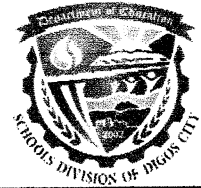




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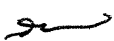
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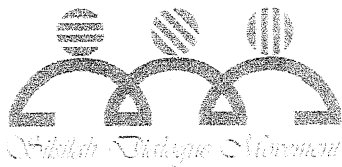
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Public Schools District Supervisor
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School Principals of Aplaya Elem. School, Don Mariano Marcos Elem.
School, Badiang Elem. School, Digos Central Elem. School

1. Herewith is a letter from Fr. Hermes Larry B. Sabud, SM and Ms. Nor Asiah M. Adilao, SFD Christian Coordinator and SFD Muslim Coordinator inviting the twelve (12) ALIVE teachers field to attend the Inter-Religious Educator' Seminar-Workshop on Inter-religious Dialogue on September 30 to October 2, 2016 at DepED NEAP, Quirino Avenue, Davao City.
2. Further, please be informed that participation of the said activity is voluntary, that no government funds shall be utilized for the purpose and the observance of the Teacher's Time on Task shall be of primary concern.


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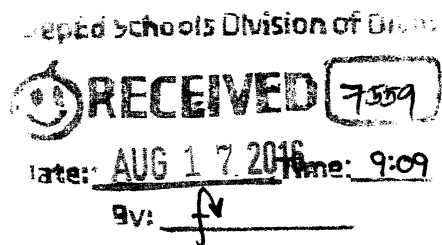
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Dear Madam:

Greetings of Peace!

SILSILAH is a dialogue movement that promotes a deeper understanding and better relation between peoples of different faith and traditions. It envisions a life-in-dialogue for all Muslims, Christians, and peoples of other living faith in respect, trust and love for one another, and moving towards a common experience of harmony, solidarity and peace.

To share this sincere effort of dialogue and peace, the Silsilah Forum Davao (SFD) in partnership with the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious (KAICIID), an international organization based in Vienna, Austria. KAICIID promotes peace, tolerance and understanding among people of different faiths and cultures.

In view of this, we are organizing an **Inter-Religious Educators' Seminar-Workshop on Inter-religious Dialogue (IRESW)** on **September 30 to October 2, 2016** at **DepEd-NEAP, Quirino St., Davao City**.

The specific objectives of the said seminar are the following:

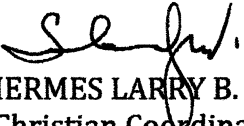
1. To build friendship based on sincerity, sensitivity and solidarity among the Christian catechists and Muslim gurus.
2. To make them aware of the recent ongoing dialogue between Muslim and Christian religious leaders and scholars through the Open Letter "A Common Word".
3. To share the experience of Silsilah and to encourage each one to share their own stories as religion teachers and their experiences on inter-religious dialogue.
4. To encourage them to live and promote the culture of dialogue, path to peace.
5. To encourage them to teach their respective religions through a dialogical approach in the spirit of deep respect and openness.
6. To challenge Madaris Gurus and Catechists of Digos City to become models of dialogue to their young students, while educating them according to the fundamental teachings and values of their religions.

In connection to this, we would like to invite **twelve (12) ALIVE teachers** to take part in the said seminar-workshop. The transportation, board and lodging of the participants will be provided by the organizer.

For confirmation and inquiries, you can contact the undersigned through these numbers: 0949-1890673 or 272-9036.

We appreciate your favorable response.

Respectfully yours,


FR. HERMES LARRY B. SABUD, SM
SFD Christian Coordinator


MS. NOR ASIAH M. ADILAO
SFD Muslim Coordinator

Madaris Gurus and Catechists Seminar-Workshop for Dialogue and Peace



MADARIS GURUS AND CATECHISTS' SEMINAR-WORSHOP FOR DIALOGUE AND PEACE

The Silsilah Dialogue Movement gives special attention to the formation of religious educators for dialogue and peace. In 2006, a number of Muslim Madaris gurus and Christian catechists were initiated into this program with the hope that more groups and follow-up activities would be organized in the future.

The Madaris (plural of Madrasa School) provide basic education on Islamic faith. The Islamic teachers (gurus) have significant roles and strong influence in forming the minds and hearts of the young Muslim students. The catechists on the part of the Christians provide the basic teachings on Christian faith in schools and parishes' catechetical programs. The catechists have the responsibility to create a venue for the students to learn, own and live-out Christian values. The catechists are the living witnesses and models of what it means to be a Christian.

One of the documents that have been giving a sign of hope for Muslim - Christian dialogue is the letter of the 138 Muslim scholars and religious leaders entitled: "A Common Word Between Us and You is love of God and love of neighbour". This letter was addressed to Pope Benedict XVI and other Christian leaders.

The Silsilah Forum Davao (SFD) has been challenged by the said open letter.

SFD welcomes and treasures the initiative of our Muslim scholars and religious leaders on "A Common Word." This initiative is an impetus for our on-going mission for dialogue, harmony and peace.

In Davao City, we had conducted three batches of the Madaris Gurus and Catechists' Seminar-Workshop for Dialogue and Peace.

The main objectives of the seminar are: to build friendship based on sincerity, sensitivity and solidarity among the Christian and Muslim religious educators; to encourage them to teach dialogically in the spirit of mutual respect and openness; and to live and promote the culture of dialogue, path to peace.

BEFORE THE SEMINAR

For many years Catechists and Gurus don't relate to one another. They have no concern outside of their own faith traditions hence, exclusive. There's a wall between them. Whenever they meet in the school campus they don't greet each other. Each group claims absolute truth about their own religion.

During the first day of the seminar the division or the wall between them is apparent. The catechists stayed on the other side and the gurus on the other side.



DURING THE SEMINAR



Small group sharing
composed of
Muslim-Christian
religious educators

Follow-up Meeting (1st and 2nd batch)

- Interested to know the other
- Interested about the program re: culture of dialogue
- Suggested to organize more or less same program on Culture of Dialogue in their respected school
- Apply their experience of life-in-dialogue (relating with other cultures and faith traditions) in their religious instruction.

Creating a space for interfaith dialogue among Muslim-Christian religious educators.

