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To all Superiors General
To their delegates for SEDOS
To all members of the SEDOS groups

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ASSEMBLY OF GENERALS: The minutes of the last Assembly, incorporating the reports of the 3 discussion groups. The basic formula for the relationships of SEDOS with other agencies seems to be: "work with but not under".

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DEVELOPMENT: The report of the "plenary" meeting, held at the CFX Generalate. The task forces have pushed on with their work. The meeting rounded off a creative and productive "working year".

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PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - (MISEREOR-SEDOS): The Spanish text of the definitive presentation for circulation among Spanish speaking major Superiors (English original and French translation already circulated in 70/380 and 70/404). For loose copies, please phone the Secretariat.

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Next week: meeting of the WG Development Task Force on the September Planning Session on Credit Unions: July 10, 1970 at 16.00 at the Secretariat.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Tonna
Executive Secretary.

ASSEMBLY OF GENERALS

Minutes of the 27th Assembly of Superiors General, held at the International Scholasticate of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Rome, on June 9, 1970 at 16.00

Present were the following Reverend Fathers, Brothers, Mothers, and Sisters:

Group 1 (Justitia et Pax) Th. Van Asten, wf; Therese Barnett, scmm-t; Charles Henry Buttimer, fsc; J. Considine mm; A. McCormack, mhm; Susanne Demey, icm; Alma Dufault, fmm; Arlene Gates, sa; Mayueri Marie Gonzalez, rscm; S.M. Henriette Hoene, ssnd; Francis Ivern, sj; Philip Land, sj; G. Lautenschlager, cmm; Josefina Maglioni, fmm; Thomas More, cfx; J. Musinsky, svd; Francis Pemberton, sfb; Edith Ryan, snd-n; Marie Chantal Scholasticate, snd-n; M. Aquina Tilpier, ssnd; Kiyoko Wakamatsu, rscj; Thomas S. Walsh, mm; Marie Thérèse Walsh, osu; I.J. Westhoff, msc.

Discussion Leader: Fr. Philip Land sj. and Fr. A. McCormack mhm.
Secretary: Sr. E. Ryan snd-n.

Group 2 (Catholic Media Council) Jose Pablo Basterrechea, fsc; Harold Boyle, cfx; A. Capes; Parig Digan, ssc; Marie Jose Van Dun, osu; F.X. Eilers, svd; V. Faudet, omi; C. Höller; Marjorie Keenan, rshn; M. Loretto, ssnd; H. Mondé, sma; Agnetta Pionkowski, ssps; G. Schnepf, sm; B. Tonna; Annemarie de Vreede, scmm-m; Peter Wilkinson, ssc.

Discussion Leader: Mr. K. Höller
Secretary: Bro. H. Boyle cfx.

Group 3 (FAO) M.J. Dor, ws; J. Dumont, sfb; V. Fecher, svd; Cussac Georges, mep; I. de Jesus Pereira Leite, crsa; Joseph Perrier, wf; J. Schotte, cicm; J.R. Urquia, sm.

Discussion Leader: Fr. J. Schotte cicm
Secretary: Fr. Perrier, wf

Excused

President of the plenary: Fr. H. Mondé, sma.
Moderator : Mo. Th. Walsh, osu.
Secretary : Fr. B. Tonna.

1. Fr. H. Mondé opened the Assembly and proposed Mother Th. Walsh osu as Moderator. The Assembly agreed.
2. Bro. Ch. H. Buttimer fsc moved that the minutes of the 26th Assembly, circulated in SEDOS Documentation 70/222-230 be taken as read and approved. The motion, seconded by Sr. M. Keenan rscm was passed nem.con.

3. The Moderator then asked for a departure from the Agenda so as to allow the Assembly to consider the applications for membership of the Religious of the Sacred Heart and of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

The applications, had been received after the circulation of the Agenda. The Assembly agreed and the Secretary read the letters of application (70/453, 454). The Assembly unanimously accepted the two institutes as full members. Their representatives were then introduced and cheered.

4. Fr. Schotte, deputy Chairman of the Development Group presented a progress report on the missionary planning session on Credit Unions Scheduled for September 27, 1970 (70/427-434). He stressed that the principle aim of the session was the preparation of a programme of action through which, together, the Institutes would continue to strengthen and promote the Credit Union movement. It was thus essential that the Institutes, through their Generalates, be well represented in the process of preparing such a programme.

