



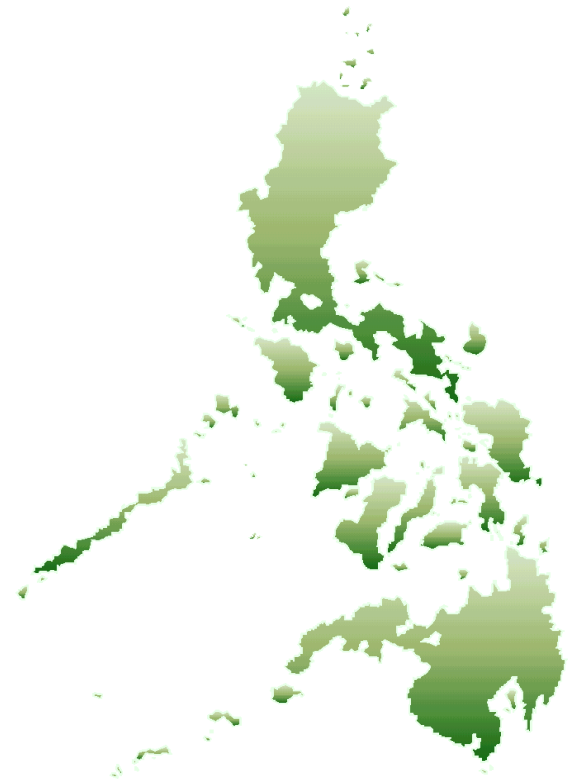
# **“From Fear to Understanding: Muslim Diasporas and the Christian Majority”**

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Peace has become an increasingly urgent concern for Filipinos. Since 2004 “peace in the country” consistently ranked in the Top 5 Urgent national Concerns in nationwide surveys (Pulse Asia). In fact, peace-related problems altogether rank as the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest national concern, second only to economic-related concerns like controlling inflation, low wages, and poverty.

**THIS GROWING CONCERN FOR PEACE  
REFLECTS ANOTHER REALITY-- FEWER AND  
FEWER FILIPINOS REMAIN UNTOUCHED BY  
VIOLENCE**







# Objectives

- Create a culture of understanding and peace in the urban centers through Intercultural dialogue between young Christians and Muslims .
- Make the majority of the youth in the campuses in city centers understand and appreciate the culture of the Diaspora.
- Create a magazine consisting of Peace Stories, Peace Messages, Peace Project Updates and Peace Process updates created by Muslim and Christian youth that will be sent out to thousands of readers around the Philippines targeting also the embassies located in the country.

## Focus

Muslim and Christian youth aged 12-17 in  
Metro Manila.





# Where

- Metro Manila (writers)
- Philippine wide (readers)

First start in selected location, but hope others will be inspired to replicate the process nation-wide, and in other countries.

# Who are involved?

30 Youth (15 Christian, 15 Muslim) that will consist the editing board

And thousands of readers who will receive the printed copy of the Magazine Created by the Youth.

(It will also be on-line for free)

Stage 2, much greater numbers...

# How will it be done?

- The project would consist out of a manual or guideline in order to start-up a magazine. We will focus on three big steps that have to be taken:
  - set up an editing board (e.g. recruit and select a diverse and motivated group of youngsters from different backgrounds; write a manual for them with all the tasks and needs for a successful editing board; provide some office supplies)
- - organize a training weekend where the youth will acquire skills and knowledge
  - afterwards there should be a certain kick-off event to launch the magazine and from there the youth can start spreading their positive news and stories

# Fund

The project partner, United Network of Young Peace Builders located in the Netherlands will be providing 1,250 euros for the project





**When will it happen?**

**April - May 2013**



# Expected Outcomes

- Establish conversations and dialogues as a foundation of a deeper and better understanding between cultures and religions.
- The magazine that was created by the youth Christians and Muslims is expected to have unbiased perspectives.

# Sustainability

- The organization will allocate funds for this project so it can be done in the years to come.
- If this project would be successful, we can do this annually.


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