

**Pax Christ Asia Pacific Consultation  
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Manila, Philippines**

**A statement collated as a common sentiment from our last five days together**

This week representative members of the Pax Christi have gathered in Manila to develop a shared vision of sustainable peace through active nonviolence in Asia and the Pacific (Including Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia).

This is a critical "*Laudato Si*" moment for us to address the interconnected, social and environmental crises destroying our common home.

The local, national and regional conflicts that our members confront are complex and demand systematic analyses of the root causes; hopeful and imaginative alternatives to violence and war; and cooperation, dialogue and solidarity in pursuit of the common good.

As a community of communities, Pax Christi International has provided a space for advocacy, communication, education, reflection, self-care and accountability to each other in our work.

*In that spirit, we commit:*

- To promote a spirituality of nonviolence, promoting just peace, accompanying the oppressed and engage in advocacy that nurtures indigenous spirituality and emphasizes our interconnectedness;
- To do this in hope, with courage, encouraging others, listening and respecting all;
- To acknowledge the marginalized who we work with and who are a part of us;
- To using a decolonizing lens in addition to a gender lens in our work;
- To be respectful of women working with us and all women afflicted;
- To be intentional about being in right relationship with self, with the other and with the earth;
- To be mindful of our prejudices;
- To engage in respectful dialogue across all levels;
- To take direction from the communities we work with studying, exploring, addressing root causes;
- To share good practices for building peace on the ground;
- To connect our peacebuilding efforts to a broader coalition in this region and in the world.