meeting and reports on census, contact, and action, have been regrouped under the heading REVIEW OF INFLUENCE, so as to bring out more forcibly the importance of checking up on the decisions of last meeting; on the action of individual leaders and of leaders reporting facts of interest arising in their lives during the week.

Properly done, this section assists leaders to sum up the influence they have attempted during the week, and enables them to report little problems that may need further action.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord have mercy on us,
 Christ have mercy on us,
 Lord have mercy on us, Christ hear us,
 Christ graciously hear us,
 God, the Father of Heaven, have
 mercy on us (1),
 God the Son, Redeemer of the
 World, (1)
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, One God,
 Holy Mary, pray for us (2).
 Holy Mother of God, (2)
 Holy Virgin of Virgins,
 St. Michael,
 St. Gabriel,
 St. Raphael,
 All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
 All ye holy Orders of Blessed
 Spirits,
 St. John the Baptist,
 St. Joseph.
 All ye holy Patriarchs and
 Prophets,
 St. Peter,
 St. Paul,
 St. Andrew,
 St. James,
 St. John,
 St. Thomas,
 St. James,
 St. Phillip,
 St. Bartholomew,
 St. Matthew,
 St. Simon,
 St. Thaddeus,
 St. Mathias,
 St. Barnabas,
 St. Luke,
 St. Mark,
 All ye holy Apostles and
 Evangelists,
 All ye holy Disciples of our Lord,
 All ye holy Innocents,
 St. Stephen,
 St. Lawrence,
 St. Vincent,
 SS. Fabian and Sebastian,
 SS. John and Paul,
 SS. Cosmas and Damian,
 SS. Gervase and Protase,
 All ye holy Martyrs.

St. Sylvester,
 St. Gregory,
 St. Ambrose,
 St. Augustine,
 St. Jerome,
 St. Martin,
 St. Nicholas,
 All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
 All ye holy Doctors,
 St. Anthony,
 St. Benedict,
 St. Bernard,
 St. Dominic,
 St. Francis,
 All ye holy Priests and Levites,
 All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
 St. Mary Magdalen,
 St. Agatha,
 St. Lucy,
 St. Agnes,
 St. Cecilia,
 St. Catherine,
 St. Anastasia,
 All ye holy Virgins and Widows.
 All ye holy men and women, Saints
 of God, make intercession for
 us,
 Be merciful, spare us, O Lord,
 Be merciful, graciously hear us,
 O Lord,
 From all evil, deliver us, O Lord,
 (3),
 From all sin, (3)
 From Thy wrath,
 From sudden and unprovided death,
 From the snares of the devil,
 From anger, hatred, and all ill-will,
 From the spirit of fornication,
 From lightning and tempest,
 From the scourge of earthquake,
 From plague, famine and war,
 From everlasting death,
 Through the mystery of the Holy
 Incarnation,
 Through Thy coming,
 Through Thy nativity,
 Through Thy Baptism and holy
 fasting,
 Through Thy Cross and Passion,

Through Thy death and burial,
Through Thy Holy Resurrection,
Through Thine admirable Ascension,

Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,

In the day of judgment,

We sinners, we beseech Thee to hear us (4),

That Thou wouldst spare us, (4)

That Thou wouldst pardon us,

That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to rule and preserve Thy Holy Church.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate and all Orders of the Church in holy religion.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of Holy Church,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bring back to the unity of the Church all those who have strayed away, and lead to the light of the Gospel all unbelievers,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service,

That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires,

That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors,

That Thou wouldst deliver our souls and the souls of our brethren, relations and benefactors, from eternal damnation,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us,

Son of God,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, spare us,
O Lord,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.



Y.C.W. PRAYER.

Lord Jesus,

A Worker like me,

Help me, and all my fellow-workers,
to think like You,
to work with You,
to pray through You,
to live in You,
to give You all my strength and all my time.

May Your Kingdom come
in all our factories,
workshops,
and offices,
and in all our homes.

Be everywhere better known,
better loved,
better served.

Deliver us forever from injustice and hatred
from evil and sin.

May our souls remain in Your Grace to-day,
and may the soul of every worker,
who died on labour's battlefield,
rest in peace. Amen.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
bless the Young Christian Workers,

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
sanctify the Young Christian Workers,

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
may your Kingdom come through the Young
Christian Workers.

QUEEN OF APOSTLES!

PRAY FOR US!

FINAL PRAYERS.

Lord Jesus,

Teach me to be generous,
To serve You as You deserve to be served,
To give without counting the cost,
To fight without counting the wounds,
To work without seeking rest,
To spend my life without expecting any other return
than the knowledge that I do Your Holy Will.

PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION OF AUSTRALIA.

O God, Who has appointed Mary, Help of Christians, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus, Patrons of Australia, grant that through their intercession our brethren outside the Church may receive the light of Faith, so that Australia may become one in Faith under one Shepherd, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us;
St. Francis Xavier, pray for us;
St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus, pray for us.

FIRST MEETING

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

"THE CALL OF MATTHEW."

St. Matthew IX, v. 9-13.