Fr. A. Mondé proposed that missionaries who had been active in Credit Union work and who happened to be on Leave in Europe during the session, could be invited, and their travelling expenses paid. This would strengthen the core group of missionary pioneer.

5. Fr. Fecher presented the draft resolution on Catechists (70/435, 436). He explained that the original plan of inviting each Generalate to offer suggestions on what it could do for the Catechist movement had not been followed. The reason was the establishment of a commission of Prop. Fide to follow up the conclusion of the Plenarium and, among other initiatives, consult the Generalates. Many members of the SEDOS Catechist Group had been appointed as members of this new commission. The Catechist Group considered it had thus achieved its objectives and had folded up. The resolution represented a synthesis of its views and could be forwarded to each Generalate for implementation. Bro. Th. More then moved that the draft of the resolution be accepted by the Assembly. He was seconded by Fr. Van Asten wf. The resolution was passed nem.con.

6. Bro. Schnepp presented the financial statement for January - May, 1970 (70/437). He underlined the fact that SEDOS was well on the way to write off the deficit which had been inherited from the first year.

7. Bro. Th. More introduced the main topic of the study session:

- A. Relationships of SEDOS with;
 - a) Justitia et Pax
 - b) Catholic Media Council
 - c) FAO

The various organs with which SEDOS has relationships can be classified as follows:

Official Vatican Organs
International Catholic Organs
International Secular Organs
Ecumenic Organs

The Executive Committee saw the need for a periodic evaluation of SEDOS expending involvement with external agencies. It had chosen for the Special Consideration of the Assembly a selected agency from each of the first three categories. This limitation was made deliberately in order that recommendations and suggestions might enable the Executive Committee to determine in what way the relationships with external agencies would be maintained and promoted.

The purpose of the Study Sessions was;

To provide concrete and practical suggestions and recommendations to the Executive Committee for developing the relationships with the three following agencies, chosen because of our present relationship with them:

Justitia et Pax (Vatican Organ)
Catholic Media Council (International Catholic Organ)
FAO (International Secular Agency)

It was desirable that the suggestions and the recommendations be made on two levels:

terms of reference for 'SEDOS' relationship with these agencies exchange of information. But the group might determine other levels.

8. The Assembly then broke into three discussion groups, led by Frs. McCormack and Land (Justitia et Pax), Mr. K. Höller (CMC), Fr. J. Schotte (FAO).
9. Study Group a: SEDOS - Justitia et Pax relationships

The main themes and questions that seemed to emerge from the discussion were these:

- .1 What is the basic aim of collaboration between the two groups?
It would be to mobilize the whole missionary activity of the Church toward the integral development of man.
- .2 What are the foreseeable results of such collaboration?
One result would be guidance regarding the integration of development with evangelization. This would be an especially valuable fruit of the interaction of J and P with SEDOS, since currently many young missionaries and bishops tend to see priestly work exclusively in terms of administration of the sacraments. It is necessary also to integrate into our view of missionary action, the role not only of the priest but of the dedicated layman and laywoman as well (i.e. of the Brother and Sister).

Goodwill and interest in development are not lacking among missionaries, but practical knowledge and experience about development often are. The missionary needs to know what is being done in the developing country, what needs to be done, what can be done.

What is often lacking is coherence at local or regional or diocesan levels of organization. In the achievement of such coherence, SEDOS could help J and P from the background of experience of its members. It could supply models, etc.

Another, long-range, result of J and P-SEDOS collaboration might be a request for a new missionary encyclical that will present in one document the possibility of integration of evangelization with development. This one document could go a long way toward resolving the conflicts of approach and action that result from putting the accent exclusively on either development or priestly ministry.

- .3 What is the place of the Christian school in the missionary effort?
There is tremendous scope in the school for conveying the whole range of ideas associated with the fostering of justice and peace among men. To the complex question of whether existing educational institutions should be converted into technical or agricultural schools, there is no simple answer, since so much depends on local or regional situations, needs, preferences and government policies. Educators have to face courageously the possibility that in a given situation an existing school may actually be an obstacle to development in the sense of serving to maintain the status quo in society, thereby preventing the development of community in that society.
- .4 Is there a possibility of overlapping and duplication of effort
among members of SEDOS + J and P groups, SEDOS working groups, and members of mission commissions of USG and UISG? Such overlapping was not seen as a problem. SEDOS members can make use of SEDOS facilities and resources in their work in other mission groups, while members of the unions of Superiors General can often be influential with Bishops' Conferences.
- .5 How can the results of today's meeting be formulated?

