

NATIONAL ECUMENICAL-INTERFAITH FORUM FOR FILIPINO CONCERNS



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TO: All who are concerned with the life and untimely death of Renato Anglao

We have learned that four days ago, just before noon, while buying school supplies with his family, Renato Anglao was shot twice in the head and in the chest by men on motorcycles at the town center of Quezon, and that he was killed instantaneously in front of his wife and child.

We send our heartfelt condolences to his family on this devastating loss.

We mourn also the blow against justice, survival, and basic human rights that has been struck with the brutal murder of this Lumad leader, in the bitter struggle over ancestral lands.

We recall the vision expressed in the words of the psalmist:

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
And the hills, the reward of justice.
May the cause of the poor be defended,
Deliverance given to the needy,
And oppression crushed.

Psalm 72: 3-4

We stand in solidarity with all who are engaged in realizing that vision throughout the earth.

May we all persevere with courage and hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Susan Gast". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being the most prominent.

Rev. Dr. Mary Susan Gast, Chair
NEFFCON Steering Committee