9 Now as Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew
sitting in the tax-collector's place, and said to him, "Follow me." And
10 he arose and followed him. And it came to pass as he was at table
in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the
11 table with Jesus and his disciples. And the Pharisees seeing it, said
to his disciples, "Why does your master eat with publicans and sin-
12 ners?" But Jesus heard it, and said, "It is not the healthy who need
13 a physician, but they who are sick. But go, and learn what this means:
'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I have come to call sinners,
not the just."

INTRODUCTION.

Early in the public life of Our Lord. Others had been approached by Our Lord earlier (for example, Peter, Andrew, James and John after the miracle of the loaves and fishes—Matt. 4, v. 18-22). The incident was at Capharnaum, which was the meeting place of the three main highways of Capharnaum—the Damascus road from the North, the road from the rich coastal towns of Tyre and Sidon, and the double route South either through the Jordan Valley or Samaria that led through Jerusalem to distant Egypt. It was a real bottle-neck; and there in particular the "quislings" of the Jewish people, the publicans, collected taxes for the Romans on all passing traffic. Matthew was one of them.

QUESTIONS.

1. Is Our Lord just interested in the "decent" people around the district?
2. How did He get on with Matthew's cobblers? Do you think they were "tough?" What can we learn from Him?
3. Do you think Our Lord had anything else in mind besides just being friendly to them?
4. How did He do these chaps a good turn when the Pharisees started talking? What's the lesson for us?
5. Are there many Pharisees around—people who kick a chap when he is down; talk about him when he gets into trouble; never do anything to give him a hand if he's in bad company; people who have a smug satisfaction that they are in "the band-waggon for heaven," and not interested whether anyone else wants helping or not?
6. Do you get chaps like that in the Y.C.W.? Amongst leaders themselves? (Are you one?)

B. (5) Review of Influence:

- (a) Minutes of Previous Meeting.
- (b) Report on Census.
- (c) Report on Contact.
- (d) Report on Action.
 - (i) Allotted.
 - (ii) Voluntary.

(6) Appointment of work arising out of reports.

C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

(8) Discussion.

REVIEW OF LEADERS' GROUP.

(a) The Crucifix.

Does your group always have a crucifix prominently displayed at your leaders' group meetings? If not, why?

Why should you give prominence to the crucifix at your meetings?

If your group has failed in the past, what can you do to prevent it in the future? e.g., appoint one person to be responsible for bringing the crucifix.

(b) Opening Prayers.

Do you always say the Litany of the Saints and the Y.C.W. prayer to open the meeting? Have you omitted the Litany sometimes because you have made a late start at your meeting?

Why do you start your meetings with prayer? What points about the Litany make it a suitable prayer for a group to recite?

It is the regular practice in the Y.C.W. for the group President to the recitation of prayers at all meetings. Can your group introduce this if you are not already doing it?

(c) Gospel Meditation.

What is the purpose of the Gospel Meditation in the Leaders' Group (for reference, look up 1946 Part 1 Programme or the Preliminary Training Programme). Could you remind yourself often of this purpose so that you will see how you are progressing?

How is the Gospel Meditation conducted in your Group? Is every leader encouraged to take part in the discussion thus helping to make a full group discussion? Does anyone or any few of the group dominate the discussion to the exclusion of others? What could you do to improve the position if it is not satisfactory?

Preparation of the meditation will help. In fact, it is essential, if full advantage is going to be gained from it. This means preparation by each leader as well as by the person conducting it. Could your group decide on a certain standard of preparation to be observed by each leader, e.g., daily reading of the text set for next meeting?

The questions set out after each text are to guide leaders in their meditation and discussion. You can bring out other points, too, as they occur to you. If your group has any criticisms of meditations laid down, you should notify your Diocesan or National Headquarters accordingly.

The leader concludes the gospel by making a brief summary at the end of it. His summary is recorded in the minutes.

D. (9) (a) Appointment of work arising out of the Discussion.

(b) President asks Leaders to read Article for Discussion (next meeting), before next meeting.

(10) General Business.

(11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.

(12) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

SECOND MEETING

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

"CHRIST—THE MAN OF PRAYER."

Mark I, v. 35-38.

- 35 And rising up long before daybreak, he went out and departed into a
36 deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon, and those who were
37 with him, followed him up. And they found him and said to him,
38 "They are all seeking thee." And He said to them, "Let us go into
the neighbouring villages and towns, that there also I may preach."

INTRODUCTION.

Time.—Second half of first year of public life.

Place.—Just outside of Capharnaum.

QUESTIONS.

- 1. "All seek for Thee." What are some of the qualities Christ had to win such crowds of people so completely?
- 2. What circumstances of time and place are mentioned here with regard to Our Lord's prayer?
- 3. Why is prayer is important?
- 4. What was Our Lord's attitude towards popular acclaim?

B. (5) Review of Influence:

- (a) Minutes of Previous Meeting.
- (b) Report on Census.
- (c) Report on Contact.
- (d) Report on Action.
 - (i) Allotted.
 - (ii) Voluntary.

