

PMA 28th General Assembly: Aligning to God's Mission Agenda

UP Diliman, Quezon City, February 23, 2011 - Some 43 leaders, members and 8 staff of the Philippine Missions Association (PMA) gathered for its 28th General Assembly at the Church of the Risen Lord (CRL) inside the University of the Philippines, Diliman Campus.

PMA Board Chairman's Message

After the morning's worship and prayers, Bishop Ephraim Tendaro, national director of the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches (PCEC) and chairman of the board of PMA, gave a message on the importance of missions. PMA is the missions arm of PCEC.

In his message, the bishop pointed out two mindsets prevailing in the local churches namely: 1) the ABC mindset and, 2) the DEF mindset. He explained that a local church with an ABC mindset is focused on Attendance, Building and Cash. While a local church with a DEF mindset is focused on Discipleship, Evangelism and Frontier Missions.

The bishop pointed out that many churches are focused on the wrong priorities and only a few give much importance to missions. He then encouraged PMA leaders and members to carry on with the mission.

PMA National Director's Report

Dr. Rey Taniajura, PMA national director, gave his report to the assembly on the accomplishments of PMA for the year 2010 and especially highlighting and giving more focus on the *new vision, mission, values and core competencies* which the PMA board has come up with last January 29, 2011. There being a "new wineskin," PMA needs to adapt and adjust to the new realities in doing missions. And thus the need for an updated vision and mission for PMA, Dr. Taniajura explained.



Bishop Tendaro giving the message

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Regional Reports. Various reports were also heard from representatives of [PMA member bodies](#) about last year's accomplishments in their respective areas in Luzon, the Visayas and in Mindanao.

Group Consultation. The assembly was then divided into four groups to discuss the question: "How can PMA member bodies work together in relation to the new strategic direction?" The four groups formed each tackled the issue given to them namely: 1) Vision Casting, 2) Capacity building, 3) Partnership Development and, 4) Research and Information Management. Reports were given to the assembly afterwards. These data gathered during the consultations will be consolidated and used by PMA.

General Assembly Meeting, New Board Members Elected

In the afternoon, PMA board chair, Bishop Tendaro formally opened the business meeting of the PMA general assembly. Various business matters were discussed, accepted and approved by the body from the minutes of the previous general assembly meeting.

Eight new board members were elected to form part of the PMA board. They will be serving for 2 years. The General Assembly formally ended with a communion service led by Bishop Tendaro.

In January 29, 2010 the PMA board, in a strategic planning meeting at the Asian Seminary of Christian Ministries (ASCM) in Makati City, came up with a new vision, mission, values and core competencies statements to guide the Association.

Vision Statement

(We see) The Body of Christ working together towards accomplishing the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

Mission Statement

(The Philippine Missions Association exists) to catalyze a dynamic Philippine missions movement for God's glory.

Core Values

1. **P**artnerships within the Body of Christ:
We value the diverse roles of the members of the Body of Christ, partnering together to fulfill the Great Commission through servant-leadership.
2. **M**issions Mobilization:
We value seeing the church actively engaged in local and global missions.
3. **A**ligning to God's Agenda in Missions:
We value the supremacy of Christ in missions for community transformation.

Core Competencies:

1. **VISION CASTING:** Missions to All Peoples
We aim to spearhead the missions mobilization movement.
2. **CAPACITY BUILDING:** Servant-Leadership in Missions
We aim to assist the members of the Body of Christ in their capacity building in missions efforts through servant-leadership.
3. **PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:**
We aim to facilitate connections and network both local and international and initiate consultations.
4. **RESEARCH AND DATA MANAGEMENT:**
We aim to identify and make available resources for missions and do research on missions workforce and targets.

