



877 EDSA, West Triangle, Quezon City

General Secretariat Report to the CONFERENCES in SESSION 2017

Greetings of **God's Shalom** to all the officers, delegates, guests and hosts of the Conferences' annual sessions this summer 2017!

Amid these **critical times**, we discern the need to be **deeply spiritual** as we continue to obey God's will. Rightly so, our unified theme this ecclesiastical year 2016-2017 is "**Spirituality Towards a New Humanity.**"

Our faith tells us that this "**new humanity**" can be experienced in our union with Christ. As Apostle Paul testified, "**Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come.**" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Our theme for the incoming EY 2017-2018 is "**Spirituality for Mission.**" It underscores the fact that from having been "**new persons in Christ**" we are called to **level up** in our spirituality – that is, towards **deeper commitment for mission.**

Our **UCCP Mission Statement** tells us that amid these critical times we are "**committed to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the transformation of both the church and society.**"

In pursuit of this **mission**, we are challenged to be more **organized** and **systematic in planning** and in **undertaking our life-work** as local churches, conferences, organizations and institutions.

As many of you may recall, we started last year to introduce and promote the **OGSM** as our **unified Planning Tool & Framework** in formulating our **annual** or **tactical plans** as **judicatories, organizations** and **institutions (JOIs)**. **OGSM** stands for **O**bjectives, **G**oals, **S**trategies and **M**etrics. It is our fervent hope that all the **JOIs** are truly **aligning** themselves with the over-all **Vision-Mission-Goals, Thrusts** and **Objectives** of the UCCP through this **OGSM** planning process.

As you may know further, during the UCCP Stakeholders meeting in Antipolo in June 2015, it was agreed upon that the **three Objectives** formulated by the **Stakeholders** shall be adopted as the **Church-wide Objectives** for the next 3 EYs (2016-2019).

In line with it, we would like to update you on the **achievements** and **development** this EY 2016-2017 as undertaken by the **National Secretariat (NS)** using the **Church-Wide Objectives** as the **framework of the report**. The **NS** is led by the **General Secretary** together with the **7 Bishops** assigned to the Jurisdictional Areas.

Objective 1: To review, correlate and strengthen the varied **roles, functions** and **structures** of different institutions, organizations and judicatories of the church towards unity and coherence.

- A. The **National Secretariat** continues to play its **role** of providing technical and staff support for the proper **functioning** of the **National Council (NC)**, **National Executive Council (NEC)**, **Faith & Order Commission (FOC)**, **Commission on Stewardship & Resource Development (CSR)**, **Commission on Church Union & Unity (CCUU)**, **Formal Education Board (FEB)** and **Theological Education Board (TEB)** towards legislating timely **policy decisions & directions**.
- ✓ The **NC** annual meeting was held in Lucena City, Quezon Province on August 18-20, 2016 as hosted graciously by the South Luzon Jurisdictional Area. Among others, the NC had approved the **Integrated Ministries Plan & Operating Budget** for EY 2016-2017, including the capital expenditures like the **renovation** of the National Office.
 - ✓ The Regular and special meetings of the **NEC** were held in Manila, Tacloban, Cavite and Cebu. Among the matters dealt with have been concerning the **resource generation** and **institutional challenges**.
 - ✓ The meetings of the **Commissions** and **Boards** were usually held at Shalom Center in Malate, Manila and Dumaguete. They function to provide **guidance** or **policy guidelines** in dealing with issues and concerns that have cropped up from time to time.
- B. Towards the **alignment of all stakeholders** to our **strategic direction (UCCP VMG & Thrusts)**, we have facilitated the holding of the **National CRO Consultation** in January 2017 in Quezon City. It was participated by the national & jurisdictional Presidents of the **CYF, CYAF, CWA & UCM**. The consultation has fruitfully produced the following results:
- Identified ten common roles of the CROs in the Church
 - identified goals common to all CROs
 - leveled off in orientations and expectations

Likewise, the **National UCWO Consultation and Planning Workshop** was held on March 1-3, 2017 at Shalom Center, Manila. As a result, the UCWO program becomes aligned now with the Church-wide Objectives.

- C. **Church Institution Stakeholders Consultation** -- Series of consultations had happened in District Conference of Northern Mindanao (NWMJ), Southern Mindanao District Conference (SEMJA), Bohol Conference (WVJ), South Luzon Jurisdiction (SLJ, Northeast Nueva Ecija Associate Conference, West Central Luzon Conference, Lowland Cavite South Manila Conference and Manila North Conference. The consultations were participated by the BOT, Church Council and the administration/faculty/staff towards strengthening of **Church-School relationship and roles**.