Terms of reference for collaboration between the two groups:

SEDOS being a missionary organization, the relationship between SEDOS and the Pontifical Commission Justice and Peace will focus on the missionary activity of the Church and on how this activity should contribute to integral human development. The relationship between these two bodies would be completely reciprocal. Justice and Peace would assist SEDOS in integrating an understanding of the demands of development and social justice with missionary activity. SEDOS being in close contact with

missionaries throughout the world, would help in suggesting concrete ways and means by which this integration could be achieved and the message of the Commission for Justice and Peace transmitted.

The following practical ways were suggested for actualizing the terms of reference:

- a) That a representative from each of the SEDOS working groups meet with a Justice and Peace group to explore in greater detail areas and means of possible co-operation between the two groups.
- b) That SEDOS members have a course in development by means of a full-scale meeting with the Commission for Justice and Peace.
- c) That members of Justice and Peace, the USG and the UISG and SEDOS meet informally periodically to discuss area of co-operation and to avoid overlapping of effort and projects. Sr. E. Ryan, snd-n

10. Study Group b - SEDOS - Catholic Media Council Relationships

.1 Principles of the SEDOS relationship with the Catholic Media Council

- a) That all relationships be under the direction of the SEDOS Working Group on Social Communications
- b) That a member of the WG on Social Communications be the liaison with the Catholic Media Council
- c) That a specific objective of this relationship be the establishment of mobile groups of experts in the different fields of mass media work. These mobile units, consisting of specialists from different mission institutes, should be available for special limited operations in different developing areas. Another specific objective could be a programme of common action of the Generalates and the Catholic Media Council to promote the mass media Apostolate.

.2 Exchange of information

- a) SEDOS would provide, through a sub-committee of the WG on Social Communications, information about the work now being done in mass media by missionary congregations. This information would include:
 - 1. A list of names of missionaries now engaged in mass media work.
 - 2. A list of the specific activities in mass media, together with their locations.

This information could be obtained best through personal contacts with SEDOS Generalates and through contact and questionnaires for non-SEDOS congregations.

- b) The Catholic Media Council would supply job descriptions for work in mass media information about training facilities, about trends in communication for developing countries;
 - : would give advice on how to obtain financial aid for persons seeking training in mass communications
 - : would supply help for specific problems encountered in communication activities.

Bro. H. Boyle cfx.

11. Study Group c SEDOS - FAO Relationships

The Group accepted document 70/441-447 as the basis for the discussion of the relationships of SEDOS with the FAO

- .1 The question of the utility of such relationships was discussed. A number of advantages were noted. Missionaries could profit from the technical and practical information which FAO could supply. Collaboration in the field between missionaries and the FAO experts would help raise the living standards of the populations of the Third World. SEDOS could make known to FAO the experience of grass root missionaries as well as their achievements in rural development. An exchange of views could lead missionaries to integrate their efforts in rural development in a national global plan.
- .2 The FAO was ready to cooperate in a semi-official and practical way with the missionary Institutes but its internal procedures did not allow it to accord official recognition to an agency like SEDOS. Contacts would have to be channelled through a recognized agency like the Office of the Permanent Observers of the Holy See-with the FAO or the Union of Superiors General (working in collaboration with the Permanent Observers). Given the present structure, SEDOS could not be considered as a subsidiary agency of the Union of Superiors General. It could work with but not under the Union.
- .3 The group stressed the point that we should not create supplementary agencies when a specialized agency, capable of supplying the desired services already existed. Rather than setting up our own structures, we would find it more useful to make use of, and to collaborate with, existing organizations, on condition that we were assured that the interests of the missionary institutes and of the missionaries of the field, were taken care of.
- .4 Agrimissio seemed to be the ideal agency for this sort of task because it was sponsored by the Permanent Observers at the FAO and by the USG and the UISG and because it aimed to promote contacts and relationships between FAO and missionaries.

