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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

President and Members of the Board  
Jesuit Alumni Organization

Barcelona, July , 2025

Subject: [Official Invitation](#) to the 11th WUJA Congress & Pre-Congress Engagement

Dear President and Board Members,

On behalf of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) Board and the 2026 Congress Organizing Committee, we warmly invite you—as President, together with your Board members and alumni—to participate in the *11th WUJA Congress* and the 70th Anniversary Celebration of WUJA, which will take place from **29 July to 2 August 2026** at *Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia*, under the theme: *“United in Spirit, Leading with Purpose.”*

We also invite you, as President, to take part in the Regional Listening Tour, a key series of Pre-Congress Events organized online in each region between July 2025 and March 2026 by our WUJA Council Regional Representatives. These sessions are designed to share updates, encourage meaningful dialogue, gather regional insights, and help shape the Congress agenda. Full details of these activities will be shared in a separate communication.

My dear colleagues, we need to take a major step forward. Our organization and network must grow and develop. The relationship between alumni, our alma mater, and our Jesuit companions must become stronger and more meaningful. Together, we are called to build a purpose-driven global network that responds to the realities we face today. At its core, we must respond to Father General Arturo Sosa SJ’s call to become Partners in Mission and to promote lifelong learning as a shared commitment.

We are pleased to share that Father General has confirmed his attendance, along with leaders from the Jesuit education. Presidents and leaders of Jesuit institutions will also be invited to join us in this important journey.

Recognizing the importance of young alumni leaders from your organization and as encouragement for their active engagement, the Congress Organizing Committee has made serious commitment and is pleased to offer a **waiver of the Congress registration fee** for young organization leaders (*cadres*) category.

**Persons for and with Others**

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Finally, to ensure smooth and proper communication, at the same time completing our network registry, we kindly ask you to provide your organization's contact details by filling out the following form: [[Alumni Organization Contact Details Link](#)].

For any questions or coordination needs, please contact the Congress Secretariat:

Email [secretariat@wujayogyakarta2026.org](mailto:secretariat@wujayogyakarta2026.org).

Visit the Congress website [wujayogyakarta2026.org](http://wujayogyakarta2026.org) for more information, which will continue to be updated in the months ahead.

Your participation and leadership will make a real difference.

We look forward to walking with you on this important journey — and to welcoming you in the pre congress, and Yogyakarta in 2026.

With warm regards and gratitude,

**Francisco Guarner**  
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- Congress Advisory Board & Organizing Committee

### **Persons for and with Others**

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# United in Spirit, Leading with Purpose

**29 July - 2 August 2026**  
**Sanata Dharma University**  
**Yogyakarta, Indonesia**

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# Mark your Calendars

The XI World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) Congress will be held from **Wednesday, July 29th to Sunday, August 2nd, 2026**, in **Yogyakarta, Indonesia**, the cultural and educational hub of the world's largest archipelago, at the prestigious Sanata Dharma University.

Bringing together **leaders of Jesuit alumni organizations, executives of Jesuit educational institutions, key Jesuit leaders in education**, as well as **Jesuit alumni**, networks, and friends at this transformative event will strengthen connections and shape a purposeful community.

## “United in Spirit, Leading with Purpose”

The WUJA Council and Organizing Committee is designing this Congress to be a deliberative event, a purpose-driven movement (action, impact & programs), a **journey to manifest Jesuit alumni's identity** and an **alignment to the commitment of the Jesuit Schools** to lifelong learnings.





# Congress Highlight

The 11th WUJA Congress seeks to foster the structures and relationships necessary to synergize a united, bottom-up, purpose-driven alumni organization and community-one that not only holds significance for alumni as community but also actively contributes to the Jesuit mission and society as lifelong learners.



## Opening Mass

### Ganjuran: A Sacred Blend of Javanese Tradition & Catholic Faith

Join us for an open-air concelebrated Mass at this unique Javanese-style church, bonding harmony of culture and spirituality. Built in 1924, Ganjuran blends Catholic worship with Javanese-Hindu architecture.



## Immersion Program

### Borobudur: A Journey Through Faith and Heritage

Experience the spiritual grandeur of Borobudur, the world's largest Buddhist temple, through its ancient corridors, reflecting on history, harmony, the timeless values of humanity across cultures and faiths.



## 70 Years of WUJA & Closing Gala Dinner at Prambanan: A Majestic Legacy of Faith and Art

Celebrate seven decades of global Jesuit Alumni unity with a magical evening at the majestic Prambanan Temple. A Night of culture, connection, and gratitude.



## Conversations

### Exploring Ideas, Sharing Visions, Building Purposeful Connections

Engage in meaningful dialogue through plenary sessions, panel discussions, parallel talks, and collaborative work groups, shaping the future together.

