

PARTNERSHIP-IMMERSION VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES

Description

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 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 to our global interconnections.

Objectives

1. To broaden one's understanding of our global realities, especially the interweaving of the global and the local, through an exposure-immersion to the Philippines.
2. To strengthen the existing partnership between Minnesota Conference (UCC-USA) and the Southeast Mindanao Jurisdiction of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP).
3. To experience living with people in the Philippines, especially with those who are struggling for day-to-day existence and basic human dignity.
4. To learn from people's movements (faith based and NGOs) about their daily struggles, visions and aspirations, and transforming actions.
5. To be challenged to think, dwell, and act differently in ways that promote global justice and ecological sensibility.
7. To explore connections and deepen the sense of global solidarity and ecumenicity.
8. To reflect theologically and ethically on some significant insights garnered from the immersion trip.

Expectations or Requirements

1. Read recommended materials to prepare for the trip.
2. Participate in group sharing/discussions in an engaging and respectful manner.
3. Participate in the daily devotionals.

4. Attend preparatory sessions.
5. For participants taking the course for credit:
15-page (double-spaced) reflection on the experience and relate it to one's sense of vocation and ministry.
Lead chapel and lunch conversation in Spring of 2011.
6. For those getting financial support from the Minnesota Conference, UCC:
Present or lead workshop during the Annual Conference in June of 2011.

Itinerary

January 12 (Wednesday)

Depart Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport

1:15p.m. Delta Airlines flight #619 via Tokyo, Narita
(note: Dennis Alger depart Portland at 12:25 p.m.
Joins group on Delta flight #615 from Narita to Manila)

January 13 (Thursday)

10:20p.m. Arrival Manila (Ninoy Aquino International Airport)
Delta Flight #615

Lodging: Shalom Center
Malate, Manila

January 14 (Friday)

7:00 - 8:00 Breakfast, Shalom Center

8:30 - 9:00 Morning Devotion

9:00 - 12:00 Orientation on the Philippine context and the life and ministry
of the church

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch at Robinson Mall

1:30 - 5:00 Tour of Philippine historic sites

6:00 - 7:00 Dinner

Lodging: Shalom Center

January 15 (Saturday)

7:00 - 7:30 Breakfast, Shalom Center

9:35 - Depart for Cagayan de Oro City (Mindanao)

11:00 - Arrive Cagayan de Oro City (CDO)

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch, Cagayan de Oro City

1:30 - 3:30 Orientation: Mindanao Situation and Northwest
Mindanao Jurisdiction, UCCP

3:30 - 6:00 Free time for some; Dennis Alger conversation with

North West Jurisdiction representatives on partnership
6:00 – 7:00 Dinner
7:00 - 8:45 Exposure to Ministries in City
Lodging: CDO UCCP Guest House

January 16 (Sunday)

7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast
9:00 –12:00 Church Worship at Talisayan UCCP
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 Depart to Camiguin Island
4:00 - 6:00 Free time
6:00 - 7:00 Dinner
7:00 - 8:45 Sharing/Reflection
Lodging: Camiguin, TBA

January 17 (Monday)

7:00 - 7:45 Breakfast
7:45 - 8:15 Morning Devotion
8:00 –12:00 Site visit: people’s organization / Beach Time
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
2:00 - Depart for Cagayan de Oro City
Visit sites: NGO and Churches
6:00 - 7:00 Dinner
7:00 - 8:45 Sharing/Reflection
Lodging: CDO UCCP Guest House

January 18 (Tuesday)

7:00 – 7:45 Breakfast
7:45 - 8:15 Morning Devotion
8:30 - Depart for Davao City
Visit pineapple plantation along the way
12:00 - Lunch
4:30 - Visit: Brokenshire College
6:00 - 7:00 Dinner
Lodging: Haran

January 19 (Wednesday)

7:00 - 7:45 Breakfast
7:45 - 8:15 Morning Devotion
8:15- 10:00 Orientation: South East Mindanao Jurisdiction

and Presentation on South East Mindanao Situation

10:00 -12:00 Visit: Davao City sites, including public market

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

4:00 - 5:00 Visit: immersion sites, indigenous people

6:00 - 7:00 Dinner

7:00 - 8:30 Sharing/Reflection

Lodging: Haran

January 20 (Thursday)

7:00 - 7:45 Breakfast

7:45 - 8:15 Morning Devotion

8:30 - Visit sites: (south west areas, mining site)

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:30 - 4:00 Visit sites: NGOs and Muslim communities

6:00 - 7:00 Dinner

Lodging: Haran

January 21 (Friday)

7:00 - 7:45 Breakfast

7:45 - 8:15 Morning Devotion

8:15 -12:00 Immersion: Banana Plantation

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch with Plantation workers

2:00 - Back to Davao City

3:00 - 5:00 UCCP-Minnesota Conference Partnership conversation

6:00 - 7:00 Dinner

Lodging: Haran

January 22 (Saturday)

7:00 - 7:45 Breakfast

7:45 - 8:15 Morning Devotion

8:15 - 2:00 Debriefing, Samal Island

2:00 - Back to Davao City

3:00 - 5:00 Souvenir shops

6:00 - 7:00 Dinner

Lodging: Haran

January 23 (Sunday)

7:00 - 7:45 Breakfast

9:00- 12:00 Church worship (Davao City or nearby churches)

2:30 - Depart for Manila

Proceed to Shalom Center
6:00 - 7:00 Dinner
Lodging: Shalom Center

January 24 (Monday)

7:00 - 7:45 Breakfast
7:45 - 8:15 Devotion
10:00 -12:00 Immersion in Manila
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 Souvenir shopping
3:00 - 5:30 De-briefing
6:00 - 7:00 Dinner
Lodging: Shalom Center

January 25 (Tuesday)

8:05 a.m. Departure for the U.S.
Delta Flight #172, Manila to Tokyo, Narita
Delta Flight #620 Tokyo, Narita to Minneapolis

Arrivals:
7:45 a.m. Dennis Alger arrive Portland (the same arrival date)
Delta Flight #90
11:15 a.m. Arrive Minneapolis (the same arrival date)

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Note:

From the U.S. to the Philippines

To call the Philippines from the U.S., dial 011 and then 63 for the country code, and city (Manila's code is 2) or provincial code for all landlines phone.

For calling mobile phones in the Philippines, dial 011, followed by the country code (63), and then the mobile phone number.

From the Philippines to the U.S.

Dial 001, followed by the area code, and then the phone number