

International Day of Peace-Philippines 2006

September 21, 2006

THEME: Lagi, Sa Lahat ng Paraan, KAPAYAPAAN!
[Always, All Ways for PEACE!]

Rationale:

On September 7, 2001, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously passed Resolution 55/82 designating September 21st of each year as International Day of Peace (IDP).

The Assembly declared that the Day be observed as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence; an invitation to honor a cessation of hostilities. All peoples and organizations are invited to commemorate it through education, public awareness, and to cooperate with the UN in lobbying and establishing a global ceasefire.

Initiatives:

Upon the invitation of the International Day of Peace Vigil group through the Canossian Sisters in 2003, the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission of the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines (JPICC-AMRSP) took the initiative to convene the different Inter-faith groups based in the Philippines and coordinated the activities in observance of the UN-IDP in our country.

Objectives:

In the previous years, efforts to continue raising public awareness of Sept. 21 as International Day of Peace and remembering peace advocates, achievements and contributions made by all Peace-builders have been undertaken to instill the importance of an IDP. This year with the context as its starting point, it aims:

1. To celebrate a day of Peace based on Justice in response to the situations of Injustices in Contemporary Philippines especially to highlight the *present political and economic crises in the country* and how we can work together to overcome these.
2. To continue initiatives and solidarity with International bodies/groups in promoting Peace efforts especially against the rationalization of War as necessary in the *dynamics of the modern world*

Programs:

Peace March (Peace Bell Memorial, Quezon City Circle to Bantayog ng mga Bayani at cor. Quezon Ave., EDSA).

Assembly Time/Place: 5PM (Peace Bell Memorial)

Cultural Program/Inter-Faith Peace Prayers/Prayer Vigil on the eve of September 20 (7 PM) until 5 AM of September 21.

Venue: Bantayog ng mga Bayani, QC

Other Activities:

AUGUST 21- MEDIA LAUNCHING OF IDP 2006 together with known Peace advocates in society.
VENUE (to be announced)

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER- EDUCATION TOUR AMONG SCHOOLS, PARISHES, COMMUNITIES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS. The education tour will give free lectures on Peace through a 15-minute Power point presentation and a Study Guide for Teachers, Facilitators and Students. Also, parallel exhibits in Peace campaigns will be done by member-conveners of IDP 2006.

HOW CAN I/WE BE A PEACE ADVOCATE?

- Write a prayer for peace
- Write a poem for peace
- Make a Candle for Peace and other artwork
- Ask your municipality or barangay to formally declare their observance of the day and to sign a peace proclamation available from JPICC-AMRSP
- Invite other Faith Traditions to join you in a prayer service for International Peace.
- Suggest to local school districts that lesson plans focus on conflict prevention and resolution or on women and men who devoted their lives to peace.
- Invite groups to find/create/imagine symbols of peace. These could be collected, explained and/or shared at a peace event.
- Invite your town hall, school or house of worship to ring their bells for peace at noon on September 21.
- Find ways in which you can become more active for peace, such as writing to your local government asking them to support peace in all parts of the world
- Hold a workshop guiding people to converting their personal experience into positive action
- Hold Peace Film Festival

IDP 2006 Preparatory Committee: Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines (**AMRSP**) and its Mission Partners, Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (**JPICC**), Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (**TFDP**), Urban Missionaries (**UM**), Women and Gender Commission (**WGC**) Rural Missionaries of the Philippines (**RMP**), Task Force on Urban Concientization (**TFUC**), Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation - Cansian Sisters (**JPIC-FdCC**), Franciscan Movement for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (**FMJPIC**), Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (**SFIC**), **Missionary Congregation of the Servants of the Holy Spirit- SPACO**, Kaalagad Katipunang Kristiyano (**KKK**), **Peacemakers?Circle Foundation** (a member of the United Religions Initiatives), Pro-Worker-Resource Center for People Development (**RCPD**), Iraq Solidarity Campaign (**ISC**)

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