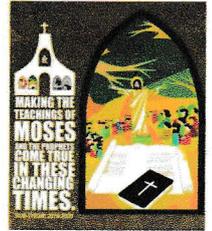


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**Resolution Supporting NCCP Advocacies on Human Rights in the United Nations  
and with the UCCP global partners**

Whereas, in November 7, 2007, the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches in the USA and Church World Service presented an Award of Excellence to the Philippine Working Group of the Asia-Pacific Forum of Church Executives in North America and the National Council of Churches in the Philippines in recognition for their outstanding work in the areas of human rights protection and advocacy in the Philippines. It was the first time that the award was given to an institution outside of the United States.

Whereas, the award was for the collaboration of the two bodies for the NCCP's ecumenical report "Let the Stones Cry Out" and the NCCP-led ecumenical delegation which brought said report to the United Nations and the governments of the United States of America and Canada. The effort was part of the ecumenical community's "Stop the killings and other human rights violations in the Philippines" campaign which also involved the World Council of Churches, the Christian Conference of Asia and the United Evangelical Mission among others, which contributed to the decrease in the number of human rights violations during that period.

Whereas, human rights violations are on the rise again. The deadly war on drugs has created a climate of insecurity and impunity for extrajudicial killings and other human rights violations that affects human rights defenders. Aside from various human rights organizations in the country, the church is under attack again. Along with bishops and members of the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church, the bishops, members of the clergy and lay members of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), the Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI) and the United Methodist Church (UMC) have also received threats and were harassed. We should act now before these forms of human rights violations escalate further.

Whereas, with the worsening climate of impunity in the country which is backed by credible reports from both national and international organizations including various Special Procedures of the UN Human Rights Council, we feel that it is the Kairos moment to reach out once again to our international ecumenical partners for accompaniment.

Whereas, in 2006 the UCCP endorsed the letter of the NCCP to our international partners asking them to support the aforementioned campaign for human rights. The UCCP would like to endorse a similar campaign that will address the worsening climate of impunity in the country under the present dispensation.

Be it resolved as it is hereby resolved, that the NCCP continue its shining legacy for human rights by leading an international ecumenical campaign to stop the killings and other human rights violations in the Philippines and to reach out to our international ecumenical partners for support and accompaniment.

Done this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019 at the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, 877 EDSA, Quezon City, Philippines.

  
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