- (6) Appointment of work arising out of reports.

C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

- (8) Discussion.

REVIEW OF LEADERS' GROUP—Continued.

CENSUS.

Is your census well established? i.e., are you getting all relevant facts, e.g., name, age, address, place of work, hobbies, etc.? Are you continuing to keep it up to date? Is it being kept in an efficient manner? Is the leader responsible for it doing a satisfactory job?

Why do you need to be so careful to build up and maintain a good census?

If you are failing to build up a proper census what is the reason for your failure? What can you do to remedy it? Do you need to contact Headquarters for census cards?

DISCUSSION ON CONTACTS, FRIENDSHIP, INFLUENCE.

The objective of the Y.C.W. is to help youth to make the most of their lives. To do that, Y.C.W. leaders must strive to conquer the surroundings and conditions in which youth live, work and play.

Through contacts with young workers, leaders will be aware of their daily problems, will come to know their fellow youth and will be able to develop friendships.

Friendship is the avenue through which influence will flow to the youth whom we are to influence to the ideals of our Movement.

CONTACT.

Contact is the first step beyond the stage of census. Census is knowing the lad as a name in an index with certain other particulars concerning him. Contact means approaching this lad—either at home, at work, at sport, at socials, after Mass, on the street corner and so on. Some of our youth will be easy to contact. You know them well already, you mix with them fairly easily, but others will be more difficult. The ultimate objective of contact is conquest. The Y.C.W. is a mass movement, and it is difficult to see how we can contact, befriend and conquer all the youth on our census. Therefore contacts can be divided into two divisions—regular contacts and wider contacts.

REGULAR CONTACTS (TEAMS).

Each leader is to be increasing in himself the spirit of Christ's apostolate—a desire to bring Christ into the lives of our fellow youth. But that is not the end of your work. No; you are to bring that apostolic spirit to other young workers—you are to help them to be apostles, too.

That does not mean that the Y.C.W. is an exclusive Movement. Far from it, for our Movement is a Mass Movement. Under the next section of Wider Contacts you shall see how you are to keep in touch with the mass of youth.

To bring others to be apostles means much personal influence on your part, and this will be done by regular contact with the person or persons you are going to influence.

From now on, we shall use the word "team" to describe regular contacts. The team is defined as "a natural grouping of about two to seven people around a leader." It may occur in the parish or locality, or in some institution like the football or tennis club, or in the factory or office.

The purpose of teams is to influence more non-leaders to the spirit and ideals of the movement. It does not mean the discontinuance of personal influence with any casual contacts we have, nor the cessation of public propaganda at general meetings, rallies, etc. Those must still go on.

If your group has not practised the team system previously (many groups have had a loose idea of it in operation) do not scrap your existing organisation. The team system can be gradually given a more important place in your branch organisation.

From the outset, each leader shall choose in conjunction with the rest of his group, a team. It will be his particular duty to establish firm friendship with his team members and endeavour to influence them to assist him in the action of the Movement. The forming of a team should be done slowly and naturally. It is best for each leader to commence with only one team member. He could be a natural friend, who shows promise of being able to assist the leader in his apostolic work. The first duty of the team member would be assisting the leader in doing some job, e.g., selling New Youth, getting facts for census, helping run a service, etc.; other duties will then become obvious as the Leaders' Group work expands.

It shall be your duty to win your team member's friendship or, if you already have that, to strengthen it. Provided you choose a natural friend, what is needed is that you will use that friendship to encourage him to help you do things for the Movement. Gradually then, you should be able to get him interested in spreading the ideals of the Movement, and after a time, he may be able to bring another friend into your team. For the present then, your team is to consist of one regular contact (in fact, really a secondary leader).

In some overseas countries, each leader holds a weekly meeting of his team as well as his leaders' group. At those team meetings the leader goes over the last enquiry done by the leaders' group, and in well advanced teams, even over the Gospel Meditation.

In Australia, any parish where regular team meetings are practicable could adopt the same policy, holding a general meeting less often, say once a month.

But do not be too ambitious. Don't be too hasty to change an existing set-up. Go slowly. Let each leader choose his first team mate. No set meeting is necessary to talk to one team mate. See him any way you like and have a yarn to him.

How can you enlarge your team and get some sort of regular informal meeting? Consider the idea of using service sub-committees to be means of building up teams. Make one leader responsible for the proper introduction and contact of a particular service. He has not got to do all the work himself; it is his job to see that the sub-committee does an efficient job, and that the spirit of the Y.C.W. is to the forefront in the particular service. Under the Y.C.W. Constitution, these sub-committees are elected by the general branch; therefore the leaders' group should ensure that its representative is nominated for election. If the right leader is chosen for the job, he should secure election. It is a good thing to restrict elected members of sub-committees to a maximum of three, and then give the sub-committee power to co-opt. This prevents the sub-committee being too heavily weighted against the leader; and by being given power to co-opt, he can use his influence with his fellow members to bring desired contacts on to that committee.