- .5 Agrimissio would serve to channel the contacts of missionaries and FAO:
- directly when it is a question of contacts of a specific type between missionaries and institutes
 - indirectly when it is a question of a more generic exchange of ideas or of a communication of general information, on one side or the other, through the SEDOS Working Group for Development.

- .6 To ensure a continuing and productive relationship between SEDOS and Agrimissio, one could envisage that
- the Executive Secretary of Agrimissio be invited to the meetings of the Working Group for Development
 - SEDOS, as a substantial group of missionary Institutes, be represented on the board of Consultants which Agrimissio will eventually set up.

Study Group c of the Assembly of Superiors General, therefore, recommended to the Executive Committee of SEDOS:

- .1 that it did not seem necessary or opportune to establish a structured form of relationship with FAO
- .2 that SEDOS make use of the services of the Agrimissio offices to channel contacts between missionaries, SEDOS and the FAO
- .3 that the WG Development ensure liaison with Agrimissio
- .4 that, when the time was ripe, the possibility of ensuring SEDOS representation on the board of Consultants of Agrimissio, be examined.

J. Perier wf.

12. After supper the Assembly met to consider the reports of each Study Group. Mgr. L.G. Ligutti, who had been invited to join the Assembly during supper, noted that the basic idea behind Agrimissio was to make the missionaries known to FAO and FAO known to missionaries. Fr. A. McCormack noted that, besides the conclusions recorded by the secretaries, the study groups had generated a very useful discussion which clarified several points and thus contributed to the development of the relationships of SEDOS with other organizations.
13. It was agreed to convene the 28th Assembly of SEDOS on September 15, 1970 at 16.00 at the OMI Scholasticate in Rome.

DEVELOPMENT

A meeting of the Development Working Group took place on Friday 19th June, 1970 at the CFX Generalate at 4 p.m. The following were present:

Bro. H. Boyle, cfx;	Fr. P.F. Moody, pa;
Sr. J. Clijsters, scmm-t;	Sr. F. Schelleman, scmm-t;
Sr. M. Echaniz, osu;	Fr. J. Schotte, cicm;
Fr. A. Hubenig, omi;	Sr. K. Wakamatsu, rscj.

From the Secretariat: Fr. B. Tonna and Miss Capes.

In the absence of Sr. M. Panevska Fr. Schotte was in the Chair.

1. a. The report of the WGD meeting of 22 May, 1970, was accepted by the group.
- b. Clarification regarding INODEP: Fr. Haramburu who was asked to contact the people of INODEP in Paris, reported to the Executive Committee with the following conclusions: It is not feasible that Sedos be a full participant on the Board of Directors at this moment; he suggests that in the meantime we try some form of collaboration for one year. The Executive Committee decided to ask Fr. Haramburu to find out what form of collaboration INODEP would welcome. After one year the project could be re-evaluated.

2. Credit Union Seminar

- a. Participants: The number now has risen to about 80 acceptances. Full expenses for travel have now been extended to 24 missionaries. There is a problem regarding the small proportion of missionaries to that of "others", which makes it desirable to have more missionaries if possible to strengthen their participation.

During the General Assembly Fr. Mondé suggested that missionaries who had an interest in Credit Unions and who were in Europe on furlough at the time of the Seminar, could be invited with their travel expenses to Rome paid?

The WGD proposed that an invitation for applications to the Generalates should appear in the Bulletin, and a selection from these applications would be made. Although we cannot promise anything yet - for this depends on the amount of money that CUNA will make available. First criteria for selection would be: experience in credit union work.

2. b. Documentation:

1. Documentation to the participants, now ready, will be mailed to the participants next week.
2. Documentation to the Generalates to be mailed to them early in September, as a separate mailing.

And, in the first Bulletin to be sent out in September there would be a special announcement of the Credit Union Seminar - to the effect that the Generalates would be receiving the documentation of background papers by separate post, this page to be, desirably, red in colour, to attract attention. It was decided not to publish the Credit Union reports in the Bulletin, but to give only an abstract of these studies.

3. The important thing for the Generalates, and we count on them to stir up some interest in their own Generalates, is the two special days which have been arranged - the preparatory phase - to brief them on what Credit Unions are, what they are supposed to do and what we are trying to achieve at this Seminar. These days are Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September in the evening. The Action Programmes of the working groups will be circulated to the Generalates before the Plenary meetings of the last day (Friday 2nd October when these action programmes would be discussed) so that the Generalates know what is expected or what contribution they can make in carrying out these programmes.

