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FIRST CONTINENTAL CONVENTION  
of Young Men's Christian Associations  
of South America -

Montevideo URUGUAY

June 9th 1914.

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To the World's Committee of  
Young Men's Christian Associations  
Geneva - Switzerland.

Dear Brethren,

We have the pleasure of communicating to you that the South American Young Men's Christian Associations met in convention in this city from June 6th to 9th 1914 organized a South American alliance under the name of "THE SOUTH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS", adopting for their government a constitution of which we attach a copy translated into English.

The Convention adopted also the following resolutions:

1st - The Convention considers it desirable that each South American country, having a National Alliance, should have its own representative on the World's Committee; it believes also that the Federation should be admitted to the World's Alliance as representing countries not having National Alliances. Moreover, it is the judgement of the Convention, that when all the countries shall have organized National Alliances, and shall consequently have each its own representative on the World's Committee, the Federation should still have a Representative on said Committee. -

2nd - This Convention, in accordance with the Constitution already adopted, requests Mr. Em. Sautter to present to the World's Committee at its next Meeting, our request for admission to the World's Alliance.

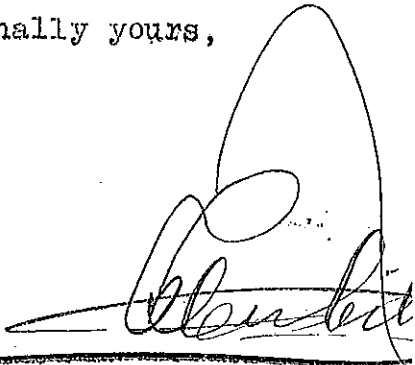
3rd - The Convention recommends that Professor Eduardo Monteverde be named as the Federation's representative on the World's Committee.

We have the honour of submitting to your Committee the above mentioned resolutions and of respectfully requesting admission to the great brotherhood whose interests your committee so wisely safe-guards and whose objects it so zealously promotes.

We are charged also to express to you in the name of the Convention our deep appreciation of the visit to South America and presence in the Convention of Mr Em. Sautter, whose wise counsel and inspiring messages have put us under great obligations to your Committee and to Mr Sautter personally. We trust that we may be able to show our appreciation by making our contribution to the strengthening and extending of the great christian brotherhood.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

*James P. Smith*  
*For Portuguese.*  
*J. Amerini Labban*  
*For Spanish.*  
Secretaries -

  
President of the Convention

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C O N S T I T U T I O N

SOUTH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

adopted by the First Continental Convention - held in  
Montevideo - Uruguay - June 6th to 9th - 1914.

Translation from the  
Spanish -

Preamble -

The YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF SOUTH AMERICA -  
being those of Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Recife and Porto  
Alegre in BRAZIL, Buenos Aires - Argentina; Montevideo in  
Uruguay, and Valparaiso in Chile, by their Representatives in  
Convention assembled at Montevideo, June 6th to 9th 1914 - do  
hereby form a Federation, which shall be governed by the fol-  
lowing -

C o n s t i t u t i o n -

Chapter - I -

Name and Object -

Art. 1 -

The name of the Organization shall be the South  
American Federation of Young Men's Christian Associations. -

Art. 2 -

The purpose of the Federation is -

- a) To unite the Young Men's Christian Associations of this  
Continent, which Associations have as their object the  
promoting of the moral and spiritual, intellectual,  
social and physical welfare of Young Men. -
- b) To strengthen the work of the same. -
- c) To promote the formation of new associations in other  
cities of the Continent and -
- d) To maintain relationships with the World's Alliance of  
Young Men's Christian Associations - of which the Federa-  
tion shall form a part.

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Chapter II -  
Bases and Membership -

Art: 3 -

The Federation affirms its agreement with the principals of the World's Alliance, as expressed in the Paris Bases adopted by the World's Convention in 1855, and reaffirmed by the Convention of 1905 in Paris. (1)

Art: 4 -

The Federation also affirms that - inasmuch as these Associations are and should continue to be christian, it is clearly their duty to maintain the control and management of their affairs in the hands of those who profess their faith in Jesus Christ as Divine, and who recognize the liberty of all men to study personally and directly His Life, and Teachings and Work. It, therefore, resolves that admission into this Federation shall be granted to -

- a) Those Associations whose Constitutions incorporate as the test of active membership, that adopted by the International Convention held in Portland U.S.A. in 1869, -(2) or -
- b) Those Associations whose Constitutions declare - that only such Young Men will be received as active members ( those having the right to vote and hold office) who affirm in writing -
  - 1) Their faith in Jesus Christ as their Divine and only saviour - the sufficient source of moral strength for the individual and for society, -
  - 2) Their desire to be His disciples in doctrine and in life, and -
  - 3) Their purpose to unite with other christians, irrespective of church affiliations, for extending His influence among young men, especially by promoting the earnest study of the Life, Teachings and Work of Christ, as revealed in history and Holy Scripture, and enlisting them in His service.

