ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2006, the Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines (AMRSP) and its Mission Partners, joined by the human rights community, embarked on a caravan dubbed Lakbay Kapayapaan. The caravan traveled through three dioceses of Central Luzon: Malolos, Bulacan; San Fernando, Pampanga and San Jose, Nueva Ecija. These are areas where militarization and the upsurge in extrajudicial killings have caused fear, anxiety and insecurity among the people. This initiative is part of the AMRSP’s effort to declare their commitment to peace and to the promotion of human rights.

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Sr. Ma. Luz F. Mijares, OSA, Co-Chairperson of the Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines (AMRSP) speaks to participants in Malolos.

The contingent arrives at St. Scholastica’s College.

Church leaders and workers, students and human rights activists during the video presentation on human rights by TFDP.

Students from St. Scholastica’s College join the program.

Fr. Deo Galang, Social Action Director of Diocese of San Fernando addresses the Caravan participants.

Reciting Panata para sa Karapatan at Kapayapaan

Members of the Kilusan para sa Pambansang Demokrasya recite the Panata together with the caravan participants.

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Most Rev. Mylo Hubert C. Vergara, DD, of the Diocese of Nueva Ecija addresses the caravan participants and members of his diocese.

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