

Philippine Partnership Statement

from the Board of Directors on recommendation from the Global Partnerships Team

The Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ (USA) officially affirms our partnership with the Southeast Mindanao Jurisdiction of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines as an expression of its commitment to Christian unity and the common mission of the Church. This partnership is crucial in the context of our highly globalized world, which heightens our shared vulnerabilities and hopes even as we recognize the particularity of the context and plight of each. In a posture of humility, prayer and thanksgiving, the Minnesota Conference pursues this commitment by exploring with the Southeast Mindanao Jurisdiction ways of relating that embody the spirit of solidarity and care, dialogue, mutual respect and understanding, mutual accountability, right relation and just sharing of resources based on the gifts and capabilities of each.

The Minnesota Conference affirms this commitment to partnership and what it entails not relying solely on its own strength and resources, but in light of God's empowering and nurturing presence through the Spirit as it found embodiment in the life of the One who gave his life that we may all live.

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