

PHILIPPINE PARTNERSHIP-IMMERSION TRIP

Date: January 12-25, 2011

This trip offers participants an opportunity to broaden their understanding of our global realities as well as deepen their commitment to greater well-being in the context of our highly globalized world. In particular, this trip provides an opportunity for the Minnesota Conference, UCC, to affirm its partnership with the South-East Mindanao Jurisdiction of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and to explore ways to strengthen and support each other in light of our unity in Christ and common mission. Moreover, participants of the trip will be exposed to the Philippine context, the life and ministry of the church, and our global interconnections.

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Cost: \$2,700.00

This includes air fare, lodging, meals, transportation in the Philippines, honoraria and other expenses directly related to the partnership/immersion trip. Schedule of payment: July 30 (\$700.00), September 30 (\$1,000), and October 30, final payment (\$1,000).

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Preparation

1. Participation in a series of orientation in the fall of 2010
2. Readings about the Philippine context and on the issue of globalization

WORDS FROM PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS

"I encountered the many aspects of Christ in my spiritual journey to the Philippines. The beauty of the islands and the amazing hospitality of the Filipino people opened my eyes to the hope of the kingdom in the midst of oppression. I am forever changed in who I am, my relationship with God, and my ministry." - Mickey Olson, 2007, Duluth, Minnesota

"On our trip to the Philippines, I was immersed in a culture deeply rooted and connected to the land; they hold onto hope, live their faith, and love one another. I experienced transformation by being in community with a people that struggle for justice and peace everyday of their lives. It was a mountain top experience!" - Rev. Karen J. Aitkens, Bethel United Church of Christ, Kansas City, MO