The advantages of forming teams along these lines are:—

- (1) They are fairly natural formation. Chaps have some interest in the service they are organising; there is a common job to hold their interest.
- (2) The proper organisation of the service requires fairly regular meetings, say fortnightly or monthly.
- (3) The leader can show his enthusiasm in the common job they are doing; show them their importance; then tell them why this service is important; then he can gradually tell them of the leaders' enquiries, and later on, may even be able to introduce discussions on the Gospels.
- (4) It will ensure the proper spirit prevailing in all our services. It is important that the first team mate be a member of these teams. Each leader should in choosing his first team member, consult his group, so that he can make his choice, having in mind his future service team. How do you reckon this would work in your group? Could we think about it further, and perhaps choose our first team members at next meeting.

Each leader is also to carry on the apostolic work at his place of employment. Therefore, if there are other young workers there, he could likewise form a team at work. For the time being, the Y.C.W. can have no official groups in industry, so care must be taken in forming teams at work.

WIDER CONTACTS.

Being a mass movement, the Y.C.W. must endeavour to contact and influence all possible youth. All baptised Catholic working youth are eligible for membership of the Y.C.W. It is your duty to bring as many of those youth as possible in contact with the Y.C.W. so that the Movement will obtain more active members and also so that all youth will have a chance of benefiting from the influence of the Movement.

This means that you must contact as many youth as you can for meetings, rallies, sport, etc., in your parish. You will contact them according to the services you can offer them.

The basis for your contact work will be your census. You may have that on a sectional basis. It shall be the job of each section leader to contact the youth on his section census unless, of course, another leader would have more influence with a particular chap. In that case, the more influential leader would make the contact. Your group will in the next few weeks do a number of enquiries into the needs of your youth, and this will give you an opportunity of establishing services that they need. Once you have those plans made, you can commence contact work on a wide scale. It is important to realise the ultimate goal of contact work, namely, the salvation of souls for Christ. This will convince you of the importance of contact work and of the need for proper organisation of your branch so that hard work put into contacting chaps will not be in vain.

The work of contact never ceases. You have your team mate to be getting interested in the Y.C.W.

In regard to wider contacts, your first contact with a chap may result in bringing him into your Branch. You must go further then and contact him in the Y.C.W. so that you will come to know him better and will be able to exert some personal influence on him. By continual contacts with the members for whom you are responsible, you will learn to know how they are thinking, what they expect of the Y.C.W. and what additional services they need.

Contact work demands generosity and sacrifice on your part. In making your increasing friendships, you will have to give up time that you could have spent more enjoyably elsewhere, to go out with your contact, to speak to him regularly and to be prepared to listen to his views even though they may not interest you.

DISCUSSION ON REVIEW OF INFLUENCE.

This section of each meeting enables your group to examine its work of the previous. It is therefore of the utmost importance.

(a) **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**—These are read and submitted for adoption. They enable the President to check up on the duties assigned to each leader.

(b) **Report on Census.**—Leaders here report any additional census facts to the census-keeper.

(c) **Report on Contact.**—The leader reports on progress with his team mate.

(d) **Report on Action.**—This section of the meeting is one of the most important because combined with the Census and Contacts reports it is a review of the influence your group has endeavoured to exert during the last week. It shall cover, **firstly, the report on specific action** that you may have been asked by the group to do; at this stage of each meeting you shall report to the group on whether you carried out your duty, giving any particulars necessary.

The Gospel meditation and your enquiry should be helping you to bring Christ more into your own life, and as a result, you should soon be

taking individual actions to correct faults in your normal daily life, and to act more charitably towards others at every opportunity. **You may take this action on your own, or you may get others to assist you, but in each case the initiative comes from you. Any such actions of worthwhile interest to the group should be reported to the group for the following reasons:—**

- (1) They will show the group that their training is achieving practical results.
- (2) One leader's efforts may assist other leaders to overcome similar problems.
- (3) A leader may have met a problem which he cannot solve himself. Under this section of the meeting he could report it and seek the help of the group. The importance of this section cannot be overstressed. The Leaders' Group should be representative of the young workers of the parish and of youth in places where the leaders work. They should be interested in the problems of youth in these places. Good leaders will be alert to get to know their youth, to know the things they are thinking about, to know the complaints they have on the different aspects of life. Enquiries in National Y.C.W. Campaigns will tackle many of these aspects, but through alert leadership of the Y.C.W. Parish groups other more urgent problems in a particular parish or locality may be brought to the surface.

The right place for them to be discussed is, firstly, at the parish group meeting. If the problem is wider than local application the group should bring it to the notice of Diocesan or National Headquarters. This shows the importance of each group pulling its weight in the Y.C.W.

Leaders are then allotted action arising from all reports.

- (9) (a) Appointment of work arising out of Enquiry.
(b) President asks Leaders to read Article for Discussion (next meeting), before next meeting.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

THIRD MEETING

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

"JESUS FEEDS FOUR THOUSAND."

St. Mark VIII, v. 1-9.

