Dear friends,

The World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) mourns the loss of lives, homes, and communities in the Philippines in recent weeks. The flooding caused by typhoon Gener in the third week of July and the more recent torrential monsoon rains Habagat has done immense damage and has forever changed the surviving communities in Metro Manila and nearby regions.

The Student Christian Movement of the Philippines (SCMP) joined other students in forming a relief drive for the flood victims, TULONG KABATAAN, and have been focusing on affected communities and individuals who are not currently covered by the government’s ongoing relief and rescue operations in the larger Manila area. As they continue their efforts, their work is to provide relief and services for those from Central Luzon and Southern provinces, the most affected regions during the typhoon, monsoon rains, and flooding.

The WSCF has offered an emergency grant for this effort and urges our members and friends to support the SCMP’s ongoing work. Anyone considering making a contribution may send it to the WSCF (details found below) and we will transfer all monies received to the movement.

We ask that you join us in prayer for those affected, as they go through the grieving process once more. We pray that God would give them strength and courage, to help them rebuild their lives and communities after such terrible destruction. The prayer below is taken from the prayers we prayed in the aftermath of Typhoon Ondoy in 2009.

May the international community be in solidarity with the Philippines through prayers and advocacy. May the sharing of resources help revive hope and capacity within devastated communities. May the Philippine government and community leaders use relief resources with the highest level of integrity.

We offer special prayers and concern for our sisters and brothers in the Student Christian Movement Philippines, for those affected by the flooding and for the SCMers and Senior Friends who are working tirelessly in the relief efforts.
Finally, as the WSCF continues its focus on eco-justice, we urge our members and friends to continue to analyze the global circumstances of natural disasters.

WSCF remains committed to exploring these questions and working for the fullness of life for all of creation. God of life, lead us to justice and peace.

In Grief and in Hope,

Christine Housel
General Secretary

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Chairperson

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A prayer for the people of the Philippines

One: People have lost homes, personal possessions, places of worship, schools, public infrastructure.
Many: Help them rebuild.

One: People have no food, water, and shelter.
Many: Bring the basic necessities to those in need. Help communities and relief agencies work with speed and discernment; help aid to arrive on time.

One: People have lost loved ones.
Many: Help them to find the bodies for burial and closure; where this is not possible, help people find other ways to grieve. Bring healing and hope to those who have lost family members and friends.

One: People have lost a sense of security.
Many: Let people feel a sense of dignity restored as they find solutions for the future.

One: People have struggled with God.
Many: Let people know Your loving presence with them.

O God, we are overwhelmed in the presence of such loss and suffering. Make us instruments of assistance and comfort to one another, and especially to those who have lost much. Guide us all with your Holy Spirit. Comfort your people. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. Amen.
If you would like to contribute financial support for SCM Philippines’ relief drive, TULONG KABATAAN, please follow the instructions below.

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Send us a check made out to “the World Student Christian Federation” and post it to us at the IRO. Please remember to include “TULONG KABATAAN” in the notes section of the check.

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