Objective 2: To strengthen and **nurture the understanding** of our Spirit-filled constituency to carry out the **basic ministries** (preaching, teaching and healing) and **prophetic witness** of the church as a manifestation of our common identity and ownership.

A. Christian Education & Nurture (CEN)

Goal: Ensure that every aspect of the Church's life and work is grounded on a **profound understanding** of the Christian faith and its imperatives for Christians today.

- ✓ **Sunday School** -- The first year of the quadrennium theme-based Sunday School curriculum on the theme **Spirituality for these Critical Times** ended in November 2016. We are now around the middle of the second year of our quadrennium theme-based curriculum on the theme **Spirituality for a New Humanity**.
- ✓ The production of the basic catechetical Sunday School curriculum based on our Statement of Faith, our Vision-Mission-Goals statement, the Declaration of Principles and other important documents has already been started. The conceptualizing of the curriculum and the writeshop for the lessons on the Statement of Faith took place in November 2016. The lessons should be published on our website by January 2018, ready to be used starting May 2018. The conceptualization workshop on the study material on the UCCP Vision, Mission, Goals is set for 16-20 October 2017. It has been recommended to include translators in this conceptualization and for succeeding study materials.
- ✓ **Special Celebration Liturgical Guides and Weekly Liturgical Guides**
A timetable for special celebration Sundays has been created and distributed to the jurisdictional areas and church-related organizations. These special celebration guides, in English but sometimes with Tagalog translations, have been submitted and uploaded on the web. A standard liturgical guide has also been started to be uploaded on the web, through the initiative and leadership of the South Luzon Jurisdictional Area.
- ✓ **Youth Bible Study Guide** -- The Christian Education and Nurture Committee of the National Christian Youth Fellowship is currently preparing a Bible Study Guide for Youth in order to unite our young members in their faith development according to the principles of the UCCP and the CYF. The Youth Bible Study Guide aims to nurture and guide the youth in their everyday faith journey, and instill in them a deep understanding of their role and commitment as members of the CYF and the UCCP.

A series of conceptualizing workshops have taken place within the past months. The NCYF CEN Chairperson prepared a concept paper complete with rationale, objectives and timetable. A topic outline of the YBSG had also been prepared. The General Secretary, the CEN National Coordinator, and FOC Commissioner Dr. Luna Dingayan were able to give guidance in this conceptualization process.

- ✓ **Consultation on Christian Education and Nurture** -- A timely consultation on our CEN work was held in September 2016, the CEN month. At that three-day meeting, the present context of our people was discerned, faith imperatives reflected upon, committees within the CEN ministry were formed to help facilitate specific programs like Sunday school, the lay formation program, liturgical renewal and church music, among others. A two-year action plan per committee was drawn-up. Perhaps a biennial or quadrennial national consultation can be regularly implemented. In line with CEN Month, a CEN celebration guide, a children's week celebration guide, and a youth week celebration guide were produced.

B. Evangelism & Church Development (ECD)

Goal: Foster among the constituency an appreciation of the importance of the evangelistic task of the Church and a commitment to church growth and numerical expansion.

- ✓ **Church Membership Course** -- We are developing a **church membership course** that will include curricula in four levels: for **prospects**, for **preparatory members**, for **communicant members**, and for **leaders**. Right now, the course descriptions are being written by our Faith and Order commissioners. Once the course descriptions have been written, CEN Desk can then draft the curriculum.
- ✓ **Festival of Faith** – Some Conferences regularly hold this kind of celebration especially during anniversaries or special occasions. This EY we have participated in the momentous **Festival of Faith** celebrations in **Agusan District Conference (ADC)** in November 2016 in Butuan City and in the **Highland Conference** in February 2017 in La Trinidad, Benguet. Both celebrations were massively participated by thousands of members from the local churches and organizations. It is a form of **public testimony** of the **enduring faith, unity** and **ministries** of the UCCP. The **NWMJA** for several years now hold theirs on the Jurisdictional level.
- ✓ UCCP is asked by UEM for an **Evangelism Contact Person** towards active collaboration in this area of work.

C. Prophetic Witness

Goal: Committed and dedicated collective response of the Church to the need to bring wholeness of life for all of God's creation.