- 1 In those days when again there was a great crowd, and they had nothing
- 2 to eat, he called his disciples together and said to them, "I have com-
- 3 passion on the crowd, for behold, they have now been with me three
- 4 days, and have nothing to eat; and if I send them away to their homes
- 5 fasting, they will faint on the way, for some of them have come from
- 6 a distance." And his disciples answered him, "How will anyone be able
- 7 to satisfy these with bread, here in a wilderness?" And he asked them
- 8 "How many loaves have you?" And they said, "Seven."

- 6 And he bade the crowd recline on the ground. Then taking the seven
 7 loaves, he gave thanks, broke them and gave them to his disciples to
 8 distribute; and they set them before the crowd. And they had a few
 9 little fishes; and he blessed them, and ordered them to be distributed.
 And they ate and were satisfied; and they took up what was left of the
 fragments, seven baskets. Now those who had eaten were about four
 thousand. And he dismissed them.

INTRODUCTION.

This is the second multiplication of loaves, probably in the territory of Decalopis, and early in the third year of His public life.

QUESTIONS.

1. This "compassion"—what is it? How can we show it toward our contact team? What about the blokes in the crowd who were later to yell for His death?

2. What did Our Lord work the miracle—(a) satisfy their hunger? (b) anything else? (c) just to "get them in?"

3. Does He work that kind of miracle nowadays? Too bad we missed out on that kind of thing, isn't it? or is it?

B. (5) Review of Influence:

(a) Minutes of Previous Meeting.

(b) Report on Census.

(c) Report on Contact.

(d) Report on Action.

(i) Allotted.

(ii) Voluntary.

(6) Appointment of work arising out of reports.

C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

(8) Discussion.

REVIEW OF LEADERS' GROUPS—CONTINUED.

THE ENQUIRY.

Purpose.

1. To find out what problems confront young workers in their daily lives, and to apply christian solutions to them.

2. To train youth in the knowledge of christian principles and their application to life.

Method.

The procedure of SEE, JUDGE and ACT is applied to any matters affecting youths' lives.

See.

Leaders first find out the facts. These may be obtained by (1) observation, (2) personal enquiry, (3) by co-operation with secondary leader or team mates, (4) non-Catholics may be asked, (5) conversations with well-known friends. Having gathered these facts, leaders submit them to the next leaders' meeting. The group is then in a position to

Judge

whether or not that state of affairs is right or wrong, and why? Our measuring rules are christian principles. The Commandments of God, the teaching and Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Church give us our standard. By comparing our facts with those principles, we come to see how christian principles should be applied to our own daily lives. This then is teaching us to think in a christian way. We will have

a reason for everything we do. As for the particular subject of the enquiry we are doing, the judgment will give us conviction to go out and

Act

Action following an enquiry will flow in one or more of these ways:—

1. Betterment of my personal life.
2. My conversation with any of my contacts.
3. A short and bright talk at a general meeting or general rally on the findings of the enquiry. Various forms may be used for putting over this propaganda, e.g., short plays, debates, quizzes, etc.
4. Publications: Leaders may be able to sell small and suitable pamphlets, widen sale of New Youth, include instructive articles in local parish paper, etc.
5. Discussing results of enquiry with team mates with a view to teaching them the christian attitude on the subject. Also getting team members to help in any remedial action necessary.
6. Institution of organised services to meet any needs revealed by the enquiry.
7. Secretary to complete a report of the enquiry, including a summary of the facts; the judgment and the action. Such report will be forwarded monthly to Headquarters.

Conducting the Enquiry.

The Provisional National Council of the Y.C.W. has decided that the Y.C.W. this year will revert to the practice of a weekly enquiry. Towards the end of each meeting, the President reads through the See section of the next enquiry. This helps everyone to be clear as to the facts he has to gather for next week. The leaders then use their own initiative, observation and tact to gather facts. At next week's meeting, facts are reported verbally and handed to the secretary in writing. The secretary collates them and then the judgment proceeds. All join in the discussion on the judgment, the chaplain joining in only if necessary, or asked by one of the leaders. Anyone in doubt of any judgment made, should ask for further explanation. If you are not convinced of a point, you are not going to do much to influence non-leaders later on.

Actions are decided on. Important thing is to be practical. Do not decide on any action obviously impossible for your group to institute. Guides to action are given in Y.C.W. programmes; groups are asked not to limit their ideas for actions to these suggestions.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. Why must you have facts for your enquiries?
2. What are the different ways of gathering facts.
3. If you thought more about the SEE questions of your enquiry would you be better able to collect facts from your contacts during the week?
4. How does the enquiry help you to come to live a more christian life?
5. What means are there through which action can be taken?
6. Is the enquiry being done satisfactorily in your group?
7. What are the causes of any weaknesses? How can you try to overcome them?
8. Is your group sending reports of its enquiries to Headquarters every month?

- (9) (a) Appointment of work arising out of Enquiry.
- (b) President asks Leaders to read Article for Discussion (next meeting), before next meeting.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

FOURTH MEETING

- A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.
- (2) Litany of Saints and Y.C.W. Prayer.
- (3) Roll Call.
- (4) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

"SET BACKS."

St. Luke IX, v. 51-56.

