

CICIAMS

CICIAMS is an International Private Association of the Faithful. It collaborates in a regular way with the Pontifical Council for the Laity and with the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers.

HISTORY

1928

At a meeting in Basle, Switzerland, the Presidents of several national associations of Catholic nurses proposed the formation of an International Professional Catholic Organisation

1933

The International Study Committee of Catholic Nursing Associations was officially founded at the first congress held in Lourdes and attended by nurses from ten countries. Its statutes were approved by the Holy See and a committee was elected.

1933 – 1950

The International Committee extended its work into various continents and brought together a considerable number of Catholic nursing associations despite cessation of much of its work during the Second World War.

1950

The Committee's name was changed to CICIAMS to include medico-social personnel which reflected the changing nature of nursing and the interprofessional nature of health care.

MISSION STATEMENT

Informed by the moral and social teachings of the Church, CICIAMS is committed to:

Giving Christian witness in our lives through guiding and supporting healthcare workers internationally

Co-ordinating the work of member associations in their efforts to evangelise the ethos and ideals of the nursing profession and society in general

Promoting the initiation of and participation in professional research and development towards the achievement of optimum care and well-being

Respecting the religious convictions of others and accepting their rights to practice their beliefs

Developing a positive vision of life from conception to death

Representing Christian and professional values in our work with other national and international associations



AIMS

Endeavour to promote basic and advanced nurse education and professional research

Represent professional and Christian Interests of its members

Promote the enhancement of spiritual welfare and ethical values of its members

Promote health and social measures following Christian principles and professional development

Promote co-operation between member associations.

MEANS

Organise seminars on relevant topics

Encourage and support member associations in their efforts to participate in professional activities and undertakings

Support members in their work in developing countries and/or regions in which there is instability or natural disasters

Facilitate prayer and liturgical worship as appropriate in connection with its activities

Publish a newsletter at regular intervals to disseminate information and promote unity among member associations.

AFFILIATIONS

OFFICIAL RELATIONS

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| WHO | World Health Organisation - Consultative status |
| UN/DPI | United Nations/Department of Public Information – NGO status |
| UNICEF | United Nations Children’s Fund - on Register |
| ILO | International Labour Organisation – on special list |

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

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| CCIC | Catholic Centre for International Co-operation – NGO status |
| Crescendo | Represented on the board of Crescendo |

MEMBERSHIP

FULL MEMBERS

National Associations of nurses or other professional healthcare workers that are Catholic in nature admitted by the General Council of CICIAMS having been approved by the relevant Ecclesiastical Authority. They have voting rights.

ASSOCIATED MEMBERS

Professional Associations that do not meet the conditions for full membership. These include hospitals, nursing colleges, health care institutions and individual members related with health care professions. They do not have voting rights.

ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

General Council - the governing body consists of full member associations and associated members

Executive Board – elected by the General Council and responsible for the management of CICIAMS between General Council Meetings

General Secretariat – responsible for the day-to-day administration at international level

CICIAMS Regions – Africa, Asia, Europe and Pan America

For further information and contact details see

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INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE OF NURSES AND MEDICO - SOCIAL ASSISTANTS