4. Public Relations:

Fr. Reuver of the WGSC is in charge of coverage for the DCU Seminar and Fr. Hubenig from this group has been asked to collaborate on behalf of WGD and to give special attention to the press releases. It was agreed that there should be a press release in the near future i.e. before mid-July. Fr. Reuver had undertaken, as a follow-up, to have the Vatican Press Hall made available for the DCU the Friday before the Seminar is due to open, for a full-blown Press Conference.

5. Dynamics of Discussion Groups:

Fr. Hubenig said he would contact Fr. Michel who is here in town. (Fr. Renaud is still in S. America). Fr. Michel would then be asked to contact Fr. Schotte. A DCU Task Force Group meeting would be called around 10th July, time to be fixed later.

Before the summer it is necessary to find:

- 1) at least 3 moderators, with the following language talents:
 - English
 - French-English
 - Spanish-English

2. 5. 2. Two recording secretaries per group, total of 6, with language talents:
 - a. Asia: English
 - b. S. America: Spanish-English
 - c. Africa: English, French.

The reporter/secretaries are to be responsible for circulation of the interim workshop reports, and for final reports in English and French to be presented to the General Assembly. Suggested names for these posts put forward by the group were: Fr. Blanes, msc., and Fr. Urquia, sm. However, all members were asked to think of possible suitable candidates, and to give their names to Fr. Tonna as soon as possible.

3. F.A.O. Collaboration

Report on interim happenings:

1. Copies of lists of General Sedos Member Institutes, and lists of the distribution of Sedos Institutes in different countries in Africa taken to FAO by Fr. Schotte, were mailed out straight away by FAO to all their field offices in Africa, with an accompanying letter recommending that they can make contact with the missionaries in their respective countries.
2. Organization of Briefing Sessions for the Generalates by the People from FAO.

Fr. Schotte had a meeting with Mr. Crane and Miss Younie, who are in charge of non-governmental organizations at F.A.O., and it was agreed that about mid-September we would have a meeting with the FAO Task Force, and Mr. Crane and Miss Younie and a few other people from FAO, to plan for 3 meetings during the first three months of the new working year. There would be one about Congo (K), one about East Africa, and one about French-speaking West Africa. (Later it would be decided what countries to try to focus on).

3. WORLD FOOD CONGRESS

- Sr. Genevieve Samson agreed to represent SEDOS at the above-mentioned Congress, and will give us a report.
4. At the Sedos General Assembly on 9th June, a group of about 8 persons discussed the relationship between FAO and SEDOS. The conclusions of this group, given in a short report, were circulated to WGD members with their background papers for this meeting today. With regard to para. 6 sub.para. 4, it is noted that the people who are actually involved in Agrimissio are all Generals who are members of Sedos but they act on behalf of the Union of Superiors General, so the interest of the missionaries are taken care of.
5. Sometime within the next two weeks the formal establishment of the Agrimissio Office will probably take place.

4. MISEREOR PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

- a. An announcement had been received of an application from Indonesia for a specialist - a Brother who would be in charge of an agricultural training centre. This fits the description of a specialist, and so when we receive the particulars, the application could be forwarded to Misereor.
- b. Another application was received from a Priest in the Philippines, who would specialize for 5 years in agriculture, in this case too, we are waiting for the particulars before forwarding this application to Misereor.
- c. Bishop Corbro, sj., of Zambia had sent in an application for one of his priests that he might have a one-year University training course in Community Development. The group approved that this request be forwarded to Misereor.
- d. From Brazil, the Conference of Major Superiors asked that a Dutch priest - now on furlough in Holland - could take a few courses in social sciences and related things for the period of one year. This was considered not to be in the specialist category and the Conference of Major Superiors was therefore invited to send the application direct to Misereor. However, a list of specialization choices were mentioned by Fr. Schotte in his letter to them, so that they could be reviewed, and if it was desired for the priest to train as a specialist, then the application could be reconsidered.

5. Referrals to WG Social Communications

- a. Fr. Reuver of the WGSC and Fr. Hubenig of the WGD are working on the publicity and press releases for the DCU Seminar.
- b. This WG had asked if 2 WGD people could be at the June 10th WGSC meeting, but the WGD suggestions could not be put on the agenda for WGSC June 10th meeting, so this matter will have to be taken up perhaps in September.