- 51 Now it came to pass, when the days had come for him to be taken up,
 52 that he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messen-
 53 gers before him. And they went and entered a Samaritan town to
 54 make ready for him; and they did not receive him, because his face
 55 was set for Jerusalem. But when his disciples James and John saw
 56 this, they said, "Lord, wilt thou that we bid fire come down from
 heaven and consume them?"
- 55 But he turned and rebuked them, saying, "You do not know of what
 56 spirit you are; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives,
 but to save them." And they went to another village.

INTRODUCTION.

This scene took place in the last year of Our Lord's life. He was leaving Galilee and the North for the last time and going South through Samaria intending to be in Jerusalem for the feast of the "Tabernacles" in October.

QUESTIONS.

1. Does it sometimes happen that we are all prepared to be friendly and decent to someone, and we get a set-back from them? Did Our Lord experience the same type of thing?
2. How should we act: Vow "blood and thunder" on them; or take it with a smile? Does getting annoyed about a chap who won't respond help much?
3. Do the easiest "catches" always make the best Y.C.W. members? Can you think of examples of hard chaps whom you eventually got, who turned out the best?
4. Our Lord tells us that we can't drive some devils out of people except by prayer and self-denial for them. Do we try to win chaps too much with the "personality touch;" and not realise that we must use other weapons when the fight is definitely against the devil?

B. (5) Review of Influence:

- (a) Minutes of Previous Meeting.
- (b) Report on Census.
- (c) Report on Contact.
- (d) Report on Action.
 - (i) Allotted.
 - (ii) Voluntary.

(6) Appointment of work arising out of reports.

C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

(8) Discussion.

REVIEW OF GENERAL BRANCH.

SERVICES.

The following is a list of various services sponsored by the Y.C.W. Movement in Australia. Your branch will find it necessary or advisable to inaugurate and conduct many of them. Do not try to get them all going at once. It is essential to obtain the assistance of competent instructors to make certain services (e.g., hobby class, learn-to-dance class) fully successful.

SPIRITUAL.

Annual General Communion and Breakfast.

Days of Recollection.

Annual Retreats.

Recruitment of members for Sodalities.

Special Youth Sundays.

Daily Mass Rosters.

Monthly Young Workers' Mass and Eucharistic Rally.

PHYSICAL.

Football, cricket, tennis, athletics, swimming, basketball, softball, baseball, all indoor sports, learn-to-swim classes, physical education, gymnastics, boxing and wrestling.

CULTURAL.

Debating, public speaking, theatrical art, tours of industrial centres and firms, libraries, general meetings, general rallies, first-aid classes, Catholic paper deliveries, choirs, orchestras, bands, National newspaper ("New Youth"), National Leaders' Bulletin, diocesan and branch magazines, information pamphlets on Y.C.W. organisation, leaders' training programmes, general publications.

ECONOMIC.

Savings groups, co-operative housing societies, employment bureau, accommodation register, hostel service, holiday camps, hobby classes, vocational guidance, apprentices' advisory bureau, rehabilitation advisory bureau.

SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Learn-to-dance classes, dances, house parties, general rallies, hikes, picnics, inter-branch and inter-organisation visits, general meetings.

SOCIAL SERVICES.

Visitation of sick youth in hospital and at home, excursions and/or holiday for underprivileged children of local suburbs or towns.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. Peruse the above list and check what services your branch is now conducting.

2. (a) Are you satisfied that they are running efficiently, (b) that the best use of them is being made by leaders to establish friendship and

to make contacts as well as providing for the needs of youth in your district.

3. Could you boost those services not achieving their purpose, publicising same and, where necessary, employing competent instructors.

4. Of those services not conducted, could you look into them to see if they are necessary and practicable.

5. In the event of their being both suitable and practicable would you appoint certain leaders to find out all particulars regarding same, and if necessary, form teams to assist, form, and maintain them.

(9) (a) Appointment of work arising out of Discussion.

(b) President asks Leaders to read Article for Discussion (next meeting), before next meeting.

(10) General Business.

(11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.

(12) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

FIFTH MEETING

A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.

(2) Litany of Saints and Y.C.W. Prayer.

(3) Roll Call.

(4) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

"HOPELESS CASES."

Luke XV, v. 1-10.

1 Now the publicans and sinners were drawing near to him to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the Scribes murmured, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

2 4 And he spoke to them this parable, saying, "What man of you having a hundred sheep, and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine lost in the desert, and go after that which is lost, until he finds it?"

5 And when he has found it, he lays it upon his shoulders rejoicing.

6 And on coming home he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost.' I say to you that, even so, there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, more than over ninety-nine just who have no need of repentance.

8 "Or what woman, having ten drachmas, if she loses one drachma, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she

9 finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma

10 that I had lost.' Even so, I say to you, there shall be joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

INTRODUCTION.

These two parables were spoken by Our Lord towards the end of His public life, and are rich in doctrine. Particularly do they stress the importance of diligently searching for "that which is lost."

QUESTIONS.

