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الأستاذ الدكتور منور المهيد،،

إنه لمن دواعي سروري أن أرحب إلى جائزة ورلد انترفيث هارموني ويك (اسبوع تناغم الأديان العالمي) (WIHW) الحدث التي نظمتها شركاء يوني-هارموني مانيلا، في إطار مبادرة الأديان من أجل فلبين السلام و حركة الحوار السلسلة في احتفالات اسبوع تناغم الأديان العالمي. اقيمت هذه الحدث من 1 شباط - 7 شباط 2013 في مانيلا، الفلبين، وكان موضوعه "الاحتفالات التناغم بين الأديان للحب و لخدمة الله و بعضنا البعض." التي وتألفت من الأنشطة التالية:

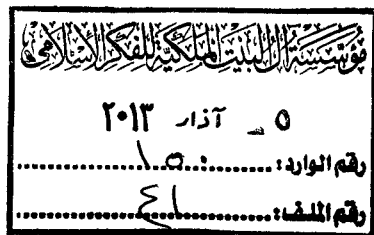
- المؤتمر الصحفي للقادة / ممثلين عن المجموعات الدينية (1 شباط)
- منتدى المرأة الدينية (2 شباط)
- إيبيت إبي ، إيسا فلسيناس ناتين: ندوى دينية لشباب الفلبين (2 شباط)
- حوار بين الزعماء الأديان وأعضاء السلك الدبلوماسي (4 شباط)
- قيمنا المشتركة باعتبارها مؤسسة التناغم إسلامي - المسيحي (4 شباط)
- منتدى على التناغم في الخلق: منظور الأديان (5 شباط)
- المؤتمر على اكتشاف حب الجار والقاعدة الذهبية (6 شباط)
- احتفالات تناغم الأديان إزاء العمل المشترك: احتفالات إختتامية لانشطة اسبوع التناغم 2013 (7 شباط)

مرفق، للإطلاع، كتيب يلخص ما حدث و ما تم تحقيقه خلال الحدث التي إستمرت لمدة اسبوع.

تلتزم الفلبين بعمق السعي لتحقيق السلام و التناغم بين الأديان من خلال الحوار و التعاون. فإن منح جائزة من مؤسستكم للأشخاص الذين هم وراء هذه الحدث التي عقدت في مانيلا للاحتفال بالتناغم العالمي بين الأديان التي سوف تكون لها تأثير على المدى البعيد نحو تعزيز عزيمة شعبيتنا لتحقيق و الحفاظ على الوئام بين الأديان.

أرجو أن تتقبلوا فائق الاحترام و التقدير

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Dear Professor Al-Meheid,

It is my pleasure to nominate for the World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) Award the event organized by the Uni-Harmony Partners Manila, under the initiative of the Religions for Peace Philippines and the Silsilah Dialogue Movement, in celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week. The event was held from 01 February to 07 February 2013 in Manila, Philippines, and it had for its theme, "Celebrating Interfaith Harmony for Love and Service to God and One Another." It consisted of the following activities:

- Press Conference of Leaders / Representatives from Interfaith Groups (1 Feb)
- Interfaith Women's Festival Forum (2 Feb)
- *Iba't-iba, iisa Pilipinas Natin: An Interfaith Summit of Filipino Youth* (2 Feb)
- Dialogue between Religious Leaders and the Diplomatic Community (4 Feb)
- Our Shared Values as a Foundation of Muslim-Christian Harmony (4 Feb)
- Forum on Harmony with Creation: An Interfaith Perspective (5 Feb)
- Conference on the Discovery of Love of Neighbor and the Golden Rule (6 Feb)
- Celebrating Interfaith Harmony Towards Common Action: Culminating Activity of the 2013 Harmony Week Celebration (7 Feb)

Attached, for your perusal, is a brochure summarizing what was done and what was achieved during the weeklong event.

The Philippines is deeply committed to the pursuit of peace and harmony through interfaith dialogue and cooperation. The conferment of an Award by your Institute on the people behind the event held in Manila to celebrate World Interfaith Harmony Week will surely go a long way towards further strengthening our people's resolve to achieve and maintain interfaith harmony.

Please accept the assurances of my highest esteem.