# Yogyakarta

The 11th World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) Congress will take place in Yogyakarta — a city where culture, spirituality, and education converge. Known as the cultural heart of Indonesia, Yogyakarta offers a rich setting for global Jesuit alumni to gather in the spirit of reflection, service, and leadership.



*Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ arrives in Indonesia. Fr Arrupe established the Indonesian Jesuit Province on 8 September 1971.*

Central to this choice are Yogyakarta's deep historical and spiritual ties to the Jesuit mission, dating back to the pioneering work of Fr. Frans van Lith, S.J. in the early 20th century. As a key figure in the development of Catholic education in Java, Fr. Van Lith laid the foundation for a faith deeply engaged with local culture and committed to social transformation. His vision lives on today through institutions like Sanata Dharma University, a flagship Jesuit university in Southeast Asia that serves as a living expression of Ignatian pedagogy through its dedication to holistic education, personal formation, and social responsibility.

By choosing Yogyakarta as its host, WUJA emphasizes the importance of lifelong learning, global solidarity, and forming leaders who are compassionate, reflective, and driven by purpose.

More than a celebration of WUJA's 70-year legacy, the Congress in Yogyakarta is a reaffirmation of our shared mission — to be a global Jesuit alumni community rooted in Ignatian values and united in shaping a more just, humane, and hopeful future.



*In May 1922 three Jesuit brothers arrived in Java. Brother Cornelius Groot returned from leave and was assigned to a new assignment in Ambarawa, while two other brothers, Petrus van der Voort and Jacobus van Zon, were assigned to Yogyakarta.*





# Balance in Everything is The Essence of Our Well-Being

Therefore....

While we are thoroughly preparing a series of intense and meaningful workgroups and conversations leading up to and during the Congress, we are also arranging various casual events. These events aim to foster deeper connections, networking, and understanding among participants.

The casual events will take place after the Congress sessions, providing an opportunity for participants to experience the unique evening atmosphere of Yogyakarta.

After the Congress concludes, you are welcome to extend your stay and visit the island of the gods, Bali ([bit.ly/wuja2bali](https://bit.ly/wuja2bali)).

See you soon!





# Congress Fee

CATEGORY	EARLY BIRD*	REGULAR
General Participants	USD 250	USD 400
Board Member of the Organization	USD 200**	USD 350**
Young Alumni/Cadre (<35yo)	free***	free***

**Terms and Conditions apply:**

\* Early Bird Registration applies until December 31st, 2025.

\*\* Serving as board member of a Jesuit educational institution or mission, or a Jesuit alumni association or federation

\*\*\* Limited to the first 150 young Alumni/Cadre under 35 years old, endorsed by their almamater/alumni organization/federation (Include Accommodation)

**Remarks:**

- Congress fee covers full access to all official sessions and scheduled Congress programs.
- Congress fee does not include transportation and accommodation to the venue.

Don't miss this opportunity to **celebrate 70 years of WUJA** — a powerful global movement of Jesuit alumni united in service, leadership, and Ignatian spirit. Join us at **WUJA Congress 2026 in Yogyakarta**, where inspiration meets purpose and tradition drives the future.





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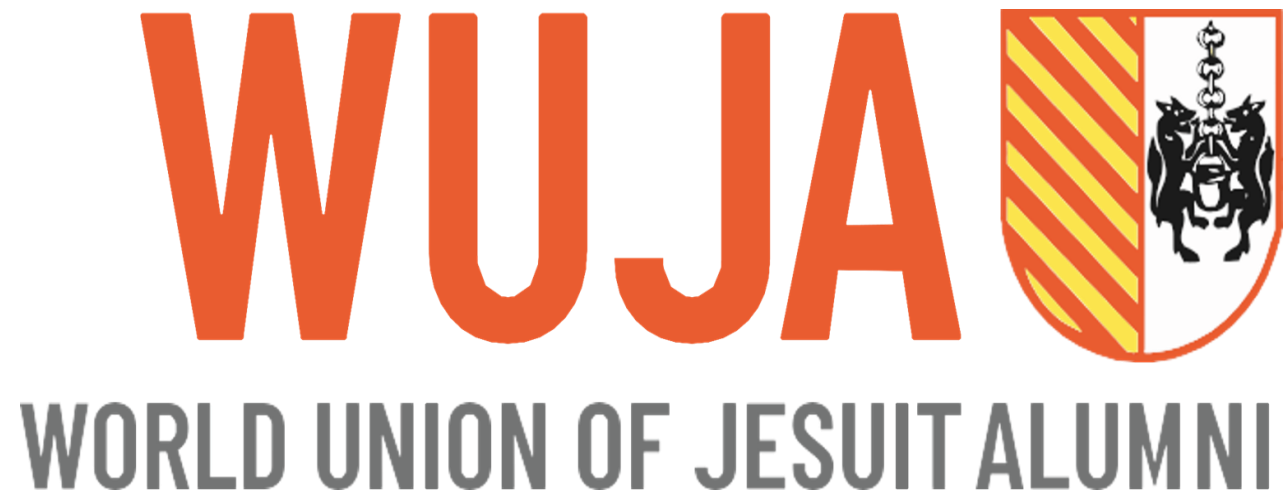
The 11th Congress of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni

