



## **The XI World Union of Jesuit Alumni Congress**

### **RESOLUTION**

**Yogyakarta, Indonesia • August 2026**

We, the delegates of the Eleventh World Union of Jesuit Alumni Congress (WUJA XI), gathered in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, inspired by the Ignatian tradition and committed to the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus, hereby adopt the following resolutions as our common commitment for the years ahead.

#### **1. Strengthening the Global Ignatian Network**

We resolve to strengthen the worldwide network of Jesuit alumni as an inclusive and living community where people can belong, build meaningful relationships, grow together, and collaborate in service across cultures, generations, and nations.

The WUJA Council shall establish and maintain a secure and sustainable digital platform that enables alumni and member associations to connect, share knowledge and resources, and collaborate across the global network.

Working with regional structures, the WUJA Council shall help member associations strengthen governance, leadership renewal, communication, alumni engagement, and organizational sustainability through shared resources and peer learning.

During the 2026–2030 term, the WUJA Council shall identify and engage countries where Jesuit education is present but WUJA representation is absent. It shall also review WUJA's Statutes, particularly its membership architecture, to create clear, fair, and inclusive pathways to participation, representation, and membership, including where no national federation exists. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the General Assembly before the end of the term.

#### **2. Strengthening Partnership with the Society of Jesus**

We reaffirm our commitment to deepen relationships and collaboration with Jesuit institutions, ministries, educational works, Jesuit leadership, and the universal Church, while respecting the distinct vocation, responsibility, and autonomy of each.



Member associations shall support regular dialogue among alumni organizations, their alumnas, and Jesuit leadership at the local and national levels. The WUJA Council, working with regional structures, shall facilitate similar dialogue at the regional and global levels.

These encounters shall provide opportunities to listen to one another, build trust, and deepen mutual understanding. Through shared discernment, participants shall strengthen their capacity to face common challenges and identify practical areas for collaboration.

Collaboration shall grow from these relationships and enable Jesuits and alumni to work as companions in a shared mission, with mutual respect, shared discernment, complementary gifts, and a common commitment to reconciliation and justice.

### **3. Promoting Continued Ignatian Formation**

The Spiritual Exercises and discernment are central to the Ignatian tradition that shapes our identity as Jesuit alumni. They are a vital point of connection between Jesuits and alumni and provide a foundation for lifelong Ignatian formation. They offer alumni a pathway to deeper self-knowledge, inner freedom, reconciliation, wise decision-making, and committed service.

The WUJA Council shall promote the Spiritual Exercises and communal discernment as key practices of lifelong Ignatian formation. It shall encourage and support member associations to organize or coordinate opportunities for their alumni and facilitate collaboration with Jesuits, Jesuit institutions, and trained Ignatian guides who can provide formation and spiritual accompaniment. The Council shall share practical resources and effective models and coordinate regional or online opportunities where local access is limited.

The WUJA Council shall use communal discernment in major decisions and help member associations develop the capacity to do the same. It shall also support alumni who are called to train as guides of the Spiritual Exercises or facilitators of communal discernment.

### **4. Empowering Young Alumni Leadership**

We resolve to place young alumni at the heart of WUJA's life, mission, and future, recognizing them as co-creators and leaders within the global Jesuit alumni community.

The WUJA Council shall promote, encourage, and support stronger young alumni engagement across its member associations. Member associations shall actively reach out to young alumni and create or facilitate concrete opportunities for belonging, connection, Ignatian formation, accompaniment, mentorship, service, leadership, and meaningful participation in decision-making.

Within twelve months, the WUJA Council shall facilitate and support the establishment of a continuing WUJA Young Alumni Network connecting association, national, and regional efforts. The Network shall provide regular channels for young alumni to listen to one



another, exchange experiences, collaborate, and bring their priorities into WUJA's planning and decisions.

The young alumni who participated in the XI WUJA Congress in Yogyakarta shall be invited to remain connected as the Network's founding cohort and to serve as its initial core group. Those who accept shall help carry forward the relationships, insights, and commitments developed during the Congress, support the establishment of the Network, and reach out to other young alumni.

## **5. Caring for Our Common Home**

We commit to integrating ecological responsibility into the planning and conduct of WUJA and member-association activities.

WUJA and its member associations shall consider environmental impact when planning and conducting their activities and take practical measures suited to local realities, beginning with actions within their reach. Through education, campaigns, and collective action, they shall promote new habits and lasting changes in personal lifestyles and organizational practices.

Alumni are called to use their professional competence and influence to advance ecological responsibility in their workplaces, institutions, and communities. These efforts may include reducing waste, using resources responsibly, promoting environmental education, and supporting appropriate ecological action and advocacy inspired by *Laudato Si'*.

The WUJA Council shall connect alumni, member associations, Jesuit educational institutions, and relevant partners to share expertise, effective practices, and opportunities for collaboration across the network.

## **6. Advancing an Ethical Engagement in the Digital Age**

We resolve to use digital technologies, including artificial intelligence, in ways that protect human dignity, truth, privacy, human freedom, and workers' rights while advancing inclusion and the common good. WUJA Council and its member associations shall promote transparency and accountability and oppose manipulation, discrimination, misinformation, exploitation, and digital exclusion.

