

RUN FOR LUMADS 2016
by Christian Youth Fellowship

Last September, the Christian Youth Fellowship celebrated its active role as youth in the church and in the community. Aside from the usual activities being conducted during Youth Celebration such as, but not limited to bible studies, fellowships and praise nights, the CYF also boldly took a step in lobbying for one of the pressing issues in our society that caught not just the attention of Mindanao but the rest of the Philippines. The issue of human rights violations on our Indigenous Peoples in Mindanao truly is something that our church, especially the CYF has to act upon.

Thus, September 17, 2016 was marked as one of the special days wherein majority of the Christian Youth Fellowship members from different jurisdictions and conferences raised their voices, stretched their arms and ran for the cause of our Lumad brothers and sisters. This activity, called “RUN FOR LUMADS” has made possible the raising of awareness, unity and commitment to support the Indigenous Peoples. They are the forerunners of environmental preservation who are victims of militarization and human rights violations brought about by the so-called developmental projects in their ancestral lands.

Roughly 2000 individuals participated in the RUN FOR LUMADS, who came not only from the CYF but also from the different organizations of our church; church workers, women and men also joined the run. The CYF was also able to mobilize and invite other denominations, community members, and organizations and even indigenous peoples. Through engaging these different groups, the CYF was able to widen its campaign which also landed on various media stations including local TV and radio stations. Aside from heightening awareness, raised funds went to the support of the Lumads who went back to their homes but found their livelihood destroyed by the military, and also for the schooling of Lumad children.

Attached herewith is the summary of details regarding delegation and funds raised by different conferences.

SUMMARY OF DETAILS OF RUN FOR LUMADS

Conference	Date	Venue	No. of Participants	Partner Organizations	Funds Raised
Southeast Mindanao Jurisdiction					
Surigao Dinagat District Conference	September 17, 2016	Surigao City and Tandag City	150 Participants		35,000.00

Agusan District Conference (ADC)	September 17, 2016	Libertad Sports Complex, Km. 4, Brgy. Libertad, Butuan City	360 Participants	
Northeastern Davao District Conference (NDDC) and Southern Mindanao District Conference (SMDC)	September 17, 2016	Davao City	80 Participants including Lumads	
South Cotabato-Saranggani District Conference (SCSDC)	September 17, 2016	General Santos City		
Cotabato Annual Conference	September 17, 2016	Kidapawan City		
Northwest Mindanao Jurisdiction				
District Conference of Southern Zamboanga (DCSZ)	September 17, 2016	Ecumenical Center Church, Zamboanga City	100 participants	

District Conference of Northern Mindanao (DCNM)	September 17, 2016	People's Park Oroqueta City, Misamis Occidental	140 delegates	UCCP Mission Climb, Baktas Outdoor, I RUN, I Run for Lumad	
West Visayas Jurisdictional Area					
Central Negros Associate Conference (CNAC)	September 17, 2016	UCCP Central Church Mabinay	100 Participants		
North Luzon Jurisdiction					
North Highland Associate Conference (NHAC)	September 17, 2016				
South Luzon Jurisdiction					
Palawan Associate Conference (PAC)	September 17, 2016	Dumanguena, Buong, Palawan	70 UCCP and IPs		1500

Occidental Mindoro Associate Conference (OMAC)	September 17, 2016	Town Plaza, Ibud Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro	100 Participants		4000
Oriental Mindoro Conference (OMC)	September 17, 2016	Macatoc, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro	80 Participants		1500
Northeast Southern Tagalog Conference (NESTCON), Batangas Associate Conference (BAC) and Upland Cavite Conference (UCC)	October 1, 2016	UPLB Freedom Park, Los Baños, Laguna	390 Participants	ALL UP Academic Employees Union, UPLB Student Council, Youth Advocates for Peace with Justice	45,000
Southern Tagalog Conference (STC)	October 2, 2016	Magill, Lucena City, Quezon	32 Participants		5000
South Bicol Conference (SBC)	October 26, 2016	Sto. Domingo,	75 participants		

NORTHEASTERN DAVAO DISTRICT CONFERENCE (NDDC) and SOUTHERN MINDANAO DISTRICT CONFERENCE (SMDC)

Delegation of NDDC and SMDC Run for Lumads



CYF in their stretching activity before the run

*CYF posing excitedly before the run
CYF were filled with joy as they receive their certification that symbolises their participation in a campaign for lumads*