Very truly yours,


OLIVIA V. PALALA
Ambassador

PROF. MINWER AL-MEHEID

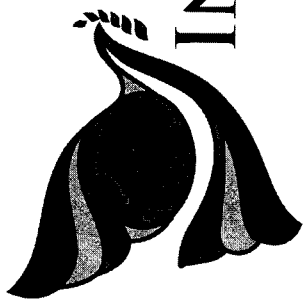
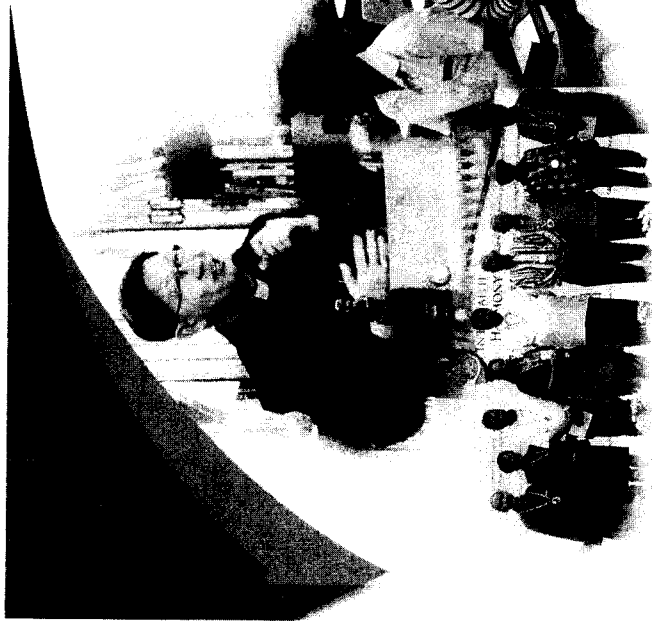
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Celebrating

INTERFAITH HARMONY

*for Love and Service to
God and one Another*

World Interfaith Harmony Week 2013

February 1-7, 2013

Manila, Philippines

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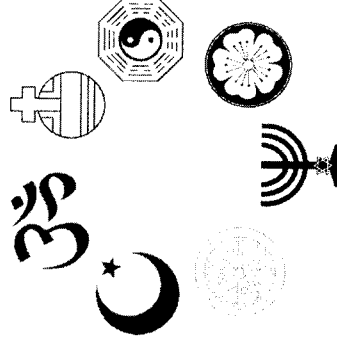
The UN General Assembly proclaimed World Interfaith Harmony Week as an annual event to be observed during the first week of February starting 2011 in a resolution United Nation General Assembly 65/5 adopted on 20 October 2010. In the resolution, the General Assembly points out that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace and establishes World Interfaith Harmony Week as a way to promote harmony between all people regardless of their faith.

Recognizing the imperative need for dialogue among different faiths and religions to enhance mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people, the various interfaith groups and peace advocates in Metro Manila formed the Uni-Harmony Partners Manila to celebrate the World Interfaith Harmony Week by organizing series of activities highlighting best practices and deepening friendship between and among people of different faiths and cultures.

The Uni-Harmony Partners Manila aims, through the series of activities, to spread the message of interfaith harmony, dialogue and cooperation as key elements towards national building.

OBJECTIVES:

- To organize activities in solidarity with the global celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week;
- To foster friendship and advance common action between and among the interfaith communities; and,
- To promote awareness on the challenges and aspirations of the World Interfaith Harmony Week.



FEBRUARY 1, 2013 (FRIDAY)

**Press Conference of Leaders/
Representatives from Interfaith Groups**

In this kick-off activity, key multi-religious leaders came together to raise public awareness about the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week celebration, to promote the activities for February 1-7, 2013, and call for the participation of the general public. Leaders shared also their various interfaith programs and initiatives. The lead groups for this activity are Aksyon para sa Kapayapaan at Katarungan-Center for Active Non-Violence and Catholic Media Network, held at the Illustrado, Intramuros on Feb. 1, 2013.



FEBRUARY 2, 2013 (SATURDAY)

Interfaith Women's Festival Forum

A gathering of women from various inter-faith groups celebrated the gift of womanhood. Women leaders shared about the "Gift of Womanhood" based on their faith and how friendships amongst these women can help bring about unity and harmony through what is common, uplifting, and up building. This event was held at the Conference Room, KLM, Bayanihan Center, United Laboratories (Unilab) Headquarters in Mandaluyong City. This gathering was organized by Teodora.





