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## **PROGRAMMING GUIDELINES 2021-2027**

We have organized the 2021-2027 PROGRAMMING GUIDELINES around 3 thematic nuclei that were also the red thread of the Congress of 30 July enriched by the very interesting suggestions you offered in the Survey Monkey PROPOSAL platform.

### **1st Nucleus: THE CHALLENGES**

The proposals that came to us from the *Survey Monkey* online platform, in which 97 people collaborated, offering 90 proposals as an answer to the first question; 91 to the second question; 79 to the third question (other proposals arrived later via email, with respect to the closing times of the platform) seem to suggest that the challenges facing the contemporary era can be gathered in the theme of **SOLIDARITY**, meaning the attitude *of listening by becoming a neighbor, taking charge of the life* of those near/far away, *by being attentive and alert* to everything that damages the life and dignity of any human person, regardless of their ethnic, religious, generational, gender, etc. affiliation, making the voice of those who more than others, live in situations of hardship, suffering, exclusion, marginalization.<sup>1</sup>

Listening to the reality of the contemporary world and the changes that are taking place, both globally and locally, **WE CHOOSE TO PRIVILEGE:**

1. **the family:** it is undergoing profound structural transformations that question its organization from the point of view of relationships (within it), the education of children, its place in the socio-economic context;<sup>2</sup>
2. **the young generations:** from the point of view of the Mornese Salesian charism, they deserve a gaze of predilection, an attitude of listening both to grasp their deepest questions for meaning and significance, and to identify the situations that prevent them from maturing and becoming responsible adult people. The world of youth is an important frontier for the Association.
3. **Care of Creation:** as a heritage of humanity, creation is entrusted to each of us and challenges us from the point of view of 'care' so that its resources can be preserved for future generations and entrusted to them.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. Identity document of the Mornese World Confederation of the Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians

<sup>2</sup> Cf. *Amoris Laetitia*

<sup>3</sup> Cf. *Laudato sì*

## **2nd Nucleus: The PATHS**

From a methodological point of view, what has been highlighted above needs to be translated into paths to be organized at the local level, taking into account the specificity of each situation, therefore its problematic aspects, the resources available to deal with such situations. The effectiveness of the paths will be measured by in-depth knowledge of the situation and the ability to intervene *ad hoc*.

We are convinced that the ability to face the challenges crossing our societies requires adequate formation, intending with this the deepening of the fundamental values that characterize us, the ability to translate values into real life, the spirit of initiative and creativity that impels us to translate values into practice. So, **WE CHOOSE TO TAKE CARE OF:**

1. **The formation of the associates** through knowledge and in-depth study of the Association's Documents (Statutes, Identity Document, etc.);
2. **The formation of the *leaders*** of the Association at the various levels (World Confederal Council, Federation Councilors, Union Councilors);
3. **Knowledge of the world of the young** in all its aspects (languages, problems, dreams, expectations, plans, etc.), especially those of the young Past Pupils by involving them and making them protagonists in the life of the Association;
4. **The style of communication and its content**, both within the Association (at the various levels), and outside (elaboration of an Institutional Communication Plan; Internet Website; social network, *UNION* magazine, etc.);
5. **The ability to network** in the area to promote projects and initiatives according to the aims of the Association as a response to the challenges of the social context where one belongs.

## **3rd Nucleus: THE COMMITMENTS**

Among the many paths that could have been identified, some have been chosen that seem to be priorities for the life and future of the Association.

The paths must be translated into concrete projects that take into account local situations.

It is suggested that each Federation prepare a three-year project specifying the steps year by year.