



THE YOGYAKARTA MANIFESTO

XI World Union of Jesuit Alumni Congress

United in Spirit, Leading with Purpose

Preamble

We, alumni of Jesuit educational institutions from different countries, cultures, languages, and faith traditions, gathered in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, from July 28 to August 2, 2026, recognize that our world is facing multiple and interconnected crises.

War and violence continue to strip human beings of their dignity. Poverty and inequality deepen divisions among peoples. The climate crisis threatens our common home. Political polarization, religious intolerance, and the misuse of digital technologies erode trust, truth, and fraternity.

*Amid these realities, we hear anew the call of Saint Ignatius of Loyola to become **contemplatives in action**—women and men who seek God in all things and make His love present in the world.*

*Jesuit education has never been intended merely to produce successful professionals. It seeks to form **persons for and with others**, persons whose knowledge is guided by conscience and whose leadership is rooted in service.*

Graduation does not end our formation. As alumni, we remain lifelong learners, called to continue growing in competence, conscience, compassion, and commitment. This growth brings responsibility: to face the realities of our time, respond with courage, and not turn away when human dignity is threatened.

***As Jesuit alumni**, we are diverse women and men shaped by Jesuit education and Ignatian formation. We are called to live with conscience, integrity, compassion, and commitment in our daily lives and in service to the common good.*

Therefore, we declare:

We Believe

That every human person possesses an inviolable dignity.

That every person and community has the capacity to grow, change, and contribute to the common good.

That diversity is not a threat but a gift.

That courageous dialogue can overcome division and build peace.

That power must be exercised through service.

That leadership is a vocation to serve.

That authentic faith always bears the fruit of justice.

That hope is stronger than fear.

We Commit Ourselves

To be bridges, not walls.

To listen before we speak.

To become builders of peace and reconciliation.

To care for our common home by changing our habits, living responsibly, and working for social and ecological change.

To lead with humility, integrity, compassion, and courage, especially where human dignity is threatened.

To walk with those who are poor, excluded, or marginalized; to listen to them, learn from them, and act with them.

To defend human dignity and uphold truth, justice, and the common good in our professions, politics, business, education, culture, media, science, and technology.

To nurture the spiritual life of our diverse community through prayer, the Spiritual Exercises, personal and communal discernment, and the wisdom of the Jesuit tradition, while respecting every faith tradition represented among us.



To listen to young alumni, share responsibility with them, and create space for them to lead.

To work as companions in mission with Jesuits and Jesuit institutions, while respecting our distinct vocations, responsibilities, and autonomy.

We Invite

We invite every alumnus and alumna to take one concrete step: welcome someone, build a relationship, continue learning, join with others, and place their gifts at the service of the greater good.

We seek to build an organized and connected global community in which every alumnus and alumna can belong, build meaningful relationships, continue to grow, and join with others in service. We believe that belonging enables connection, connection enables growth, and growth strengthens our capacity to serve. Our shared Ignatian mission gives this journey its purpose.

This gathering is not our destination. Our mission is reconciliation and justice.

The resolutions adopted by this Congress set out how WUJA and its member associations will carry these commitments forward.

Inspired by Saint Ignatius of Loyola and guided by the Universal Apostolic Preferences, we leave Yogyakarta committed to a shared mission of reconciliation and justice, lived according to our different vocations, responsibilities, and faith traditions.

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Sent to Serve.

August 2nd, 2026

Sanata Dharma University. Yogyakarta.

AFFIRMED AT THE XI WORLD UNION OF JESUIT ALUMNI CONGRESS

Affirmed in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 2 August 2026, by the participants of the XI World Union of Jesuit Alumni Congress as a shared expression of our Jesuit alumni identity and our commitment to live as companions in mission.

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