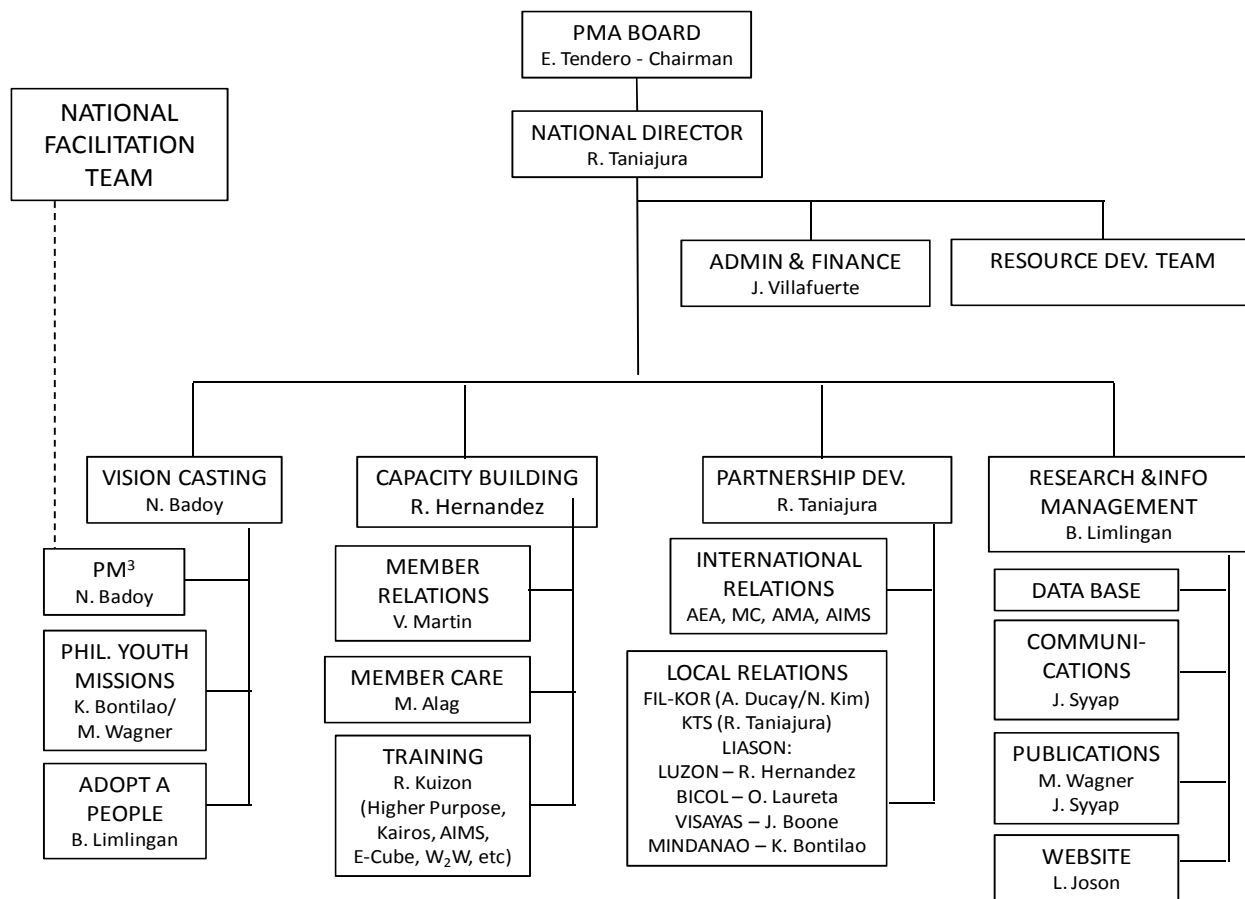
ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & STRUCTURE

In line with PMA's four core competencies and strategic directions the following shall serve as PMA's organizational and operational guidelines:

1. Under the Board of Directors is the National Director who supervises the following staff and line functions;
2. Staff functions are made up of admin, finance and resource development;
3. Line functions will have as directions and focus the following: (1) Vision Casting, (2) Capacity Building, (3) Partnership Development and (4) Research and Data Management which shall be likewise called as operational departments;
4. Under Vision Casting are the following: PM3, Phil. Youth Missions, and Adopt a People
5. Under Capacity Building are the following: Member Relations, Member Care, and Training
6. Under Partnership Development are the following: International Relations, and Local Relations
7. Under Research and Data Management are the following: Database, Communications, Publications, Webpage



