

SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIAL *on the* UCCP DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

YOUTH

Lesson 1: How do we understand the “Declaration of Principles”?

Trinity Sunday and Communion Sunday

First Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2020

General Concept: The Declaration of Principles are set of pronouncements, standards and principles laid down upon which we stand as a church and governing laws of conduct are derived. In addition to the Statement Faith, this is what we affirm as members of the UCCP.

Biblical References: *Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 6:2; Isaiah 2:3; Matthew 5:17;*

Age Level Concepts

- The Declaration of Principles is a set of pronouncements and standards from which the church’s stand and governing law of conduct are derived.
- Our church has its Declaration of Principles.
- We use our Declaration of Principles as the basis of our decisions, stand on issues and conduct.
- To be a UCCP member means to uphold the values and principles found in the Declaration.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Define and articulate in their own words the meaning and importance of the Declaration of Principles.
- Familiarize the UCCP Declaration of Principles.
- Adhere to commit in observing the UCCP Declaration of Principles

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday’s Phrase and Memory Verse, & Copy or Document Shared: UCCP Declaration of Principles.

Biblical Background

Psalm 119:1-8.

Known to be the longest Psalm attributed to King David. This Psalm traced back from the post-exile period from the days of Nehemiah and Ezra. This was the time where the rebuilding of Israel took place as a nation and as people of God. It brought back to David’s intention of unifying Israel as one people and one nation.

The first 8 verses taken up with a contemplation of the blessedness which comes from keeping the statutes of the Lord. To love God's law is to be in heartfelt fellowship with God for in such laws reveals God's way of establishing a covenant relationship. In verse 1-v2, it talks about ways in obtaining one's joy in life and that is making the right choice in life and to walk in the way of the righteous. Good choices in life mean a good outcome. V3-4 pertains to God's law are channels of God's blessings to those who seek God with their whole heart.

The love of the Torah resonates in this text. Torah is not a burden to take but an instruction of how to live a life of abundance which always ties us with our covenant relationship with God. This covenant affirms God's great concern with God's people thus provided ways how to be successful in life in good relationship with one's neighbor and with God's creatures.

Matthew 5:17

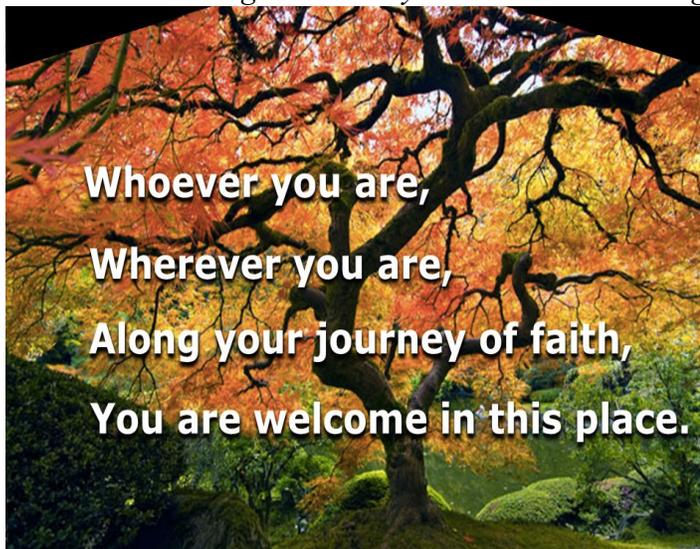
Jesus was giving sermon to his followers. Though people viewed his teachings as new and some perceived his teaching as a replacement of the Torah. Jesus assured his followers that he came not to abolish the laws but to fulfill them. The fresh interpretation that allows the hearers to relate and understand in their context. Torah becomes burdensome if one does not know the context and importance of it. Knowing the whole context in light of our covenant with God moves us to see the Torah as a fashioning embrace of God that will make us God's faithful people.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Doing your class through

- a. **ZOOM Application.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>
- b. **Messenger Room.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KEUTnprtK4>

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Greeting Time

(Post in ZOOM Share a Document- Picture)

Welcome each student as they participate in an online classroom through ZOOM or Messenger Room. After all, access in, say this statement "Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. Our gathering even an online venue evokes God's presence.

Songs of Gathering "Ang Buhay Ng Kristiyano"

Ang buhay ng Kristiyano ay masayang tunay,
masayang tunay, masayang tunay
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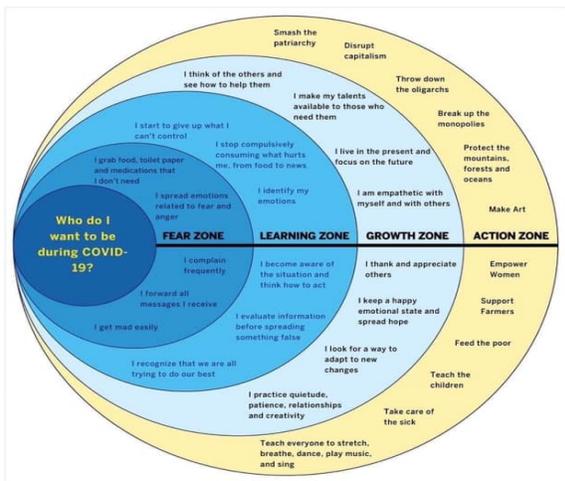
laging masayang tunay.
 “I’ve Got Spirit”
 I got Spirit in my head and it’s keeping me alive.
 Keeping me alive, keeping me alive.
 I got Spirit in my head and it’s keeping me alive.
 Jesus is keeping me alive.

(Ang buhay ng Kristiyano ay masayang tunay (Hahay!)..
 shoulder.. hands... body ... feet... whole body...