1. How does the story of the lost sheep and the good shepherd apply to us?
2. What good qualities does the Shepherd manifest in this parable?
3. Should we Y.C.W. leaders ever "give up" any lad as a "hopeless case," or not bother to go after the lost sheep?
4. How did the Pharises treat the "hopeless cases?"
5. How did Christ, the Good Shepherd, treat the same cases?
6. Is there a danger of our imitating the Pharisees in this matter?
7. What should be the real Y.C.W. attitude towards the lost sheep and the so-called "hopeless cases"?

B. (5) Review of Influence:

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- (d) Report on Action.
 - (i) Allotted.
 - (ii) Voluntary.

(6) Appointment of work arising out of reports.

C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

(8) Discussion.

REVIEW OF GENERAL BRANCH—Continued.

BRANCH ORGANISATION.

During this section of the meeting, leaders are asked to conduct a discussion on their Y.C.W. branch in general. (1) To check up on the personnel of the branch executive and sub-committees responsible for the conduct of various Y.C.W. services; (2) to compare the agenda usually conducted with the one listed below; (3) to compare the syllabus item suggested with those usually featured; (4) to discuss the type of entertainment offered by the branch.

Branch Executives.

Each Y.C.W. branch executive must have the following personnel:—President (appointed by Chaplain), Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Warden and Propagandist, and any other additional members to suit the needs of the branch. (For these duties please refer to the Draft Constitution).

1. Are all these positions filled satisfactorily in your branch?
2. If not, what action can be adopted.

Sub-Committees.

These are used for specific purposes such as running Y.C.W. services. They are appointed by the General Committee and are responsible to this committee. (For further duties refer to Draft Constitution).

1. Does your branch adhere to these directions?
2. If not, can they be put into operation?

THE GENERAL MEETING.

A.—AGENDA.

The Y.C.W. Prayer.

Reading and Confirmation of Minutes.

Roll Call.

Welcome to proposed new members (application forms to be available at meeting for intending new members).

Announcement by President of acceptance of new members.

Presentation of membership cards to newly enrolled members.

Correspondence.

Reports.

Accounts.

Special business submitted by Committee.

Current campaign discussion. (Talk or discussion by one or more leaders on the results of current enquiries.)

General business.

Chaplain's talk.

Syllabus item.

Closing Prayer.

B.—SUGGESTIONS FOR SYLLABUS ITEMS.

Indoor games, table tennis, deck tennis, badminton, rope quoits, darts, hookey, groundball, basketball, billiards, snooker, carpet bowls, draughts, chess, checkers, boxing, wrestling, gymnastics.

CULTURAL.

Debating public speaking competitions, quiz contests, lectures by competent persons on subjects of interest to youth (including sports lectures).

SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Installation of a gramophone and pick-up in clubroom to create bright atmosphere. inter-branch or inter-organisation visits, amateur hours, pie night, snail race, yes-no jackpots, community singing, swimming nights (branch may engage local baths for an hour at night), night tennis (branch may be able to hire suitable courts occasionally), night basketball and night cricket.

Note.—A syllabus sub-committee should be formed to plan syllabus programmes well ahead. Programmes should contain plenty of variety and each item must be well organised. Division of branch into syllabus teams, if practicable, is recommended as a means of sustaining interest.

For full particulars, obtain the Y.C.W. booklet on "Syllabus Items." Available from Diocesan and National Headquarters.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. What conclusion did you reach regarding:—

(a) The conduct of your branch meeting? Is it properly conducted?

(b) The syllabus items conducted at your general meeting? Are these attractive and well planned? Is a sub-committee responsible for this?

(c) The cultural and social items featured by your branch? Are they satisfactory?

2. What action have you decided on to carry out? We suggest you list action to be taken, and the appointment of work arising out of this discussion.

3. To put into effect the resolutions adopted.

(9) (a) Appointment of work arising out of Enquiry.

(b) President reads the SEE Section of the next Enquiry.

(10) General Business.

(11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.

(12) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

SIXTH MEETING

A. (1) Crucifix in prominent position.

(2) Litany of Saints and Y.C.W. Prayer.

(3) Roll Call.

(4) GOSPEL MEDITATION.

"HE RAISES THE DEAD TO LIFE. "

St. Luke VII v. 11-15.

11 And it came to pass soon afterwards, that he went to a city called
12 Naim; and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. And as
he drew near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being
carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a
13 large gathering from the city was with her. And the Lord, seeing her,
14 had compassion on her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And he went
up and touched the stretcher; and the bearers stood still. And he
15 said, "Young man, I say to thee, arise." And he who was dead, sat up,
and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother.

INTRODUCTION.

Time.—During second year of public life.

Place.—Naim, on the border of Galilee.

A bier was a kind of stretcher, on which the body of a dead person was carried to the grave.

QUESTIONS.

1. What did Our Lord do when restoring life to this young man?

2. What moved Our Lord to restore life to him?

3. How do we know that Christ has the same thoughtful compassion to-day?

4. How does this scene show the personal interest of Our Lord to everyone?

B. (5) Review of Influence:

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(6) Appointment of work arising out of reports.