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WUJA brings together **former pupils or students of Jesuit schools and universities** in the entire world in order to build international relationships between these people, to contribute to the mission of the Society of Jesus and to promote the universal dynamic of Jesuit education.

# The 11th Congress of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni: *United in Spirit, Leading with Purpose*

The WUJA Congress 2026 will be a *five-day* gathering, from **Wednesday, July 29th, to Sunday, August 2nd, 2026**, at Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

The theme **“United in Spirit, Leading with Purpose”** expresses our intent to construct collaboration grounded in shared values, committed to building collective leadership that delivers purposeful and meaningful impact.

2026 marks WUJA’s 70th anniversary. It is a moment to celebrate. A milestone to reflect, renew our commitment and move forward as one united global family

The Congress and its Pre Events wishes to engage Leaders of **Alumni Organization, Jesuit Educational Institutions & key Jesuit – Network Leaders in education**, Jesuit Alumni organization cadres – Alumni activist and friends.



## Why am I invited and why should I join ?

- Fr. General has called Jesuit alumni to become **partners in mission** and to embrace **lifelong learning**. To bring this vision to life, key stakeholders should be courageous to move beyond informal ties. It is time to explore and develop an **operational framework** as a new cornerstone that promotes understanding, purposeful growth, and collaboration between **alumni organizations, Jesuit educational institutions, Jesuit leadership, and networks**.
- This is uncharted territory, challenging for **all key stakeholders**, including alumni organizations, leaders of schools and universities, Jesuit leaders. Piecing the puzzle calls for shared discernment, commitment, and collaboration. Next to the alumni organization presidents, the active participation and leadership of **rectors and university presidents and Jesuit leadership** will be essential in jointly to piece it together—**systematically, purposefully, and continuously**.
- Your engagement in the Pre-Congress and in-person presence at the 2026 WUJA Congress will bring a strong **contribution** and send a visible **message of unity and commitment** that will **embolden** our effort to build a more collaborative future. We invite you to **join hands** in **laying the foundation** for a lasting partnership that advances our shared mission.

# THE GOAL

Directly addressing Father General's call to engage as partners in mission that drives meaningful impact

Explore and put into action concrete ways to live out the 10th Global Identifier for Jesuit schools, which affirms the commitment to lifelong learning

Put the resolutions into action by fostering a connected network that serves stakeholders through joint collaborative initiatives

## KEY OBJECTIVES

Develop a **Working Partnership Framework** among Jesuit alumni organizations, Jesuit education institutions, and Jesuit leadership that fosters collaboration and growth

Define, affirm, and clearly express the shared global **Jesuit Alumni identity** in a unifying **Manifesto**.

Formulate Strategic resolutions and **Post Congress** follow up plan.

Celebrate the Ignatian fraternity and **commemorate WUJA's 70th anniversary**.



# Pre-Congress : a Regional Listening Tour & Roundtable



## *Topics & Speakers for Congress*

Identify the most pressing UAP-related themes that resonate with regional Jesuit alumni communities and ensure they are meaningfully addressed at the WUJA Congress 2026.

Receive suggestion & discuss topics & list of speakers – relevant to the region and its priority in:

- Developing organization as network & community
- Engage grassroots as Jesuit mission partners



## *Jesuit Alumni Identity Manifesto*

Executing Grassroot surveys and reaching out to Jesuit's alumni organization around the world.

Creating Jesuit alumni's blueprint for meaningful action, shaping values and inspiring commitment to a cause



## *Framework for Jesuit Alumni Organization*

Framework for "Ideal Jesuit Alumni Organization, Interest Group Network & Ignatian Community Development Framework" and document best practices as reference