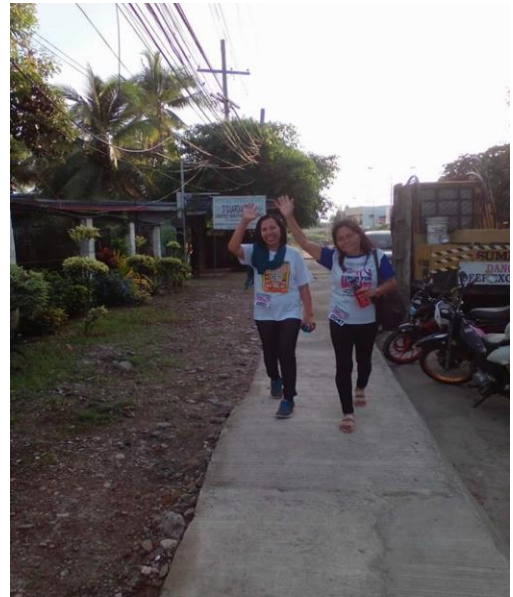


CYF of NDDC and SMDC on their actual run

DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN ZAMBOANGA



Some participants of DCSZ while posing after the run



CWA participants waving their hands as they run towards the finish line



DCSZ posing for the local TV station coverage



Participants enjoying their moments together after reaching the finish line

DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF NORTHERN MINDANAO



DCNM CYF during their actual run

CYF while signing the Run for Lumads Tarpaulin as a symbol of their solidarity with the Lumads



CENTRAL NEGROS ASSOCIATE CONFERENCE (CNAC)



PALAWAN ASSOCIATE CONFERENCE (PAC)

CYF CNAC gearing up for the run



CYF CNAC after the run



The whole PAC Run for Lumads delegation including Indigenous people participants



Warming up for the run



An IP women while happily welcoming those who finished the run



One of the church workers with his child joining the Run for Lumads

SOUTH BICOL CONFERENCE



CYF Run for Lumads organiser posing before the actual run



One of the CYF organisers while preparing for the run for lumads presentation

ORIENTAL MINDORO CONFERENCE (OMC)



OMC Delegation raising their fists in bold support for the Lumads



Group of participants as they prepare for the run



A CYF together with the CWA participants



CM Fabreag while running with other CYF

OCCIDENTAL MINDORO ASSOCIATE CONFERENCE (OMAC)

OMAC Delegation



OMAC Delegation dancing the One Billion Rising

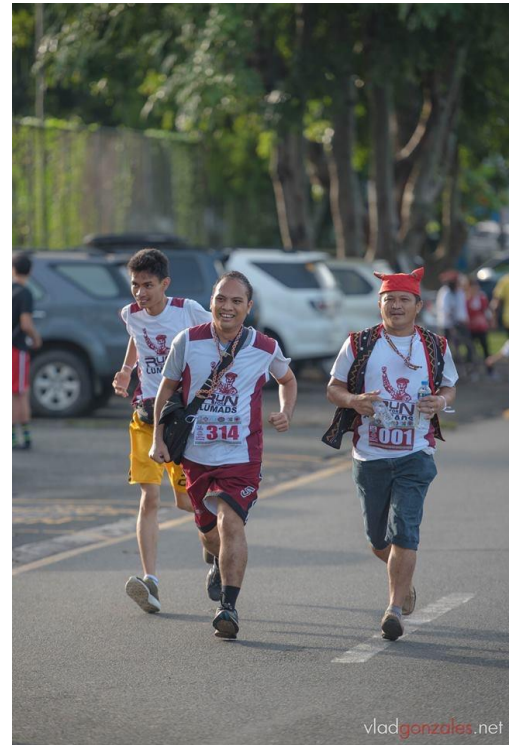


Participants gather formed a unity circle while praying for the Lumads and other indigenous peoples in the Philippines

BATANGAS ASSOCIATE CONFERENCE (BAC), NORTHEAST SOUTHERN TAGALOG CONFERENCE (NESTCON) AND UPLAND CAVITE CONFERENCE (UCC)



Some of the delegation of CALABARZON RUN for Lumads posed after the run



Kuya Dulphing, a Lumad speaker while approaching the finish line



A participant from Los Baños who won the first place while being awarded by an IP leader and other partner organisations



The delegation formed a big unity circle while praying for the struggling IPs including Lumads and all vulnerable sectors of our society

SOUTHERN TAGALOG CONFERENCE



Some of the participants of the Run for Lumads attended an open forum a night before the Run



STC CYF Officers showing their excitement before the actual run



Some of the Run for Lumads participants proudly posed while holding their banner



Runners while holding the banner of Run for Lumads



Participants of SDDC in their photo ops



*Some CYF as they run for lumads
CYF warming up for the run*



On the actual run



*A thumb up pose for the whole family
preparing for the Run for Lumads*



Participants while posing after finishing and receiving the certificates



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