C. (7) Chaplain's Talk or Spiritual Reading.

(8) Discussion.

REVIEW OF GENERAL BRANCH—Continued.

CO-OPERATION WITH HEADQUARTERS.

By "Headquarters" it is meant: Y.C.W. Diocesan Headquarters if one exists in your Diocese—if no such body exists, it is to be interpreted as meaning National Headquarters.

CORRESPONDENCE.

At regular intervals your branch receives correspondence from Headquarters in the form of branch circulars, letters, accounts, etc. It is essential that prompt attention be given to all items appearing in correspondence. This is a most important point in which secretaries should strive to be 100 per cent. efficient. Could we check how our group and Branch Executive have acted in this regard, and if there is room for improvement in this matter, could we make suitable arrangements at this juncture of the meeting to ensure greater co-operation in the future?

PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS.

If all groups realised that Headquarters have a very limited amount of capital to work with, no doubt they would strive to make prompt settlement of all accounts with Headquarters. Could we check with our Treasurer to ascertain our financial position with Headquarters, and if any action is necessary, could we aim to carry this out immediately?

PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Subscriptions are the life blood of our Movement. This should be the constant thought in every Y.C.W.'s mind, especially leaders. It is the responsibility of every Y.C.W. branch to pay to Headquarters the full percentage of all registered members' subscriptions. This obligation was agreed upon at the Third National Conference of the Y.C.W., Newcastle, September, 1946.

It may be necessary to organise a special effort to fulfill this obligation. Remember, subs. are helping to open up the Y.C.W. in other centres, and to make Australia a worthwhile member of the vast international organisation of the Y.C.W.

Could we check with the Treasurer to see what amount has been paid in subscriptions for the year 1946? Could we budget now, and make provisions for ensuring that our quota for 1947 is paid to Headquarters?

FORWARDING OF REPORTS.

If we are to succeed as a National organisation, regular reports of all our activities, especially general enquiries, should be forwarded regularly each month to Headquarters. The Executive at Headquarters can collate all information obtained through the general enquiry, and, if necessary, plan action and make representation through the appropriate channels, and to the appropriate authorities.

Could we resolve, at this meeting, to make sure that in future, a monthly report on all our activities, as well as a report on every general enquiry, is forwarded to Headquarters?

SALES OF LITERATURE.

Y.C.W. literature is written for the special purpose of providing publicity for the Y.C.W. and of helping members to place the aims and ideals of the Y.C.W. before their contacts and the mass of Australian youth. It is essential that we realise this, and take every opportunity of spreading Y.C.W. literature, especially "New Youth." What has been our attitude in relation to this in the past? How many "New Youth" are sold locally each month? Do our members sell copies at work? What is our resolution re this matter? Could we increase our "New Youth" order; canvas

for subscribers; sell "New Youth" after Mass? What can we do in respect of other Y.C.W. publications—"Challenge," "Youth's Ideals," "Rouse Up"?

ATTENDANCE AT DIOCESAN COUNCILS.

All Diocesan Councils meet regularly as do Regional Councils where such exist. Is your group usually well represented at these meetings? Which particular leader or leaders will represent the group at these meetings for 1947?

PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL AND DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS.

If your group is attached to a regional Council or is a member of a Diocesan Federation of Y.C.W. branches, it is in duty bound to assist and participate in all functions (rallies, sports, etc.) organised by the Executives of these bodies. What has been our attitude towards this in the past? Is there any room for improvement? What is our resolution to be?

DIOCESAN SERVICES.

As the Y.C.W. in any Diocese grows, certain services will be established on a Diocesan basis, e.g., vocational guidance, employment bureau, accommodation, etc. It is necessary, therefore, that all groups avail themselves of these set-ups. In respect of such services as accommodation, all groups are urged to canvas their districts to see how many homes will take a youth. These potential homes for youth should be forwarded to Headquarters for listing on their accommodation roster.

In view of this section, what action can we resolve to do?

NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS.

To date, four National Campaigns have been carried out by the Australian Y.C.W., namely, "Mass," "Communism," "The Family," and "Work." This year, the campaign is to be "The Young Christian Worker," which commences at your next meeting. Every group is urged to support, strongly, this campaign by carrying out the programme as listed in the booklet, "The Young Christian Worker."

The Y.C.W. is a representative body. One of its aims is to speak for the youth of Australia. To do this effectively, we must have the right information and you are the only person who can supply it. At this meeting, will you resolve to carry out faithfully, the proposed campaign on the "Young Christian Worker," and forward reports to Headquarters?

- (9) (a) Appointment of work arising out of the Discussion.
(b) President reads the SEE Section of the next Enquiry.
- (10) General Business.
- (11) Individual Statement by each Leader of his duties to be executed before the next meeting.
- (12) Final Prayers and Chaplain's Blessing.

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- (i) To Live and Fight for Christ
Our Leader.**
- (ii) To Bring Christ into the Lives
of Young Australian Workers.**
- (iii) To Help the Young Worker at
Home, at Work, and at Leisure.**