A working group during the GA



2010 ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

Philippine Missions Association (PMA) is now on its 28th year of existence (1983 – 2011). The following serve as the primary accomplishments of the Association for 2010:

MOBILIZERS NETWORK:

In 2010 PMA co-initiated a missions mobilizers' network through a consultation of key mission leaders in the Philippines to reassess and review what we have accomplished for the last 25 years in the area of general and specific missions mobilization. In the consultation, PMA and its partners have examined trends, events and developments in mission.

This missions mobilizers' network is now called the HORSESHOE COALITION. The members of the coalition have agreed to continue the consultations and work together towards finishing the Great Commission through mobilization.

BEYOND MISSIONS and MISSIONS POST:

A news magazine called **Beyond Missions** was also launched by PMA in 2010. It is hoped that this publication will serve as one other missions mobilization tool for the Body of Christ in the Philippines.

PMA has also maintained the production of a newsletter called **Missions Post** informing the member bodies of the activities that the Association has been involved in on a regular basis.

DIALOGUE AMONG PMA MEMBER BODIES:

PMA has also initiated among its member bodies a program to dialogue with each other on a regular basis. By conducting a regular dialogue with its member bodies, PMA seeks to address strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that the Philippine missions movement faces in the coming years. Through these dialogues, PMA hopes to provide a regular forum where PMA can hear from member bodies and how they, the member bodies, can best be served by the Association.

PMA ND Report (continued)

PMA has also established partnerships with denominations and churches to increase its missions involvement; assist member bodies in their desire to send missionaries; provide them the missions DNA as they plant churches in their respective mission fields; and facilitate the pooling of resources, particularly equipping and training resources, and make these resources available to the Body of Christ.

EQUIPPING AND TRAINING RESOURCE CENTER:

In the area of equipping and missionary training, PMA continues to conduct the *Kairos Course*, *Use of Evange Cube* as an evangelism tool, *Higher Purpose for Your Overseas Job*, and *Worker to Witness*. Recently PMA has added among its equipping resources, the training materials of Accelerating International Mission Strategies (AIMS). Similarly, through its partnership with Koinonia Theological Seminary, PMA member bodies can access a formal equipping program in missions, a Graduate Diploma in Missiology.

The purpose of promoting these training and equipping resources is to help mobilize the churches and member bodies to fulfill the Great Commission thereby reaching the “Lost, the Least and the Last” and the Unreached through missions. The Harvest Connection Seminar of AIMS, for instance, emphasizes well the redemptive work of God to extend and establish His Kingdom to the very ends of the earth.

GLOBALIZATION AND MISSIONS:

During the year, PMA through its national director and staff has also participated in international and national mission conferences and fora. Some of the international conferences that PMA participated in last year are (1) Tokyo 2010 in Japan, (2) IMPACT Missions Conference in the U.S., (3) Lausanne Conference in South Africa, (4) Missions Korea in South Korea, (5) the Missions Commission meeting of the Asia Evangelical Association, in Bali, Indonesia and the (6) AMA Triennial Convention in Jakarta, Indonesia. In the AMA convention PMA’s national director was elected as third chairman of its board of directors. He has also been made a member of the mission commission leadership team of the Asian Evangelical Alliance.

Through these international fora and conferences, PMA through its national director is able to contribute papers and presentations related to missions. Such papers are sometimes incorporated in international publications which are read by the international community. For instance, the paper presented by the national director in the Asian Evangelical Alliance missions commission consultation in Bali, Indonesia was included as a chapter of the a book, **“Emerging Missions Movement”** published by Compassion International and edited by Dr. Bambang Budijanto.