Iba't-iba, iisa, Pilipinas Natin: An Interfaith Summit of Filipino Youth

Around a thousand young people have come to celebrate the Interfaith Harmony Week with Pilipino music, dances and sharing of best practices in promoting harmony and dialogue organized by the Presidential Communication Operation Office and the EDSA Commission at Santa Isabel College Auditorium, City of Manila.

It has been a year since Pilipinas Natin, under the Office for Special Concerns of the Presidential Communications Operation Office, held the Balangayan Interfaith Forum at the University of Santo Tomas. The forum was an avenue for participants to know about the different religions through religious leaders. Since the audience was mostly youth, it was a great opportunity to introduce them to different ways of life and to open their eyes to our shared humanity.

As a next step of the Balangayan Forum, the Office of Special Concerns held a summit that will feature stories of the interaction of people from different religions. The stories showed the diversity of how people from different faiths live their lives, and how a person's openness can lead to unity of different peoples. The February event served as an invitation for the audience to put into action what they have learned from all the interfaith dialogue activities. The summit was a call to unite and go beyond our differences for positive change, and to celebrate solidarity with our brothers and sisters of different faiths.

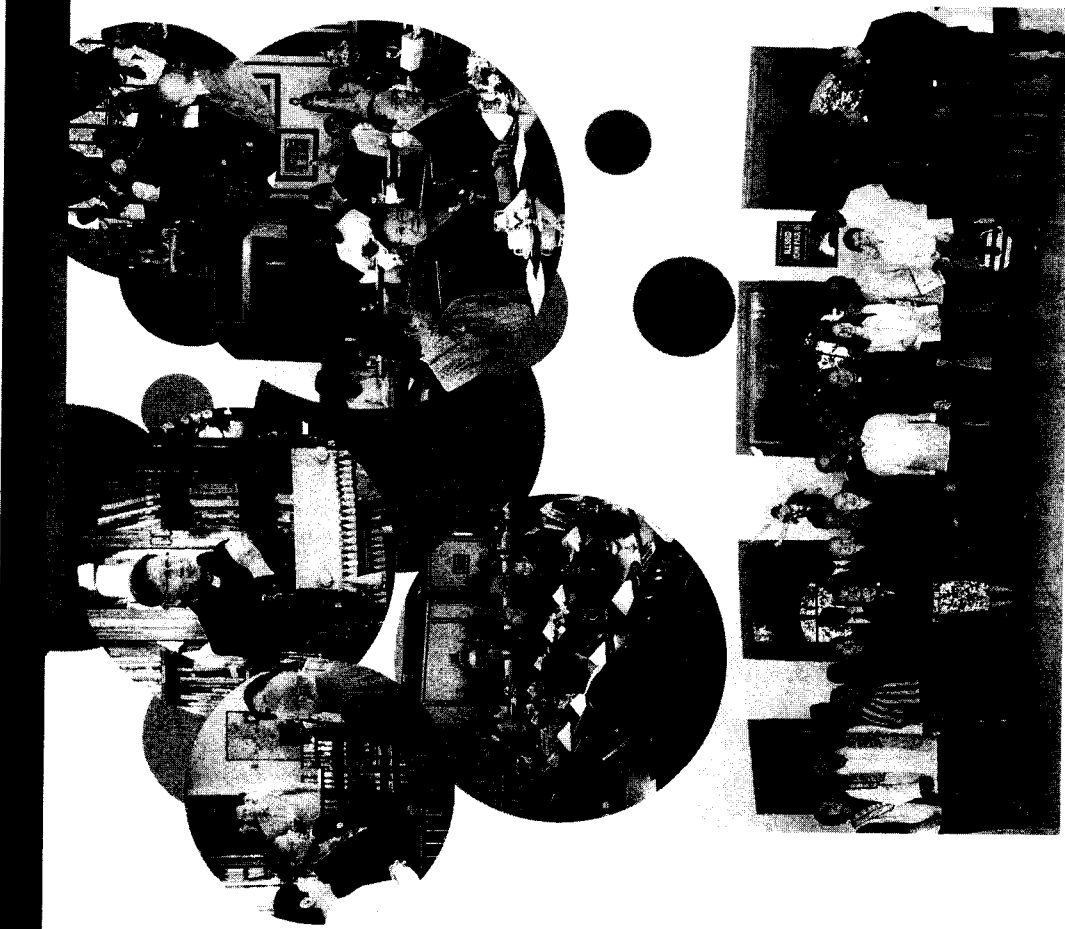
Throughout the summit, the participants and the audience were asked to go on Twitter, Facebook, and other platforms of social media so the whole world will know that an Interfaith Summit was happening in Manila as part of its contribution to the UniHarmony Week. It hoped to raise awareness on the reality of interfaith dialogue and challenged more people to join future interfaith gatherings.



