

**Faith and Light international**

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# Introduction



**F**ifty-two years after the founding of Faith and Light, it is important for us to reflect on what we have experienced so far and what we will experience in the next ten years.

Our world has changed with the advent of technology. The way we communicate and relate to each other has changed. It's true that we're much closer to each other thanks to our mobile phones and computers, everything is very instantaneous. We also know that, despite all the possibilities offered by technology for bridging distances, people have fallen into the trap of spending all their time behind social networks.

People with intellectual disabilities are calling for a heart-to-heart relationship. Our communities are communities of encounter: communities that create deep bonds of friendship and communities that often live the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

All of us - people with disabilities, parents, friends, chaplains - in our encounters, we live the Mystery of God's love through the relationships we build at every meeting, every visit or outing.

Our communities are called to bear witness in our individualistic world. We are called to bring to people's hearts a welcome of tenderness and love, starting from the infinite love of the Father, as it is written in Isaiah 43: 4-5. *"Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you."*

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## **I. Develop new ways to promote Faith and Light**



- by highlighting what Faith and Light's community and spiritual life offers in response to each country's contemporary cultural needs,
- by using all available means (technological, creative, and cultural),
- by updating documents and making them accessible (with the exception of the Charter).

## **2. Encourage the growth of all the members of the movement in shared responsibility at all levels**

- by finding and preparing people to assume leadership roles,
- by supporting formation sessions and providing appropriate tools.



### **3. Draw up a sustainable strategic, economic and financial plan**

- Design and implement fundraising strategies at every level.
- Increase the movement's income through contributions from all the provinces.
- Continue the collaboration between the international and provincial treasurers.

### **4. Implement the code of conduct in all countries**

- Adapt it to the laws of each country (ecclesiastical and civil).
- Inform all members about the code and involve them in the prevention and reporting of abuse.
- Ensure that all members of the community are treated well, paying particular attention to the most vulnerable.