- ✓ **Advocacy Capability Building**

- a. **Orientation on Prophetic Ministry of the UCCP** – NCYF CEN Committee, UCWO of Southern Tagalog and Manila North Conferences, MNC CYF Christmas Institute, National CROs, NLJ UCWO and expanded JAC meeting.
- b. **Revival of the Wednesday Forum** - The series of every 3rd Wednesday of the month Fora started during its Re-Launching on October 26, 2016 until today being held every 1:00-4:00PM at the UCCP Cosmopolitan Church, Taft Avenue, Ermita, Manila. Resource speakers on various social issues are invited coming from the government and private sectors as either main speaker or reactor to provide balance principled information serving as basis for church people’s moral judgement.
- c. **HR Week Guide 2016** - produced and used during the second week of December in commemoration with the celebration of the UN Declaration of Human Rights Day (Dec. 10).
- d. **Migrant Ministry Consultation & Orientation** was conducted by the West Visayas Jurisdictional Area in Tibiao, Antique in January 2017. The **Rev. Catherine “Cathy” Chang**, Mission Co-Worker from PC-USA on Human Trafficking & Migration, had attended as a Resource Person.
- e. **UCCP Human Rights Lawyers and Advocates Consultation** was conducted by the North-West Mindanao Jurisdiction (NWMJ) in February 2017.

✓ **Direct Services**

- f. **Educational Support to Children of UCCP Church Workers and Lay Leaders who were victims of Human Rights Violations** - At present, we support twenty-two pupils/students from elementary, high school and college. Five students already graduated from college since this program started in 2007.
- g. **Extending Financial & Solidarity support to the following:**
 - **Ecumenical Relief and Mercy Mission** spearheaded by the SLJ for the benefit of the fisherfolks in Maragondon, Cavite who are victims of enforced displacement due to the Public Private Partnership on tourism development in that coastal area
 - Environmental Investigative Mission in Calaca, Batangas participated by Church Workers from NESTCON, STC and BAC relative to the issues of land grabbing and environmental degradation due to the coal mining and power plant operation by multi-national corporations.
 - **Relief and Mercy Mission to Lumads** from San Fernando, Bukidnon having temporary encampment in front of the Provincial Capitol building in Malaybalay City, Bukidnon due to intensive harassment, massacre and EJK allegedly perpetrated by the paramilitary group, the New Indigenous People’s Army for Reform (NIPAR)
 - **Sanctuary of Lumad Refugees** – in partnership with the United Evangelical Mission (UEM), we were able to provide financial support to the on-going sanctuary program among the Lumads taking refuge at UCCP Haran Mission Center for almost two years now. Recently, on November 8, this year, we turned-over various farming tools and agricultural production inputs to help

start their livelihood for economic rehabilitation as they go back to their respective tribal communities.

- **Legal expenses** in defense to our Pastors and Lay people facing **trumped-up charges** filed by state agents, military and police.
- The ongoing **campaign** to SAVE THE LIFE OF **MARY JANE VELOSO** and **JENNIFER AREGADO DALQUEZ**.

- ✓ **UCCP Legal Suit versus the former President Gloria M. Arroyo (GMA) – A special** project for Justice to HRVs victims and end the Culture of Impunity in the Philippines. A “Damage Suit” filed in court in 2011 making the former President liable for human rights violations against several UCCP Pastors and Lay Leaders allegedly committed by state agents (military and police) and operatives who, by law, were then all under the ultimate control and command responsibility of GMA as the country’s President and Commander-in-Chief in implementing anti-insurgency Oplan Bantay Laya program under the National Security Act of the government.

✓ **Linkages/Networking**

- We participated in the **International Conference on People’s Rights in the Philippines (ICPRP) 2016** together with two youth interns from the United Evangelical Mission (UEM), Jenaba Samura and Flora von Mikulicz Radecki.
- We participated in the **National Inter-Faith Solidarity Mission (NIFSM) in Malaybalay, Bukidnon on Sept. 27-29, 2016** as organized by the Ecumenical Voice of the Philippines.
- **Philippines Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Watch 2017** – The UCCP is given a slot by the Philippine UPR Watch as one of the different sectors contributing to the **Alternative Report on the Human Rights Situation in the Philippines**
- **Pastoral Statements** – *As concrete expression of manifesting our Prophetic Witness “in season and out of season,” especially consistent with our Peace-Making Ministry, the 19th National Council Meeting held on August 18-20, 2016 in Lucena City, unanimously approved the two Pastoral Statements released by the Council of Bishops: “NO TO KILLINGS NOW” and “RESUME THE PEACE TALKS NOW” between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GPH) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP). Subsequently, several statements of the same concern have been released by several Jurisdictional areas within this Ecclesiastical Year (e.g. NLJ-UCWO 2017, SLJ and EVJ).*

D. Community Ministry –

Goal: To deepen among the UCCP constituency the biblico-theological understanding of mission and foster a **collective acknowledgement** of our **human responsibility** and accountability for all of God’s creation.