6. International Standing Conference for Non-Profit Organizations

We have formally applied now for membership.

The meeting of June 4-6 which Fr. Dupuich was to have attended, was postponed without any reason being given or specific date mentioned.

7. JUSTICE + PEACE

- a. A report of what the USG has been doing in this field:
On May 20 Justice and Peace formally presented their programmes to a meeting of 60 Superiors General of men's institutes and the Women's Union is working on something similar for November when the General Assembly of the International Union of Superiors General takes place in Rome. Follow-ups were 2 meetings between

7. people from Justice and Peace and the liaison from the Union, and it was agreed that the Union of men would try to establish a work group to work together with Justice and Peace. On July 10th there will be a meeting to start this work group. More candidates are sought for this working group: specialists in development, social-economic problems, or persons very much interested and able to influence the thinking of their society; or people involved in this type of work. Please put names forward to Fr. Schotte. Eventually the Women's Union will be setting up a working group, and then the men's and women's Unions will consider forming a joint working group.

One problem is the involvement of Justice and Peace in the working group: more real working contact with them must be sought than has been found possible in the past.

- b. The Relationship SEDOS-Justice + Peace was discussed by a General Assembly work group. A report is attached to the members' background papers for this meeting.

The Executive Committee discussed the conclusions of the General Assembly. Their suggestion was that:

1. we should channel those contacts with Justice + Peace through the WGD
2. that a letter be written proposing concrete ways and means in which Justice and Peace could sustain and promote the efforts of the missionary sending institutes in the field of development.
3. that some persons from Justice and Peace meet a group from the WGD to exchange ideas about these things in the near future, possibly after the Justice and Peace General Assembly in September.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the WGD are asked to review these conclusions and plan the future action.

8. Next meeting of the WGD will be in September, 1970, at a date still to be fixed.

SEDOS 70/537

A los miembros de los Generalatos de SEDOS

A sus Provinciales

A sus Directores del Desarrollo Regional

A los Secretariados de las Uniones de los Superiores Mayores.

Anuncio sobre el programa
del Desarrollo del Personal SEDOS-MISEREOR

Como muchos de vosotros sabéis ya, SEDOS Y MISEREOR cooperan para promover la formación de los especialistas del desarrollo.

El informe concerniente a este programa ha sido distribuido este año. Las misiones han respondido ya.

Para conseguir una respuesta más amplia, y una utilización de este programa de las becas de estudio, pedimos vuestra ayuda, para hacer circular los informes adjuntos. Tened en cuenta que este programa está abierto ahora a todos, pero se limita a los "especialistas" y no a los "generalista", como antes se había previsto.

SEDOS-MISEREOR no intenta persuadir a los Obispos, y sus conferencias, para que formen los especialistas del desarrollo, sino que se ofrece este programa a los Institutos Religiosos como un ayuda, para que puedan servir, más eficazmente, a sus diócesis y sus conferencias episcopales. Encontraréis, incluidas aquí, varias copias de esta carta y este anuncio. Tratad de que lleguen a vuestros provinciales y a los demás miembros que puedan mejor utilizar estos informes.

Gracias ó

El Grupo de Trabajo de SEDOS
para el Desarrollo

Mayo 1970

A los Generalatos de SEDOS, Provinciales, Directores del Desarrollo Regional, y a los Secretariados de las Uniones de los Superiores Mayores

SEDOS es una organización, en Roma, de 33 Institutos Misioneros, cuyo fin es compartir los informes en lo concerniente a materias de interés común, con el fin de promover la cooperación con todas las organizaciones de cada sector de actividad misionera, a nivel internacional y local.

MISEREOR es una organización Alemana, cuyo objeto es otorgar subsidios financieros a los esfuerzos de la Iglesia en pro del desarrollo.

