



## MANIFESTO OF SUPPORT FOR THE MARYAM MOVEMENT

We, the participants gathered on February 7, 2015 in Quezon City, Philippines, reflecting on our respective faith, culture, and common aspirations, and uphold A Common Word's call for people of interfaith harmony, brotherhood and peace, state:

We believe that the lack of understanding on interreligious and intercultural diversity and intolerance can often lead to tensions and conflicts between different cultures and faiths. Therefore, we are committed to strengthen intercultural and interfaith dialogues in order to enhance mutual understanding and respect as well as to foster peaceful co-existence and prosperity among diverse cultures and religions in the country;

We believe that Mary has become a relevant and unifying icon to both Christians and Muslims. The Maryam Movement, derived from a convergence of Mary and Maryam, serves as a bridge between Christians and Muslims.

As part of our celebration of the World Interfaith Harmony Week, we commit further to raise awareness regarding the role of Maryam/Mary in the different religions and belief systems in the diverse communities in the Philippines

We further believe that the Maryam Movement serves as an integral part of the peace building efforts, as it reaches across people of different faith and traditions with the goal of promoting peaceful proactive existence, strengthen common understanding and utilize synergy towards the attainment of peace and development.

We hope to demonstrate that all faiths have a common belief that unites them. Through Mary/Maryam, we seek to reconcile religious, cultural and social differences through promoting our commonalities and shared values.

Signed, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015 at the PCID Conference Room, Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy, NCPAG Annex Building, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City.

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