- ✓ **Pilot trainings** on Church Community Organizing were held in July 2016 for some conferences of the West Visayas Jurisdiction and the Middle Luzon Jurisdiction. A pool of facilitators from the national office and the said

jurisdictions has been created. A national facilitators' training on Church Community Organizing will be held on 15-19 May 2017 with representatives coming from each jurisdiction. Community integration will be included in this national training. The training module used was developed by Faith and Order Commissioner Dr. Luna Dingayan, for which we are grateful.

- ✓ **Pre-School Day Care Center** in a very depressed **slum** in Tondo continues to get support from UEM & other partners. This **community ministry** which began in 2008 at Smokey Mountain 2 **Garbage dumpsite** has produced already over 200 pre-school graduates.
- ✓ **Jampason Literacy Project** in CMAC-NWMJ continues to be supported by UCCanada. This is a pre-school program that produced more than 100 graduates.
- ✓ **HIV-AIDS Counseling & Testing Center of VCMC-Cebu** is assisted as expression of the hospital's community ministry. Cebu is noted to be high in HIV-AIDS cases.

E. Disaster Response

Goal: To strengthen ministries that will help **mitigate climate change**, promote appropriate/ alternative technology and help communities become sustainable.

So far, we've been able to respond to requests in times and in the aftermath of disasters.

- ✓ **Relief support** was provided to the affected conferences in **North Luzon** and **Middle Luzon** in the aftermath of **Typhoons Karen** and **Lawin** that hit the country 4 days apart in October 2016; and to the Conferences in South Luzon as affected by **Typhoon Nina** in December 2016.
- ✓ **Relief Aid** was extended to **9 local churches** under Bohol Conference affected by the El Nino phenomenon.
- ✓ **Assisted the repair of two church buildings** in Mindoro Conference affected by typhoon.
- ✓ The **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** or **PDA-supported rehabilitation projects (Phase 3)** in the two barangays in Tacloban has been completed this March 2017. These are WASH & livelihood recovery projects benefitting over 1,500 families.
- ✓ From the support of **United Church of Canada (UCC)**, we have been able to provide **livelihood recovery assistance** to 6 Yolanda-affected barangays in Leyte consisting of solar home lighting system (75 units), diesel operated water pump (1 unit), farm animals/carabaos (6 heads), goat (15 heads), and piglet (30 heads).
- ✓ We are now in the process of facilitating any support for the recovery of local churches and members affected by the recent **earthquake** that hit Surigao in Southeast Mindanao in February 2017.

F. Partnership work

Goal: To strengthen the varying expressions of solidarity with partners particularly in terms of advocacy on justice, peace and human rights issues, response to disasters and emergency situations, and accompaniment in various **church programs** and **ministries**.