During the 2026–2030 term, the WUJA Council shall collaborate Alumni and existing Jesuit educational, research, and technology networks to publish at least one practical, research-based guide for alumni and the wider Jesuit educational community.

Drawing on Ignatian discernment and the 4Cs—competence, conscience, compassion, and commitment—the guide shall strengthen human judgment and provide clear ethical principles and practical safeguards for individuals and institutions.

## **7. Advancing Ethical Leadership**

WUJA and its member associations shall uphold integrity, transparency, justice, and accountability in their own governance; prevent and address corruption, conflicts of interest, and abuse of power; and promote ethical leadership through formation, mentoring, and dialogue.

We call on Jesuit alumni to lead with humility, compassion, and moral courage; uphold human dignity, the rule of law, and accountable institutions; and use their competence and influence for the common good and the empowerment of others.

## **8. Promoting Peacebuilding and Dialogue**

We commit to supporting peacebuilding and reconciliation and to entering, with courage and discernment, into intercultural and interreligious dialogue in societies marked by conflict and division.

According to local realities and capacity, member associations shall support or facilitate existing or new initiatives in these areas. The WUJA Council shall connect associations working on related concerns, share experiences and effective models, and facilitate learning and collaboration across countries.

## **9. Encouraging Social Innovation**

We commit to turning alumni relationships, professional competence, and shared values into collaborative action at the frontiers where human dignity is threatened and existing responses are insufficient.

According to local needs and capacity, member associations shall support or facilitate initiatives developed with people experiencing poverty, exclusion, marginalization, or violations of dignity—not only for them. These initiatives shall seek to address both immediate needs and the structures that sustain injustice.

The WUJA Council shall map and share volunteer and service opportunities offered by member associations, Jesuit institutions, and partners; connect these initiatives with alumni who can contribute relevant expertise; and facilitate learning and collaboration across countries.

## **10. The Yogyakarta Commitment**

Within twelve months after this Congress, the WUJA Council shall adopt a clear and measurable action plan for implementing and monitoring these resolutions. It shall call on each member association and regional structure to prepare a corresponding plan suited to its realities and capacity.



The action plan shall identify a phased priorities, responsible persons or teams, timelines, required resources, and indicators of progress.

Each plan shall provide concrete ways for individual alumni to participate, contribute their expertise, build relationships, and serve.

The WUJA Council shall review progress each year, with input from member associations and regional structures, and report to the annual WUJA General Assembly. It shall present a consolidated report for the 2026–2030 term at the next World Congress.

### **Principle of Belonging and Participation**

In implementing these resolutions, the WUJA Council and its member associations shall continue to build and strengthen organized and connected communities at the local, national, regional, and global levels, united by shared Ignatian values and practices. These communities shall enable alumni from different countries, generations, cultures, languages, and faith traditions to experience genuine belonging and meaningful opportunities to participate.

The structures, programmes, and digital systems of WUJA and its member associations shall help alumni build relationships, grow together, and contribute their gifts in service.

Meaningful participation shall include being heard, sharing responsibility, and contributing to relevant planning and decisions, especially for young alumni and communities currently underrepresented in WUJA.

### **Concluding Declaration**

We believe that today's world needs organized communities that faithfully bear witness to and live out the values they proclaim.

Our time in Yogyakarta has reminded us that diversity can flourish in harmony, that networks begin with encounter and grow through friendship and trust, that dialogue can build fraternity, and that authentic leadership is rooted in humble service.

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.



### **Statement of Gratitude**

With profound gratitude, we thank Father General for his presence, guidance, and invitation to deepen our shared commitment to reconciliation and justice.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to His Majesty Sri Sultan Hamengkubuwono X, Governor of the Special Region of Yogyakarta, for welcoming us with such warmth and generosity.

We also express our sincere appreciation to the Secretaries of the Society of Jesus, the Indonesian Province of the Society of Jesus, and all Jesuits who served in many roles, enriching the Congress through their diverse perspectives, wisdom, accompaniment, and generous service.

We also thank the speakers, facilitators, contributors, Jesuit institutions, host organizations, organizing committee, volunteers, and partners for their meaningful contributions.

We are equally grateful to every delegate and participant whose presence, experience, listening, and active participation transformed this gathering into a genuine global encounter in fraternity.

We receive all that has been shared in Yogyakarta as both a gift and a responsibility, and we commit ourselves to carry it forward through friendship, leadership, collaboration, and service.

**United in Spirit. Leading with Purpose.**

**Sent Forth to Transform the World.**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

**Sanata Dharma University. Yogyakarta.**

## ADOPTED BY THE XI WORLD UNION OF JESUIT ALUMNI CONGRESS

Adopted in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 2 August 2026, by the delegates of the XI World Union of Jesuit Alumni Congress as their common commitment and mandate for the years ahead.

**For the XI WUJA Congress Yogyakarta 2026**



**[Elman Sunarlio]**

Chair

XI WUJA Congress Yogyakarta 2026

## RECEIVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE WORLD UNION OF JESUIT ALUMNI

In receiving these Resolutions, the World Union of Jesuit Alumni accepts the responsibility entrusted by the Congress to carry them forward through its Council, regional structures, member associations, and the wider global Jesuit alumni community during the 2026–2030 term.



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President

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2026–2030



**[Dr. Devendra Singh]**

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