

MINUTES of the twelfth and fifth (virtual) meeting of 2020 of the Board of Directors of SIGNIS ALC

The members of the Board of Directors of the Latin American and Caribbean Catholic Association of Communication, SIGNIS ALC, convened on December 10, 2020 by its president, Carlos Ferraro, met virtually, on December 16, 2020 (4:00 p.m. Quito), in the fifth virtual meeting of the year and the twelfth, since his appointment.

In accordance with the call, the meeting began at 4:00 p.m. (Ecuador time), with the participation of:

Carlos Alberto Ferraro, president
María José Centurión, vice president
Alejandro Caro, third titular director
Fernando Ruiz, fourth titular director
Sonia Navas, Executive Secretary

They justify not being able to participate:

Jorge Villa, first titular director
Lisa Bhajan, Second Principal Director
Bishop John Lewis William, delegate of SIGNIS Caribe

The meeting proposes to address the following agenda:

1. Connection and welcome
2. Ambassadors Laudato si
3. Advances VI COMLAC
4. Progress of the RADIO project The Voices of Latin America, PORTICUS - CEI
5. Ethics committee, safeguard policy
6. Proposed extension of the period, response from the Associates
7. Miscellaneous topics

1. Welcome by President Carlos Ferraro

In addition, there is a reflection on the meaning of Christmas in different countries, in times of pandemic.

It takes into consideration the proposed agenda, which is approved without modification.

2. Ambassadors Laudato si

María José Centurión details the work carried out with Fr. Néstor Briceño and Sonia, who prepares the documents, costs, and scholarships for the participants of the postgraduate program in Spirituality. An agreement is signed with the Institute of Theology of Religious Studies -ITER of the Andrés Bello University of Venezuela. The program is confirmed to start the first semester in March 2021.

María José Centurión informs that she will accompany until the end of the program.

3. Advances VI COMLAC

Alejandro Caro indicates that the series of talks prior to COMLAC, based on the topics of the Congress, are underway. Around six are planned. The website is ready, it will be updated every time.

4. Progress of the RADIO Las Voces de Latinoamérica project

The process for execution begins with the endorsement of the confirmation of financial support received from two donors. An executive committee is formed, led by Carlos Ferraro as head of the project, the radio station Alessandro de Melo Gomes, (president of SIGNIS Brazil) General Director; the accompaniment of the communication advisers, Eduardo Guerrero (SIGNIS Ecuador) and Claudia Villamayor (Argentina). A contract agreement is made with ALER for the training process and the Venezuelan pedagogue María Cianci is appointed. Radio producer Juan Carlos González (SIGNIS Ecuador) is hired for web radio programming.

It is agreed that the Associates will be discussed to analyze the possibility of receiving equipment from Rome as a donation, through the nunciature and episcopal conferences.

Legal responsibility rests with Sonia Navas, executive secretary of SIGNIS ALC.

5. Ethics committee, safeguard policy

The ethics committee is appointed, to be chaired by Fernando Ruiz appointed as president; Carlos Ferraro and Alejandro Caro, members. The development of the policy has the commitment of consultants provided from a donor.

6. Proposed extension of the period, response from the Associates

The Associates support the statement sent on the extension of the period until 2022, accompanying the suggestion from SIGNIS worldwide. Carlos Ferraro will prepare a text and video thanking the support and informing about the activities carried out and planned.

7. Miscellaneous topics

It is said that the production of documentary No. 8 of the series La vida por la Amazonia has begun, which will address the life testimony of the Peruvian nun, Sr. Aguchita. Fernando Ruiz is asked that according to the SIGNIS ALC team that accompanies the production, Fernando accepts.

AGREEMENTS: The face-to-face events of the Laudato SI Ambassadors program and radio will take place in the year 2022.

The virtual meeting of the board of directors ends at 6:30 p.m. in Quito.

On record they sign:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Ferraro".

Carlos A. Ferraro
President SIGNIS ALC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sonia Navas".

Sonia Navas
Secretary of the Board of Directors

