

**Kalinaw
Mindanao**



Invitation to the
**National Interfaith Humanitarian
Mission**

June 13-16, 2017

Marawi City, Lanao del Sur
President Roxas, North Cotabato
Matan-ao, Davao del Sur

June 4, 2017

Dear Friends,

Kalinaw! Peace!

There are currently 235,000 internally displaced persons mostly in house-based settings and others scattered in at least 16 evacuation centers in Lanao del Sur (Bureau of Public Information-ARMM/June 4, 2017). An unaccounted number of people, mostly Maranaos, are feared stranded in conflict zones within the city.

On the other hand, the declaration of Martial Law in Mindanao has unleashed military airstrikes in other parts of the island which has caused the displacement of 1,536 Maguindanaons in President Roxas town, North Cotabato and another 1,200 Blaans in Matan-ao, Davao del Sur. Aerial bombardments have also displaced an undetermined number of Moro civilians in Shariff Saydona, Mustapha, and Mamasapano towns in Maguindanao province.

There is an urgent need to step up our interfaith and humanitarian responses to the crisis in Marawi and the rest of Mindanao.

May we invite you therefore to the **NATIONAL INTERFAITH HUMANITARIAN MISSION** led by **Kalinaw Mindanao** on **June 13-16, 2017**.

The Mission aims to:

1. Serve at least 16,000 IDPs in Lanao del Sur and another 2,700 in North Cotabato and Davao del Sur;
2. Help empower and organize survivors and victims of internal displacements and all-out war;
3. Document and collate the human rights situation in Marawi and other parts of Mindanao to demand accountability and indemnification;
4. Express interfaith solidarity and unity with IDPs and other victims of human rights violations;

5. Call for the release of Fr. Chito Suganob and other civilian hostages in Marawi;
6. Formulate recommendations on how to address communities impacted by terrorism and Martial Law in Mindanao.

Kalinaw Mindanao has been carrying out interfaith responses to Mindanao crises, including massive displacements caused by the all-out war campaign of the Estrada administration in Central Mindanao in 2000, in Sulu and Basilan by the Arroyo government in 2005, and in Central Mindanao in 2008 following the rejection of the MOA-AD.


This invitation enjoins you to:


- Help generate/contribute relief support to the Mission areas
- Volunteer for psychosocial, medical, and relief services
- Enlist as human rights documentors
- Participate in Duyog Ramadan and interfaith activities


May we ask you to fill up and submit the attached pre-registration form on or before June 10, 2017. For confirmations and inquiries please contact inpeace.info@yahoo.com or call/fax +63 082 2994964. We look forward to your affirmative response to this invitation.

For interfaith solidarity,



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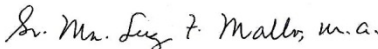

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