El programa del desarrollo del personal de SEDOS-MISEREOR es un esfuerzo en común que consiste en lo siguiente:

1. Al comprometerse más intensamente, la Iglesia del Tercer Mundo, en los programas del desarrollo y en la acción social, tendrá a mano los servicios de los expertos, más útiles y más necesarios que antes, en este campo.
 2. La intención de Misereor es ayudar a conseguir, para esas mismas Iglesias, los servicios permanentes de expertos altamente cualificados, para la programación y la dirección de los programas de desarrollo, proporcionándoles los fondos para su formación. El programa del desarrollo del personal de SEDOS-MISEREOR es el medio para conseguir y distribuir esas becas de estudio; la forma más segura de obtener una beca en este programa es la seguridad de que, después de la formación, las personas seleccionadas estarán a disposición de las conferencias episcopales (o en algún caso particular, de uno obispo o un grupo de obispos) en el campo de su especialización.
 3. Este programa está encaminado, ante todo, a la formación del personal de los Institutos de SEDOS. Pero se pueden tener en cuenta, también, otros Institutos no pertenecientes a SEDOS, el clero secular o laicos, que se juzguen necesarios en los programas en que estén empeñados los Institutos, con tal de que trabajen con y para las Iglesias locales, en sus programas de desarrollo.
- El ideal sería que tales expertos fueran recrutados entre los nativos de las iglesias locales. Pero, por un corto lapso de tiempo, y de acuerdo con las Conferencias Episcopales, podrían los Institutos locales de SEDOS ofrecer los servicios de misioneros extranjeros.
4. Los cursos de formación para especialistas serían siguiendo la línea de los estudios post-Universitarios, de 2-3 años.

5. El procedimiento para la participación normal es el siguiente:

a) Los superiores mayores interesados, las conferencias de los superiores mayores o los obispos, estudian las necesidades particulares, dentro del cuadro del personal especializado, en uno o varios de los campos siguientes:

- ciencia social (para la programación-valoración etc.)
- comunicaciones sociales
- cooperativas
- sindicatos
- servicios médicos
- agricultura
- tecnología

y fijan los planes adecuados.

b) Designan los candidatos para la formación en las especialidades al Director del Programa del desarrollo de SEDOS-MISEREOR. Tales candidatos deben ser, preferentemente, del país donde han de trabajar.

c) Indican igualmente el tipo, duración, lugar y fin específico de los cursos de formación exigida por los candidatos, junto con el coste aproximado.

d) Finalmente podrá firmarse un contrato por el Instituto Religioso que ofrece la persona disponible, o por el futuro empleante y el candidato con el fin de especificar las condiciones de servicio, después de la formación.

6. El programa, primitivamente limitado al Congo-Kinshasa, África del Este, y Indonesia, se ha extendido, luego, a todos los países del Tercer Mundo.

7. Desearia, este programa, formar especialistas altamente cualificados. Los demás candidatos, con una experiencia considerable en el campo elegido, que podrían beneficiarse de un programa más corto de formación, servir después de intermediarios entre los especialistas y los que trabajan en la brecha (llamados "generalistas"), no están incluidos en este programa, pero pueden recurrir directamente a Misereor, siempre dispuesto a considerar cada caso, en la medida de sus posibilidades.

8. La fecha tope para la solicitud de becas estudios, para el año en curso, es el 15 de Julio 1970.

9. El Director del Programa: Hermano Vincent F. Gottwald FSC
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Mayo, 1970

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NEW DOCUMENTS

Meeting on the Formation of Brothers, April 13 - 18, 1970.
Reunion sur la Formation des Frères.

about 60 typed pages for each text prepared by the
Secretariat for Formation, White Fathers.

Issues raised: The lay type of missionary vocation

Theology of Work
The Brothers vocation.

One copy of each available for consultation at the Secretariat.

Fr. P. Grillou : Group Dynamics wf in Petit Echo, July - August 1970,
No. 610 pp. 291 - 301.

(French text also available).

DIARY

29 - 6 - 1970

Holiday. But the long week end had given the opportunity to Fr. Tonna to meet Rev. Ph. Potter, L. McMaster, Mr. Ph. Johnson and Mr. A. Vanistendael, in Nemi for the SODEPAX meeting.

30 - 6 - 1970

Through J + P, a group of newsmen from Africa and Asia visit the Secretariat and bombard the staff with questions about cooperation and about SEDOS.

1 - 7 - 1970

Meeting on China Mainland to discuss the recommendations forwarded to SEDOS by a group from Hong Kong.

2 - 7 - 1970

Staff meeting on the documentation services. Fr. Bano and Sr. Agnetta go through the whole process with Fr. Tonna.

3 - 7 - 1970

Fr. Tonna reviews the first half of the year with Fr. Mondé, Sr. J. Gates.