FEBRUARY 4, 2013 (MONDAY)

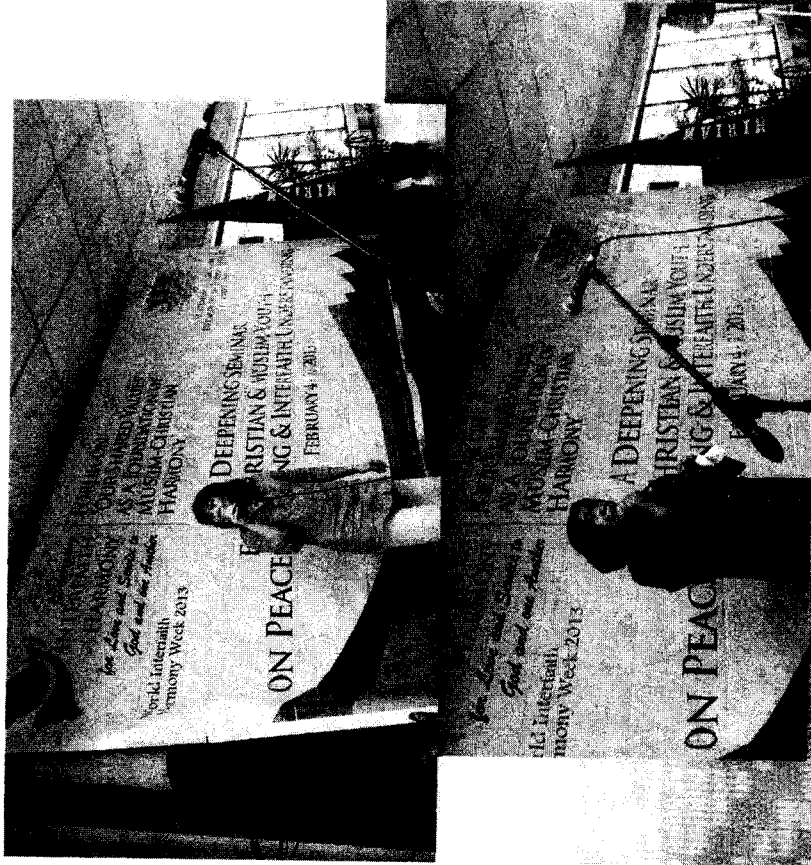
**Dialogue between Religious Leaders
and the Diplomatic Community**

His Eminence Antonio Luis Cardinal G. Tagle, the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Metro Manila hosted a breakfast meeting with multireligious leaders, key government officials, and the members of the diplomatic community. The initial meeting was aimed at establishing friendship between the multi-religious and civil leaders and their international partners, and hoped to have regular breakfast meetings or 'kapihans' in the future where partners can share thoughts and experiences on the challenges of peace and harmony and draw common action. In the words of Cardinal Tagle, the gathering was a building of friendship. Children from the orphanage Joy Foundation accentuated the event with their songs and dances, emphasizing the key role of children in promoting social and multireligious harmony. The meeting was co-organized by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines Episcopal Commission on Interreligious Dialogue and the Department of Foreign Affairs at the Villa San Miguel, Mandaluyong City.



Our Shared Values as a Foundation of Muslim-Christian Harmony

The World Interfaith Harmony Forum on "Our Shared Values as a Foundation of our Muslim-Christian Harmony" was held at the ESI Conference room of Miriam College (MC) last Monday, 4 February 2013. This forum also served as the opening session of a seminar for Muslim and Christian Youth who were in MC to deepen their knowledge about peace building and interfaith understanding. The main Forum speakers were Prof. Macrina Morados of the UP Institute of Islamic Studies and Ms. Marites Africa of the Peacemakers Circle. A solidarity message was also given by Mr. Jonathan Gilbert of the Australian Embassy, which supported the seminar and forum. Nearly 300 students from Miriam College, UP Diliman and Rajah Muda High School of Pikit attended the Forum and Opening Session of the deepening Seminar. They were accompanied by their respective teachers.



