

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY CENTRES AND Y.M.C.A.s.JOINT SCHEME - ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE.ORGANISATION.1. Partners.

The partners in the Community Service Venture will be the National Council of Y.M.C.A.s and the National Council of Community Centres, each having its own distinctive contribution to make.

2. National Council of Community Centres.

This will be a corporate body charged with the establishment and supervision of Community Centres and will be organised along the lines set out in the draft constitution prepared by Dr. R. Phillips' committee. It will be a separate and independent body but affiliated to the National Council of Y.M.C.A.s which will be entitled to representation. In its initial stages the National Council of Community Centres will have a nominated and co-opted membership but in its eventual development it will be representative of the local Community Centres. The National Council will meet annually and will appoint an Executive Committee to carry out its programme.

3. Local Community Centres.

The local Centres will have a large measure of self-control but will need to be subject to the supervision of their National Council. The nature of the relationship needs further consideration and should be worked out in detail. The local Y.M.C.A. established within the Centre or associated with it will be entitled to representation on its governing body.

4. Joint Committee.

A Joint Committee of the two National Councils would be established (with headquarters in Johannesburg) to deal with matters of mutual concern e.g. (a) combined appeal for funds; (b) training of Y.M.C.A. and social workers; and (c) inter-relationship.

5. Jan H. Hofmeyr's School of Social Work.

This institution could, under the guidance and direction of the Joint Committee, carry out the training of the Y.M.C.A. and social workers required for the carrying out of the programmes of the local Associations and Community Centres.

6. Local Y.M.C.A.s.

The idea is that there should be a local Association established within or associated with each local Community Centre. It is not necessary that they should be established simultaneously. In some cases it might be desirable to start with a Community Centre and in other cases with an Association. The local Associations will be members of and owe allegiance to the Y.M.C.A. National Council.

PROCEDURE.

1. Promotion of National Council of Community Centres.

As no body exists at present it is proposed that the National Council of Y.M.C.A.s, with the co-operation of other interested organisations, should promote and bring the National Council of Community Centres into existence as a corporate body. The initial membership would have to be nominated by the National Council of Y.M.C.A.s and the co-operating organisations. This body will then appoint an Executive Committee and proceed with the organisation and establishment of local Community Centres. It is strongly urged that the establishment of Centres should not be allowed to out-run the available supply of qualified leaders and workers and that every effort should be made to ensure parallel development of local Y.M.C.As.

2. Joint Committee.

The next step will be to form a Joint Committee of the two National Councils on which each will have equal representation. To this Committee will be entrusted the following tasks, namely :-

- (a) The making of a joint appeal for funds and the allocation thereof;
- (b) The working out of the details of the relationship between the two movements;
- (c) The training of Y.M.C.A. and Community Centre workers;
- (d) The fixing of the relationship with the Jan H. Hofmeyr School of Social Work;
- (e) The securing of continuity and harmony of policy.

3. Finance.

It is contemplated that each of the National Councils will control their own funds but that there should also be a Joint Fund under the control of the Joint Committee. This Fund will be primarily designed to ensure the training of Y.M.C.A. and Community Centre workers and the payment of their salaries pending the arrival of the stage where the local Associations or Community Centres can assume full financial responsibility for the salaries of workers employed therein.

W. M. Evans

1. Information.

A need exists for clubs or centres among Non-Europeans where all sections of the community can join in the four-fold programme of the Y.M.C.A., i.e. spiritual, cultural, physical and social development.

2. Intention.

National Council of Y.M.C.A.s shall take the lead in establishing such centres.

3. Method.

Y.M.C.A. National Council will set up a Committee for the establishment of Community Centres (acting under powers in para. 4 u. of the Memorandum of Association). Representatives of all organisations likely to be interested, e.g. Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs, Pathfinders, Wayfarers etc. to be invited to join the Committee.

Committee may be called Y.M.C.A. Committee for the Establishment of Community Centres, or Y.M.C.A. name may be omitted if other representatives desire.

This Committee will, ^{at 1st separate use} be a ~~sub~~-committee of the Y.M.C.A. National Council and controlled by ~~it~~ ^{with large powers of self-determination} ~~its~~ ^{local} ~~national~~ ^{Council}.

Committee will raise funds and establish Community Centres where needed.

Such centres when established will be autonomous. Controlling committees originally formed by nomination should be predominantly Non-European, i.e. composed of members of the community to be served.

Y.M.C.A. Committee to be regarded as temporary, i.e. when community centres sufficiently well-established and strong they may set up their own national co-ordinating body to whom Y.M.C.A. Committee will then hand over its functions.

At this stage liaison still to be maintained between Y.M.C.A. and Community Centres, e.g. by representation on each other's national bodies.

Y.M.C.A. through Hofmeyr School will offer suitable permanent organising secretaries to Community Centres, but not insist on monopoly of supplying these.

Individual centres will offer premises and facilities for local Y.M.C.A.s Boys Clubs, etc. who will maintain direct contact with their own national bodies.

Local Y.M.C.A. and perhaps also European Y.M.C.A.s will regard Community Centre as a field of service.

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