

How can CPN contribute to peacebuilding in Mindanao? Future direction of Catholic Peacebuilding Network

SOME SUGGESTIONS

- Deepening Solidarity.
 - Continue to strengthen solidarity with peacebuilders directly (and indirectly) connected with CPN through website and other forms of interaction/encounter e.g. list serve, community of practice (peace education group), annual conferences
 - Begin to explore ways how we can bring communities and peace partners we represent and work with in this solidarity experience e.g. connecting communities like the zone of peace in Pikit or Bual to a zone of peace in Colombia, a school implementing peace education in Cotabato and a school in Kenya,
 - Can CPN become a mechanism for international advocacy? As we continue to name, frame the issues in our different contexts- can we find ways to support each other to engage and (influence) decision makers, power structures as a stronger collective
 - Shape a shared vision to define direction for this solidarity. CPN as a mechanism can be our concrete contribution towards building a global peace movement/constituency.
- Sharing Best Practices.
 - Maximizing the CPN website to continue to share our peacebuilding initiatives
 - Consider mechanisms to create partnerships between academics and practitioners to distill lessons and analysis of (best) practices
 - CPN can help bridge needs in the different areas with resources available within the network (helping connect similar programs to deepen reflection on best practices e.g. peace education in the different countries, IRD, post-conflict programming etc)
- Building Capacity.
 - CPN network as a pool of resources
 - Support opportunities for local practitioners to do formal studies in peacebuilding to deepen their theoretical framework
 - Offer local initiatives/communities as venues for exposure among academics (north-south exchange and south-south exchange)/ exchange visits
 - Support local initiatives to build capacity among peacebuilders (e.g. technical resource or linkage for MPI, other training initiatives)
- Developing a Theology of a Just Peace.
 - CPN to design a process to develop a Theology of Just Peace. A process, which would allow space and opportunity for participation of the many different actors of peacebuilding in different countries/regions (connected with CPN)