FEBRUARY 5, 2013 (TUESDAY)

**Forum on Harmony with Creation:
An Interfaith Perspective**

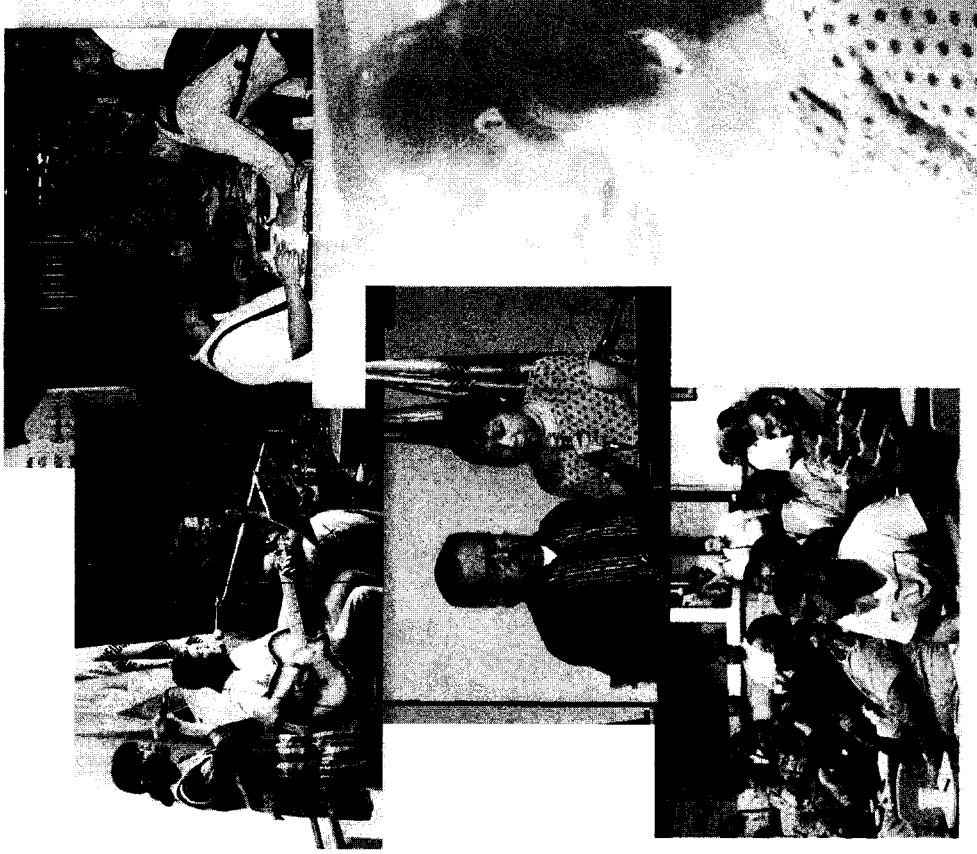
The forum highlighted the moral climate of the Buddhist, Christian and Islamic traditions to address pressing issues and concerns about the environment. It advanced the belief that World Harmony requires unity of all religions to work together in healing the earth. It aimed to (a) to discern the realities and challenges of the impact of man-made activities on the integrity of God's creation; (b) to promote awareness on the moral climate of the various religious traditions in promoting, caring and healing the earth; and, (c) to provide venue for public discourse and reflection towards common action. The forum was jointly organized by Religions for Peace Philippines University of Santo Tomas Center for Peace Studies and Interfaith Dialogue and the Dominican Justice, Peace and Care for Creation Commission which was held at the UST Graduate School, City of Manila.



FEBRUARY 6, 2013 (WEDNESDAY)

Conference on Discovery of Love of Neighbor and the Golden Rule

The conference was a gathering of Christians, Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists to discuss and reflect with only one goal in their hearts: to live the same ideal of loving the neighbor and to live the golden rule "to love thy neighbor as you love yourself". It presented the goal of the movement of "may they all be one". It showed how each culture and religion should not be an obstacle in our relationship with the others, and find the strength necessary to overcome them in universal brotherhood – which does not cancel differences. These differences were not seen as obstacles but as an enrichment and invitation to respect the faiths and traditions of others. What should prevail is the dialogue based on life, mutual respect and trust is able to highlight what is common, and yet, it does not bring confusion of faiths. Living perfectly the mutual love will be presented so as to promote with everyone that universal brotherhood possible. The dialogue based on the "golden rule" has, little by little, contributed to the collapse of mistaken and preconceived ideas about religion and their respective faithful. This conference was organized by Focolare Movement held at the University of Santo Tomas, City of Manila.



