

## Visiting Bishops Speak on Typhoon Aftermath

Bishops Eliezer Pascua and Mariano Inong made the long trek to Manitoba this November to relate their firsthand experiences with flood relief in the Philippines. As representatives of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), Pascua and Inong have been involved with implementing a flood relief project funded through the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) by the Government of Manitoba. The United Church of Canada invited the Bishops to Manitoba to provide an update on the aftermath and meet with those who have helped provide relief.

MCIC held an event at the Manitoba Legislature on November 18, hosted by Hon. Flor Marcelino, Minister of Culture, Heritage and Tourism. We were honoured to have Premier Greg Selinger attend, as well as members of the international development and Filipino community.

"Today we are provided with a wonderful learning opportunity that demonstrates our connection to those around the world and the role we can play in making positive change," said Marcelino.

On September 29, 2009 former Premier Gary Doer announced that the provincial government would be providing \$100,000 to

the Philippines for flood relief in the aftermath of Typhoon Ketsana. These funds were given to MCIC to distribute to its member organizations doing work in the affected regions. Since Typhoon Ketsana struck on September 26, two other storms have hit the region - altogether affecting over 10



*From left to right: Hon. Flor Marcelino, Minister of Culture, Heritage and Tourism in Manitoba; Bishop Eliezer Pascua, General Secretary of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines; Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger; Bishop Mariano Inong; Janice Hamilton, MCIC Executive Director*

million people and claiming almost 1,000 lives.

"Thanks in part to government and our member organizations, crucial relief work is being done in a country hit hard by natural disasters," said Janice Hamilton, MCIC Executive Director. "Learning events like this give us a chance to see the benefit of reaching out to those beyond our borders."

## Upcoming Events

### 'Disarm' Documentary Viewing

**December 3**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: University of Winnipeg, 2M70

The Humanitarian Issues Program of the Canadian Red Cross Society, Manitoba Region invites the public to attend a free viewing of the award-winning documentary "Disarm" (67 minutes in length). There will also be a presentation by the Manitoba Campaign to Ban Landmines before the viewing. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. For more information about the event please call (204) 982 6737. For more information on the documentary visit [www.disarmfilm.org/](http://www.disarmfilm.org/).

### Get Serious - A Fundraiser for Darfur

**December 3**

8:00 pm

Location: The Academy, 437 Stradbrook

Walk 4 Darfur presents local funk rock group The Shouting Ground. Admission is \$8 at the door. Proceeds go to the John Dau Foundation, which seeks to transform health care and governance in Southern Sudan. For more information, please visit [www.johndaufoundation.org](http://www.johndaufoundation.org).

### The Marquis Project Celebrates 30 Years

**December 4**

8:00 pm

Location: Lady of the Lake, 135 B 17th St N. Brandon, Manitoba

The Marquis Project is celebrating 30 years of linking Manitobans with the developing world. Join them at the Lady of the Lake

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# GM Conference Gives Students an Appetite for Change



MCIC's Generating Momentum for Our World (GM) Middle Years conferences kicked off this year in Morden, Manitoba. The 2009 – 2010 theme *Appetite for Change* engages students on global food issues, ethical consumption and environmental sustainability. 59 students from seven area schools attended the conference at the Morden Recreation Centre on November 26.

As part of the Appetite for Change GM conferences, students learn facts on food and go through a series of workshops that empower them to raise awareness on the issue in their school and community. MCIC will be hosting five other conferences throughout the school year in Beausejour (Jan. 14), Gimli (Jan. 28), Strathclair (Feb. 10), Winnipeg (March 17) and Brandon (April 14).



## Opportunities

### Service Learning Project in Malawi for U of M Students

CPAR is looking for three University of Manitoba students to take part in a cross-cultural learning experience in Malawi. This six-week trip is designed to expose students to African issues and international development work. The cost is \$6,650 per participant, including airfare. Contact Tony Rogge, Director of the International Centre for Students at [Tony\\_rogge@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Tony_rogge@umanitoba.ca) for more information. For other international opportunities visit [www.umanitoba.ca/student/ics/wwise/](http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/ics/wwise/).

### UNICEF Sales Kiosk Volunteers Needed

UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) needs volunteers to cover various shifts at UNICEF's Sales Kiosk from November 23 to December 24, 2010. Volunteers must be over 18 and have experience with customer service. Contact Cat Ross at (204) 477-4600 or [cross@unicef.ca](mailto:cross@unicef.ca) for more information.

