Even though the churches in Africa were growing at a tremendous rate, there was a felt need to be intentional in training persons. The 1999 meeting had a very limited representation from Africa and was felt that this number should be increased to reflect a more representative group, including more women.

- Impress upon participants the understanding that evangelization and church growth is the task of the whole congregation or that all believers are evangelists.
- Affirm the Wesleyan evangelistic heritage and its particular concern for the transformation of the whole person and the reformation of the whole society and its structures.

CWR: How are Catholics in Africa (especially youth) embracing the Church's call for New Evangelization? Ottaro: The Year of Faith has provided a wonderful opportunity for this. Parishes and ecclesial movements are fully involved in a deeper experience of their faith in response to the invitation for a New Evangelization. The faith in Africa has sometimes been described as “a mile wide but only skin-deep.” I’d say that the importance of community is just one of the treasures that the Church in Africa can offer to her brothers and sisters in the Western world. If you value the news and views Catholic World Report provides, please consider donating to support our efforts. Your contribution will help us continue to make CWR available to all readers worldwide for free, without a subscription.