

## **Philippine Missionary Care Congress**

**2005**

### **Declaration**

Having been compelled by the reality of the love of God as expressed through the redemptive work of His Son, Jesus Christ, and the inseparability of the Great Commission with the Great Commandment;

Having been moved by the vision of Philippine churches sending career and bi-vocational to serve among the unreached people of the world;

Recognizing missionary care - a holy, honorable and holistic task - as vital to the preservation of the missionary on the field and consequently, the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ among the unreached peoples in the Philippines and other parts of the world;

We the participants of the Philippine Missionary Care Congress of 2005 by the grace of God do solemnly declare:

That, we will foster a culture of care among our churches and mission organizations compliant with the model and mandate of Christ to love and serve each other; we will endeavor to raise awareness about Member Care that would catalyze the Filipino church to harness capacities in order to ensure the flow of care towards those who were sent out;

That, we will share knowledge, resources, and personnel; cooperate in stewardship of God's resources with each other and with the global member care community so that potentials are maximized and excesses are minimized in serving cross-cultural Christian workers;

That, we will seek out good practice models of Member Care that are biblically founded, and harness the existing strength of the Filipino culture for missionary care; we endeavor for the cross-cultural Christian workers' personal growth that includes the nurture of each of their family members;

That, we will raise more church leaders and ministers particularly focused on Member Care, adequately equipped and tooled to serve the needs of the Filipino missionary including their families and home-based personnel;

That, we will personally engage in caring for Filipino cross-cultural Christian workers- celebrating their joys, sharing in their sorrows, supporting their needs and supplicating for their victory in seeing the unreached peoples coming to Christ.

Done on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005 at the Word for the World Sanctuary, Makati City, Philippines.