### Student Volunteer Needed

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace office in Winnipeg is looking for a student who would be willing to volunteer for a few hours a week to write announcements and create a newsletter. The work can be done via the Internet. Ideally, the candidate will be able to read and write English & French, work with Microsoft Word and communicate via e-mail. Interested students can contact Roberta at [ccodp@mts.net](mailto:ccodp@mts.net) or at (204) 231 2848.

for food, drinks, music, dancing and prizes. This event features DJ Kasm, The Seed Organization, Dustin Richter, John Jacobson and Jason Stitt. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Worldly Goods, Lady of the Lake Cafe or at the door during the event.

### The Marquis Project Member Forum and Engagement Gathering

**December 5**

Noon - 4:00 pm

Location: Elephant Room, Knowles Douglas Building, Brandon University

A discussion about the future goals of the Marquis Project will be facilitated by the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation. All those associated with the Marquis Project are invited to attend to help shape the organization and make connections with others dedicated to positive change.

### Voluntary Sector Capacity Development Workshop

**December 8 - 10**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Radisson Hotel, 288 Portage Ave. Winnipeg

This session, hosted in partnership with CIDA, will focus primarily on the requirements of the Voluntary Sector Fund and the application process. Visit [www.mcic.ca/opportunities](http://www.mcic.ca/opportunities) for more information. You must register in advance. Call (204) 987 6420.

### CCPA - State of the Inner City, 2009

**December 9**

11:30 am

Location: Circle of Life Thunderbird House, 715 Main St.

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives is launching the State of the Inner City annual report. A panel of experts will discuss the report and lunch will follow. Please RSVP to (204) 927 3200 or [ccpamb@policyalternatives.ca](mailto:ccpamb@policyalternatives.ca) by December 4.

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Global Justice Film Festival special guest Jonathan Walls speaks with students from Kelvin High School about his documentary *Playing for Change: Peace Through Music*.

## Global Justice Film Festival a Great Success

The 7th annual Global Justice Film Festival expanded its reach this year, attracting over 400 viewers and, for the first time ever, bringing international issues into the classroom.

The opening night of the festival featured the nearly sold-out Canadian Premiere of the documentary *Playing for Change: Peace Through Music* with special guest co-director Jonathan Walls.

Walls also spoke at St. Boniface Diocesan High School and Elmwood School to over 500 students about the

message of the documentary. Shaw television came out to St. Boniface Diocesan High School to cover the event.

In total 22 films were shown over a two day period, November 6 and 7. There were 430 people registered in total - the second highest number in the festival's history.

For more information about the festival visit [globaljusticefilmfestival.ca](http://globaljusticefilmfestival.ca). To learn about the film *Playing for Change: Peace Through Music* please visit [www.playingforchange.com](http://www.playingforchange.com).

### Information Session on the Community Solidarity Fund

**January 13, 2010**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**January 14, 2010**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

*Same session offered at two different times*

Location: MCIC office, 302-280 Smith St. Winnipeg

The Community Solidarity Fund (CSF) is designed to make small amounts of money - up to \$5,000 per project - available to Manitoba not-for-profit community-based organizations involved in development projects overseas. If you are interested in applying, you must attend one of the information sessions, which will cover eligibility criteria, application procedures and highlight previously funded projects. The next deadline for the CSF is February 8, 2010. Please contact Zack Gross at **(204) 987 6420** or [mgmgp@mcic.ca](mailto:mgmgp@mcic.ca) for more information and to register.



Director Jonathan Walls speaks to a nearly sold-out crowd at the Winnipeg Art Gallery on November 6.



MCIC board and staff invite you to attend  
**A Holiday Gathering**  
**Wednesday, December 9**  
**4:30 pm - 6:30 pm**  
**MCIC Office, 302-280 Smith St. Winnipeg**

This will be a casual, come-and-go event. Light refreshments will be served.

**Thank you for being a part of MCIC this year!**



Global Citizenship: Local News Edition is a publication of the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation. This monthly e-newsletter includes information on local events/activities that relate to the international development efforts and other initiatives of MCIC's member organizations and other local groups. **Send submissions to [pr@mcic.ca](mailto:pr@mcic.ca).**

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## International Development Week is happening February 7 - 13, 2010.

Keep an eye out for events taking place around Manitoba. We will be posting MCIC and member events in our e-newsletter and on our website. Check back often!