- ✓ We continue to maintain and nurture our existing partnerships with churches, communions and groups nationally and internationally. For this, some of us got elected to seats or positions in the governing bodies. Our very own General Secretary, Bishop Reuel Norman O. Marigza, was elected in October 2016 to be a member of the UEM Council and Asia Regional Board, as well as member of the Executive Committee of the Christian Conference of Asia.
- ✓ All the 7 Jurisdictional Areas have existing bilateral relations with different international partners in Australia, Asia, North America and Europe. Their activities include exchange visits, participation to meetings or assemblies and common projects within the JPIC framework.
- ✓ **SLJ** held a jurisdiction-wide consultation in November 2016 in order to assess and systematize the partnership work of each Conference.
- ✓ In September 2016, we hosted and facilitated the **partnership visit** of high level 9-member delegation from **PC-USA Mission Agency** who travelled to East Visayas to see the 62 million pesos PDA-assisted rehabilitation projects (WASH, Shelter, Health & Livelihood – Phases 1 & 2). They're so impressed of the impact of the projects in **"restoring hope and rebuilding lives"** after Typhoon Yolanda/Haiyan.
- ✓ In January, 2017 we facilitated the orientation of five (5) **Indonesian English Teachers** who are sent to our **CREATE schools** for their month-long Exchange Program. This program is supported by UEM-Asia.
- ✓ Starting January, 2017 we received **Rev. Na Ji-Sung** as Mission Co-Worker of Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea (PROK) commissioned to UCCP. He is joined by his wife, **Rev. Im Nam Kyoung**, and kids, **Na Hae-Jin** (daughter) and **Na Hae-Joon** (son).
- ✓ Mission Co-Worker from Presbyterian Church-USA, the **Rev. Catherine 'Cathy' Chang**, has been commissioned to UCCP since last year. She is joined by her husband, **Mr. Juan Carasco-Lopez** (French citizen), and daughter, **Aurelie Chang-Lopez** (4 years old).
- ✓ We have regularly processed **funding proposals** for various programs and projects as submitted to our international Partners. So far, in the last ten (10) months we have **successfully obtained funding support** from **UEM, PC-USA, UCC-USA** (Global Ministries), **UCC** (Canada), and **PROK** for our **Programs and Institutional Ministries**.
- ✓ Through our **active communication** and **timely submission of Reports**, we are able to keep and sustain the continuing trust and confidence of our supportive partners in North America, Europe and Asia-Pacific.

Objective 3: To formulate and operationalize a comprehensive **stewardship** plan to support the ministries of the church.

We thank God for having endowed the Church with various resources. These are **human, finance, properties** and **technology**. To be good stewards of these resources, we are challenged to utilize and maximize them for God's mission.

A. Human Resource Development

Goal: Ensure capable, responsible and effective leadership for present and future generations.

- ✓ **All Leaders Training** was conducted in October 2016 as participated by the **Incumbent Bishops, Conference Ministers, Jurisdictional Program Coordinators, and National Program staff**. It aimed to level up the **understanding of leaders** of their job and to enhance their **leadership skills** to become more **effective** and **efficient** in their work.
- ✓ **Online Leadership and Management Training Course** -- The way a church can be effectively run nowadays is so different from how it was 25 years ago. With the advent of internet and computer technology, coupled by the proliferation of social media, the way we traditionally regard management and leadership has evolved tremendously. The UCCP wants to bridge that gap with a training program for the emerging and current crop of leaders in the national, jurisdictional, conference and congregational levels.

We thereby engage the services of a Professional Consultancy group, **Rhabbouni, Inc.**, to conduct this **6-month** (January-June 2017) **Online Leadership & Management training course** with the following key Objectives:

1. To identify and develop the current leaders of the UCCP (national, jurisdiction, conference & local levels);
2. To develop and align their innate talents with an appropriate career path in the life and ministry of the UCCP.
3. To improve significantly the effectiveness of the organization and the personnel in carrying out the varied ministries.

From the 130 recommended participants, only **67 have enrolled** to take part in the training. Some of them are the Incumbent Bishops, Ministries Executives, Program Coordinators, Conference Ministers, Deputy Conference Ministers and local Pastors.

- ✓ **Providing timely care to needy Church Workers** – from June 2016 to February 2017, we have provided the following:
 - a. **Retirement** assistance to **502** church workers (**Php2,500.00** each)
 - b. **Mortuary** assistance for families of **26** dead church workers (**Php7,500.00** each)
 - c. **Hospital** and Medical assistance extended to **62** sick church workers (Maximum of **Php10,000.00** each)
- ✓ **Drafting of Implementing guidelines of career path of Church Workers as per the Magna Carta provision.**

The guidelines cover the following areas:

 - a. *Recruitment and Preparation in the ministry.*

- b. *Formal Theological and Field education which include the current assignment and summer field education.*
- c. *Recognition, Consecration, Ordination, transfer and reception of Church Workers*
- d. *Chaplaincy Program*
- e. *Church Workers Salary/Benefits*
- f. *Lay Formation*