On the national level, PMA has co-initiated the holding of a PM3 (Philippine Missions Mobilization Movement) Summit. It is currently co-facilitating and sponsoring the holding of an OFW Symposium on April 15, 2011. God is good in enabling PMA, despite its very limited resources and staff, to also have a mark and impact in the missions movement in the country. For this, we at PMA give God the praise and credit for bringing the Association to where it is now in serving the Body of Christ come to its potential of participating in the missions movement, not only locally but, more importantly, globally



North Luzon regional report

PMA ND Attends AEA Missions Consultation in Bangkok

Dr. Rey Taniajura attended the Asia Mission Consultation 2011 held last February 10 to 12 in Bangkok, Thailand as a member of the mission commission of the Asia Evangelical Alliance (AEA). Dr. Richard Howell, secretary-general of the AEA, and Dr. Bambang Budijanto, mission commission director presided over most of the sessions.

The consultation focused on identifying emerging global trends in missions today. Some 37 mission leaders from all over Asia attended the consultation. The participants identified several emerging trends in missions today which included the need to focus on the 4/14 window or generation, mobilization of local churches for missions, contextualization of Asian theology related to missions, business as mission, among others.



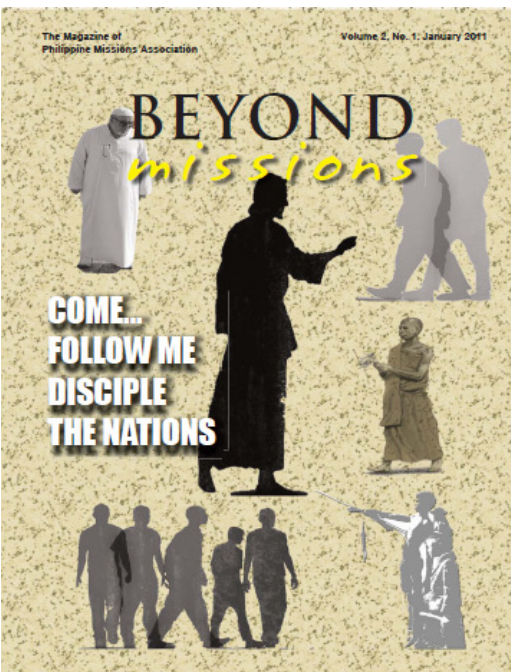
Asia Mission Consultation 2011 attendees

Dr. Taniajura with Sonny Largado and Raymond Kwong, Compassion International SEA director

While in Thailand, Dr. Taniajura was able to meet some Filipino missionaries of Grace Communion International who are based in Rayong and graduates of the Asian Center for Mission (ACM). He also met briefly the Filipino International Director of Ethnos Asia Ministries who is based in Thailand.

Beyond Missions magazine now available!

By Mike Wagner



About one and a half years ago, a few of us sat down with Dr. Taniajura to discuss the need for a magazine that would help mobilize the Filipino church toward active involvement in cross-cultural missions. And *Beyond Missions* was birthed! “Beyond” indicates our focus to help the church get beyond our geographical, denominational, organizational, relational, intellectual, or spiritual boundaries—and into informed and effective cross-cultural missions around the globe. “Missions” is the overarching theme: Spreading a passion for the glory of God among those who do not yet know Him. We aim to acquire articles and stories from international and local writers that will inspire us and help us all wrestle with the current issues pertinent to the involvement of the Filipino church in cross-cultural missions.

Discipleship is the theme of our current edition. You will be amazed as you read of God’s sovereign hand in discipling the Filipino church toward becoming disciplers of other nations, in an article written by Bibien Limlingan of PMA. Rev. Gbile Akanni will guide and compel you toward a deeper understanding of “disciple-making as the way forward for us in mission.” To obtain your copy or a quarterly subscription, contact us at beyond.missions@gmail.com, 09286652608, or (02) 911-2491.

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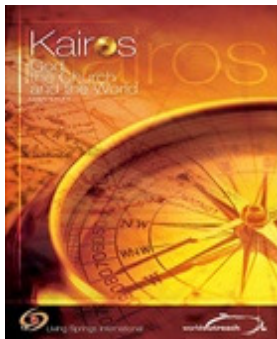
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2011 EVENTS

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