

Discernment, Depth, Action and Mission



JCAP Reconciliation with Creation Spirituality for Action Workshop

Balay Laudato Si', Bendum, Bukidnon,
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Rapid economic growth in Asia-Pacific is welcome. However, it overshadows the ongoing conflicts in the region that revolve around issues on food and water security, land use change, climate change, rights of Indigenous Peoples, economic inclusion, and disaster resilience. It is now all the more crucial to sustain local societies and economies in the process of healing our broken world. This demands deliberate attempts at deepening the peace we desire with the land, water, and neighbor, as well as simplifying lifestyles.

Reconciliation with Creation emerged within the Jesuit Conference Asia Pacific (JCAP) as an initiative in the process of developing programs with a particular emphasis on the environment, which was identified in 2008 during the 35th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus and highlighted by Healing a Broken World document of Fr. General as a need for all Jesuit ministries to engage in. Reconciliation with Creation is the process through which the recommendations of Healing a Broken World are pursued. Not only will collaboration be potentially effective, it will be necessary in the work among Jesuit provinces and conferences to coordinate a Jesuit response.

Balay Laudato Si'



Balay Laudato Si' is a culture and ecology center established in 2017 with the indigenous Pulangiyēn community and is built on the joint commitment to culture-based education and the forest and water management of the gaup or ancestral domain. Located in the Pangamu area of the Upper Pulangi watershed in Bendum, Bukidnon in northern Mindanao, Philippines, Balay Laudato Si' offers a space and time for those who want to experience deeper quality reflections and actions towards integral ecology. Local, regional, and international groups are welcome to visit and feel the peace and vitality of the place, understand the local context, and find occasions to engage with communities and youth. Balay Laudato Si' is the main platform for initiating a process of accompaniment that strengthens local networking and deepens the responses to the broad calls for action of Laudato Si'.

Balay Laudato Si' is managed and operated by staff of Environmental Science for Social Change in collaboration with Apu Palamguwan Cultural Education Center, JCAP-Reconciliation with Creation, and Ecojesuit. For inquiries and other information, please email balaylaudatosi@gmail.com.



Rest is deeply felt and relished after long walks and times of intense work. Such renewal is growth where there is time for new relationships with others and with life. The old adage of 'resting in the Lord' is deeply calming.

We give thanks to the Pulangiyen People who generously share this valley view with us. Their care of the land and life rejuvenates us adding stories of the past that allow us dream too of open and creative futures.

The Jesuits have walked for centuries across Mindanao sharing in the living beauty of the Creator and created recognizing the uniqueness of landscape and culture sharing in the life of the people as in the life of Christ. The desire for this house grew from the hope that Jesuits near and far could come and rest, stretch, grow roots and see the sun rise: "Laudato si', mi' Signore"

As we experience healing we experience intuitively how the land needs healing too, responding with care for life small and great and finding reduced needs and footprints. Life at the core can always be simple, caring and peaceful whatever conflict surrounds us. We understand that life is integral, and as we carry memories with us we grow as healers of other times and places.

Peace be upon me, O Lord.



Migtanhaga

Pagpasalamat, Tulengedun

Pagpanayu taglugbakan

Tanhaga

bugta, kalasan, wahig, amimiyag

Gaup

kalandang, pagpangamangel, kabu ha paglinawan, malahutayun ha panimuaya

Pulangiyen

kagena, tuus, kalikat, bentela daw sayuda, kalingayuman, pagkinanau para hu asem lalangnen

Aguu

Banglas

Kulasi

Sabun-an

Salun

Upele

Hinubayan

Saluket

Balak-bakan

Kaliyaen