- ✓ **Data Banking of Church Workers** -- The data gathering has started and to be completed until the end of May this year. We employed the services of our lay membership to gather the data from the Conferences and UCWO organization.
- ✓ **Clergy Resource Development** -- This is in coordination with a private independent human resource development organization, to conduct individual interviews to selected respondent-church workers. Included in the respondents are the CMs and DCM's, two (2) ordained ministers, two (2) un-ordained; two (2) diaconal ministers of each conference nationwide.
- ✓ **Canonical Review** -- The Canonical Writers and Examiners composed of 9 people have met twice in Dumaguete to update the development on the unified review guide that will be used next church EY. Included in the action during the meeting were the following:
 - a. There will be one (1) review center nationwide. This will be done at SUDS this year, and next year will be in UTS. This is preferably during a semestral break (month of October).
 - b. Examination will be done in separate venues. One in Luzon, and one in Visayas and Mindanao area (preferably in Cebu for VizMin). This is on the month of January (last week).
 - c. Reviewers (writer's pool) will conduct the review in both the two identified review centers.
 - d. Review process: Allotted time for review per subject area is 4 hours (Am, Pm, & evening session), but one (1) subject per day for examination purposes.
 - e. Added reading materials will be given to participants earlier to give each one time go over for self-review.

Number of Church Workers participated in the Canonical review this EY 2016-2017 is 25 (NLJ, MLJ, SLJ – 8; Silliman Divinity School Review Center – 5; SEMJA – 12)

A. **Property Development**

- ✓ The Church has acquired a number of **real estate (land)** principally through donations. Many of these lots are not properly documented or titled in the name of UCCP. To ensure the Church's ownership of these properties, we have supported the following during this EY:
 - Transfer of title of 2 church properties in Burabod, Culion, Palawan

- Processing Deed of Sale, Puerto Princesa property
 - NLJ-Vigan Property Monitoring
 - NLJ-Ilocos Property Monitoring
 - Church Titling activities of UCCP Paradahán (LCSMC)
 - Church Titling activities at Western Mindanao Conference
 - Church Titling activities at UCCP Paracale in Camarines Norte
 - Church Titling activities in Pawili, Bula, Camarines Sur
 - Church Titling activities at UCCP Lopez, Quezon
 - Church Titling activities at Pililia Evangelical Church
 - MLJ-UCM Property Development Orientation
- ✓ Starting this EY, we have revived the **Church Building Loan (CBL)** Program. So far, we granted loans to the following:
- UCCP-Tandag in Surigao Sur (Php1,000,000.00)
 - UCCP-Culion in Palawan (Php100,000.00)
- ✓ To improve its **functionality** and enhance its **image**, our UCCP National Office underwent a thorough **renovation- & improvement**. The **Renovated 2nd Floor** of the UCCP Building at 877 EDSA Property is set for **Blessing** on March 28th. We do hope that every member of the UCCP will be truly proud to see and visit our beautiful, welcoming National Office.

B. Financial Update

- ✓ For complete information, please refer to the Report of the National Treasurer, Mr. Larry Millan.
- ✓ We deeply thank the **local churches** and **Conferences** for your **faithfulness** in remitting your **Wider Mission Support (WMS)**. So far, all the 48 Conferences have been able to remit their WMS, except one Conference. Indeed, it is a 99% participation of our Conferences. This proves that your national leadership continues to enjoy the trust and support of the wider constituencies.

C. Technology – UCCP is on the web. We have a **website** where you may get more information about our Church, its ministries and ongoing activities. We encourage you to visit our website and let us know of your feedback.

- We also have a **Facebook account** where photos & information can be easily accessed.
- **Laptop computers** were issued to all the 48 Conferences through their Conference Ministers with pre-loaded data and materials useful for their work.
- **Corporate email addresses** were also assigned to all the 48 Conferences as administered by the incumbent CMs.
- **Video presentation** on the UCCP history is in the process of being produced now by utilizing the talents and expertise of some young people and Pastors' kids.

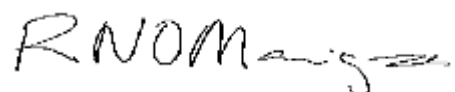
Concluding Remark

This **May 25, 2017** the UCCP marks its **69th** Anniversary. We thank the **Lord Jesus Christ**, the **Head** of the **Church**, whose **prayer-spirituality** and **redemptive work** continuously inspire the **sustained unity**

of the UCCP as it had inspired the early pioneers to establish the **organic union** of the five denominations amid their diversities.

In gratitude to **God's wonderful grace**, let us continue to commit ourselves – and may it become our **spirituality** -- to carry out **God's mission** amid these critical times towards the realization of our **shared vision** wherein "**abundant and meaningful life**" shall be enjoyed by all.

In Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "RNOMarigza". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first name "RNOM" being more prominent and the last name "Marigza" written in a more fluid, connected script.

BISHOP REUEL NORMAN O. MARIGZA

General Secretary

March 19, 2017

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