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Dear Rev. Cathy,

Warm greetings from the National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP).

On April 25, 2024, the Executive Committee approved a resolution to request the World Council of Churches, Christian Conference of Asia, and other international ecumenical partners for support and accompaniment for the resumption of the peace negotiations between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP).

Among the requests for accompaniment is to join us for a **National and International Day of Prayer for Just Peace in the Philippines on Sunday, September 1, 2024**, to show support for the resumption of the GRP-NDFP peace negotiations. The date is significant because of the Signing of *The Hague Joint Declaration* in The Hague, The Netherlands representatives of both parties on September 1, 1992. The Hague Joint Declaration sets the objective of the peace negotiations which is the attainment of a just and lasting peace by addressing the roots of the armed conflict and thereby resolving it.

As you are probably aware, on November 23, 2023 the GRP and the NDFP released a Joint Statement indicating a possible resumption of peace negotiations. However, since then, there have been no further developments nor announcements from both parties. This Day of Prayer is aimed at creating a groundswell for national and international support to push both parties to resume formal peace negotiations.

Several of NCCP's international ecumenical partners have already indicated support for this Day of Prayer.

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In this regard, we are sharing with you a **prayer for Just Peace in the Philippines** composed by Deaconess Norma Dollaga of the United Methodist Church. Ms. Dollaga is the recipient of the 2024 World Methodist Peace Award from the World Methodist Council, given to individuals who have struggled for peace with courage, creativity and consistency. We also included a **liturgy** that was originally prepared by Rev. Dr. Sharon Rose Joy Ruiz-Duremdes, our former General Secretary from 2000-2007, and a **Briefer** about the Day of Prayer.

We are hoping that you will join us in this Day of Prayer for a just and lasting peace in the Philippines.

Sincerely,

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