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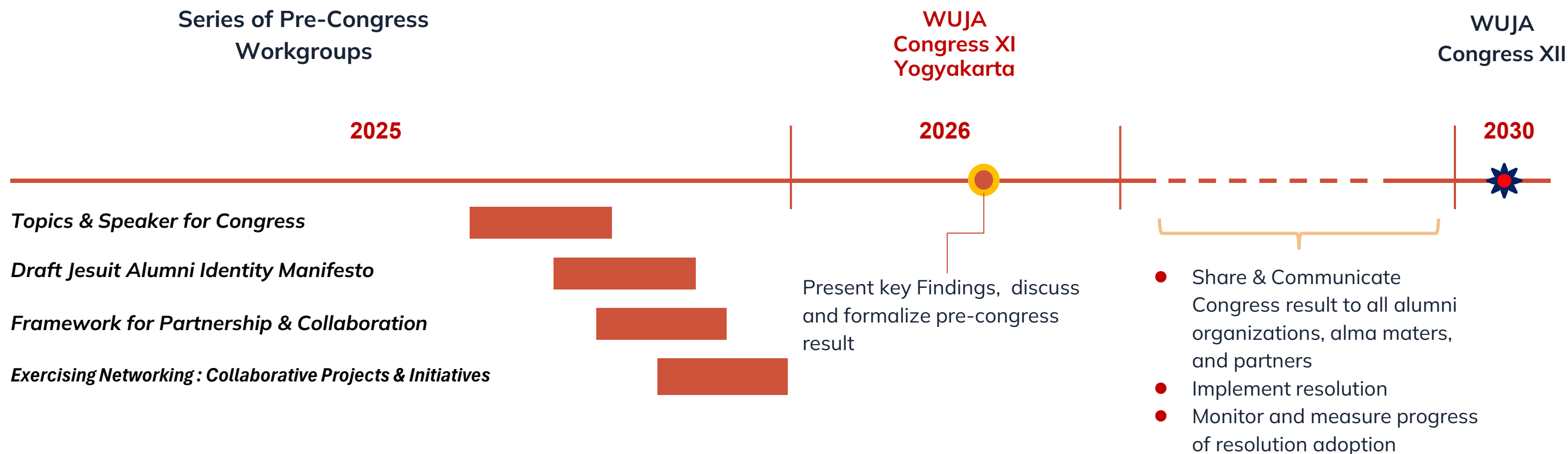
- Initiating alumni organization for alma mater that doesn't have one or not yet cooperating with other alumni organization within its country and region.
- Animating alumni organizations by stakeholders (alma mater, Jesuit educator, region)



## *Collaborative Projects & Initiatives*

Develop cross-border collaboration or cooperation through joint initiatives / projects involving Jesuit alumni organizations, educational institutions, and networks

# Pre Congress, Congress and Its Follow-Up



## This Pre-Congress initiative will:

- Gather *insights on regional priorities and challenges* to inform Congress discussions.
- Engage stakeholders in *formulating a draft consensus* to guide collective decision-making.
- *Provide a forum* for stakeholders to build rapport early on, fostering relationships and collaboration ahead of the Congress



# Congress Highlights

## ***Opening mass at the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ganjuran.***

The mass will be celebrated in concelebration at open-air Javanese Church. This church stands out for its architectural beauty which is an expression of cultural and religious integration. It is unique blend of Catholic and Javanese cultural elements.

## ***The Ignatian Network Exhibition.***

A visual exhibition of alumni organization, educational institutions and the Jesuit network which will be a practical medium for the congress participants to learn about each other, and introduce to the public of how we bring positive impact around the world. It is to showcase about who they are, their success stories, collaborative initiatives, plans ahead.

- July 29th : exhibition official opening. Open to congress participants and invitees only.
- July 30th-August 2nd : Open to general public

## ***Conversations***

Various sessions including Key Note Speakers, Discussion Panel, Workshop, and Roundtable discussion will take place.

## ***Immersive Cultural-Spiritual trips***

Immersive experience to Borobudur Buddhist Temple, and others

## ***WUJA 70th Anniversary Gala***

An open-air dinner and 70th WUJA anniversary commemoration at the footsteps of the Prambanan Hindu Temple. Featuring cultural performances, honoring distinguished participants and their contributions. Wish to instill a lasting memory and a sense of unity, joy, gratitude and fill in the spirit with optimism and energy.

# Call to action

The Council and Committee humbly seeks support and leadership in:

## **Building awareness of the 2026 Congress plans.**

Promoting the congress as a strategic platform for congregation.

## **Opening Channels for Communication & Support**

Facilitate opening communication between Jesuit leaders, educational institutions, alumni organizations, WUJA Council – Organizing Committee

## **Encouraging Leaders & cadres Engagement & Participation**

Encourage active involvement in the pre-Congress initiatives and Congress itself.

We also warmly invite you to **begin internal discussions** within your institution or organization. **Reach us via email** with any **thoughts, insights, or suggestions** that may constructively enrich the process.

## Information Links

[WELCOME VIDEO](#)

[INVITATION VIDEO](#)

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**MORE INFORMATION**





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