JAKARTA 2026

A Call to Renew Our Commitment to the Word of God

Statement of the ASCLA West and ASCLA East Bible and Communication Ministry Assembly
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To our Brother Claretians in Asia and throughout the Congregation,

Gathered in Jakarta, Indonesia, from November 9 to 12, 2026, for the Bible and Communication Ministry Assembly of ASCLA West and ASCLA East, we renewed our shared conviction that the Word of God must remain at the heart of our missionary life and apostolic endeavors. We return to our respective Organisms grateful for the richness of our ministries, conscious of our limitations, and determined to strengthen our common mission of proclaiming the Gospel in the changing realities of our world.

Our Assembly provided an opportunity to listen to one another, celebrate the good already being accomplished, and honestly examine the challenges we face. Across Asia, our brothers and collaborators bring the Word of God to people through biblical formation, publications, digital media, pastoral accompaniment, and personal encounters. Yet we also recognize that our initiatives are often fragmented, our resources limited, and our collaboration insufficiently developed.

We express our profound gratitude to the General Government, especially to Fr. Henry Omonisaye, CMF, General Prefect of Bible and Communication, whose accompaniment and guidance have been instrumental in the development, achievements, growth, and coordination of this ministry across Asia. His sustained support has strengthened our shared mission and bonds of collaboration.

Looking back at the recommendations of Bandung 2023, we acknowledge that good intentions and well-formulated plans do not necessarily lead to concrete results. Missionary collaboration requires shared responsibility, sustained commitment, institutional support, and the willingness to accompany one another. **Jakarta 2026 therefore calls us to move from recommendations to action, from isolated initiatives to genuine collaboration, and from simply communicating religious content to facilitating meaningful encounters with the living Word of God.**

Through prayer, dialogue, discernment, and our common Mission Lab, we identified nine priorities that we offer to our Organisms and the wider Congregation for consideration and implementation according to their needs and capacities: making printed Bibles accessible to poor families; promoting biblical journaling; developing common biblical formation modules; creating a multilingual Bible reading application; accompanying young people; strengthening biblical animation in all ministries; establishing regular coordination and evaluation; encouraging Lectio Divina in our communities; and sharing our biblical and communication expertise through a network of Claretian and lay resource persons.

These priorities are not intended to become additional burdens upon our missionaries and communities. Rather, they invite us to discover what we can accomplish together, share resources already available, and make our missionary efforts more accessible, sustainable, and fruitful.

As a concrete sign of gratitude and communion with the entire Congregation, we, the participants from the two ASCLA Conferences, express our willingness and readiness to share the resources, experience, expertise, and initiatives developed in our Bible and Communication Ministry. In particular, we offer the emerging projects of Jakarta 2026 as opportunities for wider collaboration, adaptation, and mutual enrichment among Claretian Organisms beyond Asia.

We are conscious that the digital age offers unprecedented opportunities for evangelization. Nevertheless, technology must never replace human encounter, the listening heart, or the witness of missionary life. Our communication must serve the dignity of persons, the building of communities, and the transforming power of God’s Word.

We appeal to our Major Superiors and their Councils, local communities, missionaries, formators, and lay collaborators to give renewed attention to the biblical dimension of all our ministries. **The Word of God belongs at the center of every Claretian community, every apostolate, and every missionary initiative.** As the new coordinating team assumes its responsibility, we commit ourselves to stronger relationships of collaboration and mutual support among the Organisms of Asia.

Inspired by St. Anthony Mary Claret and faithful to our identity as Missionaries, Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we desire to listen to the Word, live the Word, and courageously proclaim the Word wherever we are sent. May Jakarta 2026 be remembered not simply as another gathering, but as a renewed commitment to a shared mission that reaches those on the margins and engages the younger generations.

May the Word we proclaim first transform our own lives, so that through our common witness, others may encounter the living Christ.

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