FEBRUARY 7, 2013 (THURSDAY)

Celebrating Interfaith Harmony Towards Common Action: Culminating Activity of the 2013 Harmony Week Celebration

The culminating activity was the gathering of the multireligious, civic and youth leaders with the multireligious faithful through music, inspirational speeches and interfaith prayers to close the harmony week celebration. Mayor Alfredo Lim of the City of Manila gave the inspirational remark and facilitated the symbolic release of a dove representing the common aim of "Love of God and Love of Neighbor." This gathering showcased the living harmony of the various faiths, cultures and traditions in Metro Manila. It was on this occasion that the Uni-harmony Partners Manila gave the challenge to the Filipino people in a statement of the continuing significance of dialogue as the genuine path towards achieving peace and harmony. This was the message that this activity would like to bring to the attention of the general public, and inspire them to live in their own ways the fruits of interfaith harmony. The activity was held at the historic Plaza Miranda in Quiapo, City of Manila and was co-organized by the Silsilah Dialogue Movement and the Quiapo Parish Church.



PARTNERS

- Aksyon para sa Kapayapaan at Katarungan-Center for Active Non-Violence
- Parish of St. John the Baptist (Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene)
- Religions for Peace Philippines
- Silsilah Dialogue Movement
- Teodora
- Quiapo Golden Mosque
- Fo Guang Shan Mabuhay Temple
- Imam Council of the Philippines
- University of the Philippines Institute of Islamic Studies
- University of Santo Tomas Center for Peace Studies and Interfaith Dialogue

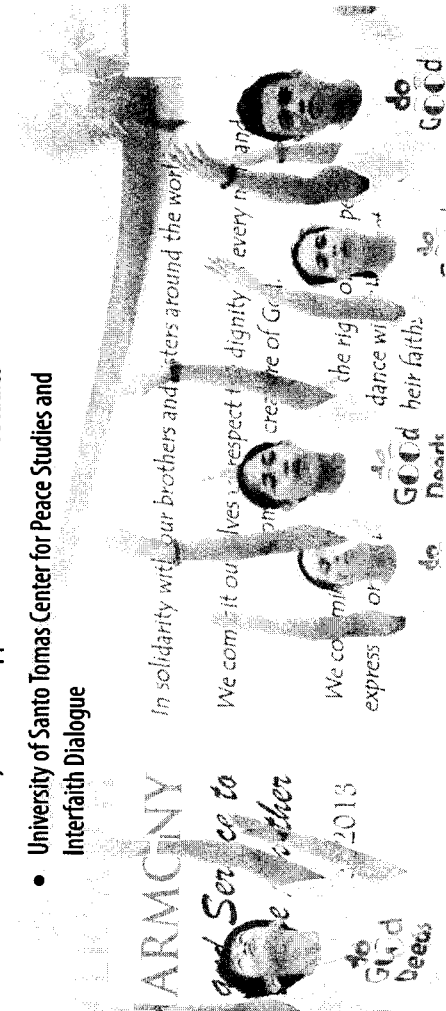
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- Focolare Movement
- Miriam College Center for Peace Education
- Presidential Communications Operations Office

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MESSAGE

We, the members of the **Uni-Harmony Partners Manila** composed of religious communities, interfaith organizations and peace advocates, have come together to join hands and share resources to celebrate the World Interfaith Harmony Week 2013.

We believe that all Religions are for Peace, and that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace.

We commit to celebrate annually and advance the aspirations and ideals of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 65/5 proclaiming World Interfaith Harmony Week as an annual event to be observed every first week of February.

We call on all religious communities, interfaith organizations, peace advocates and the government to spread the message of harmony, dialogue and cooperation.

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world,

We commit ourselves to respect the dignity of every man and woman as a creation of God.

We commit ourselves to uphold the right of each person to express his or her belief in accordance with the tenets and traditions of their faiths.

We commit ourselves to experience and promote Interfaith Harmony as fruit of our faith and belief in the love of God and love of neighbour and the love of the common good,

We commit ourselves to love and serve God and one another.

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