



PHILIPPINES

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CONTEXT

Population: 106,513,000

Surface area: 300,000 sq. km. (more than 7,000 islands)

Languages: Filipino and English (official) and 170 spoken languages

Religions: 81% Roman Catholic, 7.3% Protestant, 5.1% Muslim, 2.3% Iglesia ni Cristo, 2.0 % Aglipayan, 0.1% Buddhist, 2.2% Others



OUR CHALLENGES

- lack of personnel/vocations and need to promote Religious Life and Wisdom Spirituality
- huge mission, multitasking and overloaded schedules sometimes creating fatigue and health conditions
- how to be a prophetic, passionate, loving witness of God's unconditional love in our society marked by abuse, violence, corruption, extrajudicial killings
- financial stability for our institutions and communities

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- continue the reconfiguration process (Indonesia, PNG, Philippines) in a spirit of respect of differences, belongingness and solidarity
- welcome missionaries and form intercultural communities
- renew strategy, energy of vocation promotion for a more visible witnessing
- strengthen the existing groups of Friends of Wisdom and create new groups for spiritual transformation and commitment to the poor
- form future DW well rooted in their personhood and spirituality for leadership and administrative responsibilities and as resource persons in Wisdom Spirituality
- discover and confront the false wisdoms and live out the true wisdoms in our way of being and doing
- commit to be a healing and compassionate presence in our way of loving without borders