Art - 5 -

New Associations, in order to be admitted into the Federation, must include in their Constitutions also a provision that no change will be made in the above mentioned requirements for active membership without previous consultation with the Continental Committee. -

Art - 6 -

The admission of new Associations into the Federation

shall be by vote of the Executive Committee - hereinafter provided for. (Art: 10).

Art - 7 -

The Federation recognizes the full and complete autonomy of its confederated associations, and their right to continue as members of the Federation so long as their Constitutions and practice conform to the afore-mentioned requirements for admission. -

### CHAPTER III -

#### Administration -

Art - 8 - The administration of the Federation shall be in the hands of a Continental Committee, composed of two Representatives from each country having one or more constituent Associations, plus one additional representative for each two hundred active members, with the exception of Uruguay, which shall have seven representatives. The number of active members shall be determined by the last annual report of each association as filed in the Continental Office. \*

1) Two corresponding members of the Continental Committee may be named by its Executive Committee, from each country not having constituent Associations. Such corresponding members shall not be entitled to vote.

2) Members of the Continental Committee shall be active members of constituent Associations and corresponding members shall be eligible to a active membership. -

Art - 9 -

The members of the Continental Committee shall be elected by the Continental Convention. The National Committee of each country, or the National Sub-Committee, as provided for in Article 11, shall present to the Convention its candidates for members of the Continental Committee, as provided for in Article 8. Failing such nomination from any country - its delegation at the Convention shall nominate the candidates.

1) The term of office of members of the Continental Committee shall expire with the next succeeding Continental Convention. -

2) Vacancies on the Continental Committee shall be filled by the Executive Committee, after consultation with the representatives from the country involved. -

3) The Head Quarters of the Continental Committee shall be in Montevideo - Uruguay. -

Art 10 -

The Executive Committee of the Continental Committee shall be composed of the seven representatives from Uruguay, who shall choose from among their own number a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These offices shall be honorary. -

Art 11 -

In countries without National Organizations, the Executive Committee may name National Sub-Committees of which the Representatives from such countries on the Continental Committee shall be members. Said Sub-Committees shall be charged with promoting the interests of the Federation in their respective country. -

Art 12 -

The Continental Committee shall execute the Resolutions of the Convention, which elects it, - shall hold an annual Meeting with its Secretaries, and shall make a full report to the next Convention. -

#### CHAPTER IV:

#### The Continental Convention -

Art 13 -

The Continental Committee shall have power to -

- a) Initiate work of general propaganda;
- b) Name the employed continental Secretaries.
- c) Acquire, administer, mortgage and dispose of such real and personal property as it may deem desirable for carrying out the purposes of the Federation, and -
- d) Accept and give legal power. -

Art 14 -

Once in four years, or at the discretion of the Continental Committee, there shall be held a Continental Conven-

tion, the place, date and programme of which shall be determined by said Continental Committee. -

Art -15 -

In the Convention, each Association of the Federation shall have the right to one voting delegate for each fifty active members, but Associations having less than one hundred active members, shall, nevertheless, have the right to two voting delegates. Said voting delegates must be active members of the Associations they represent, and must present to the Convention properly certified credentials.

Art 15 -

The Executive Committee shall name from among the members, of the Continental Committee in each country, two voting delegates, and may name such non-voting delegates as in its judgement may seem wise. -

#### CHAPTER VI

#### General Dispositions -

Art 17 -

The Continental Committee is authorized to enter into and to maintain relationships with similar organizations;

Art 18 -

The Associations which form the South American Federation are understood to recognize their moral obligation to contribute to its financial support. -

Art 19 -

A three-fourths' vote of the total number of voting delegates in any Continental Convention shall be required for the enactment of any amendments or alterations to this Constitution. Proposals for such alterations or amendments may originate in the Continental Committee or may be submitted to it by a constituent Association at least six months before a Convention. Copies of such proposed alterations or amendments shall be posted from the Continental Office to each constituent Association for its study, at least three months before the opening of the Convention. No alteration, however, shall be made in the bases of admission into the Federation without a full consultation with the World's Committee.

NOTE - 1: In the original the Paris Basis is printed in full.

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