“Create in Us A Pure Heart”
 Create in us a pure heart O Lord we pray
 Invite us to your sheltering love
 and make us pure within.
 Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are one.
 Bind us with your Loving Arms
 and Keep us in Your Care.

Opening Prayer (Sentence Prayer)

“I thank you God for _____ . (Allow the learners to complete the sentence prayer. After all say one’s prayer, lead the learners to say loudly, “Amen.”)



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During challenging times, sometimes it’s difficult to see the bigger picture. How we “frame” our thinking about what’s going on around us and how, in turn, we frame our messaging and communication about it shapes how we feel, respond, and build resiliency. How do you choose to frame your experiences with the coronavirus?



Getting Ready

Who do I want to be during COVID? Allow each learner to share how he/she is now in this time of COVID 19 Pandemic. What does he/ she think about this picture? Let him/her share what zone he/she thinks he/she is in now.

Learners need to identify where he/she is. You can be bouncing from one zone to another like ping pong, but one needs not to be overwhelmed with fear. (This may take for the whole 1-hour sharing. We can proceed to our lesson proper next meeting)



Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth. Read the biblical texts found in Psalm 119:1-8 and Matthew 5:17. Allow each learner to read a verse each.

Points to Reflect On

1. What is the passage all about?
2. What does it mean to live a blessed life? How does one experience and achieve a blessed life?
3. What is the importance of the Torah in the life and work of God's people?
4. What does Jesus mean when he said, "I came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it."?
5. How does Jesus able to fulfill the Torah?

Lessons Learned

Presentation of the UCCP Declaration of Principles.

Define first what is the Declaration of Principles. The Declaration of Principles is a set of pronouncements and standards from which the church's stand and governing law of conduct are derived. The UCCP has its Declaration of Principles and is part of the UCCP Constitution and By-Laws which is in Article 2. Bishop Reuel Norman Marigza defines it as "the **“soul”** of the 1993 Constitution, detailing the **essence of UCCP's being.**" He added, "Like the Covenant Prayer, it, too, covers a lot of missional grounds. use our Declaration of Principles as the basis of our decisions, stand on issues, and conduct." As a UCCP member, one has to uphold the values and principles found in the Declaration.

Allow the learners to familiarize the whole UCCP Declaration of Principles. Let them read aloud the whole document and assigned each learner a section or reading part. Encourage them to create acronyms that would help go about the whole document.

Article II

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historic Christian creeds, expressed in the diverse heritage of faith and practice brought into the union by its uniting Churches, and embodied in its Statement of Faith.

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Youth Speak!

Allow each learner to have time in rereading one's assigned section and let them pick up a

word or phrase that made an impact on them.

Ask these following questions:

1. What is your understanding of the Declaration of Principles? How important do you think it is?
2. Do you agree with this statement? (Assigned Section)
3. What is your understanding of this statement?
4. How does it affect you as a member of UCCP? Share one's realization.



Closing Worship

Memory Verse:

“Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.”

Psalm 119:1

Offertory

Leader: Amid pandemic, we are called by God to give. Experiencing difficulties in life does not excuse of giving to others.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response "O God Receive this Offering" Hymnal of Faith Journey, 91
O God receive this offering that we are bringing to you.
This is the sign of our gratitude for your great love for us all.

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: In the fullness of life or an empty cup, we bring to you our gift of life and love
O God. Accept these gifts as we extend our help to those you are needing and
wanting. May you enrich their lives as we too become Your blessings to your
people. Amen.

+Closing Song "God of Light, of Night"
Words and Music by Rev. Goel B. Bagundol
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lJdywZa3anU>)

As the sun has its own setting
As the moon takes fully bright
So the love of God finds its beating
In the light and in the dark

Chorus

God of light, of night we rest
In your sheltering love so best
Dwelling in your finest presence
Is our inmost yearning praise

*Though the day may not be steady
Storm and rain steal the bright new day
But the grace of God still bringing
Peace that last eternally (Chorus)*

*We received and gave God's blessings
We lived our best or failed
But assured of God's leading
Finding God's compassing grace (Chorus)*

+Prayer of Dedication

Invite all learners to say this prayer of Commitment in unison, "I, _____
(stating your full name) promise to uphold and live out our UCCP Declaration of Principles. Amen.

Response (Sing and Dance- Month of October "Universal Dance for Peace")
"Peace Shalom Salaam"

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqNAcZGqwkc>)

Peace Peace Shalom Salaam
Peace Shalom Salaam (Repeat 4x)



Assignment for Next Sunday

Make a Promotional OnLine Sunday School Class through TikTok or a promotional video upholding the UCCP "Declaration of Principles. Present your Tiktok next meeting. For those who has no access to internet, they may opt just to prepare a presentation on how to uphold the church's Declaration of Principles.



Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.
Month of June:

- a. Make a movie presentation about the UCCP Declaration of Principles.
- b. Make a mask for our Front-liners.
- c. Make a Vlog or a journal (if area has no internet access) "Journey with God in the time of Pandemic". Share how we experience God's presence amid pandemic.
- d. Tweet. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Tweeter, FB, Instagram account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 2: How did our Declaration of Principles come to be?

Freedom Sunday

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2020

General Concept: The Declaration of Principles was formulated in 1993 during the Constitutional Convention aimed to articulate the church's self-understanding of its identity, task, and mission as a community of faith and as an institution.

Biblical References: *Joshua 24: 1-15; Acts 15: 1-21*

Age Level Concepts

- The Declaration of Principles was formulated in 1993 during the Constitutional Convention and was duly ratified by the Conferences.
- The Declaration of Principles articulates the church's self-understanding of its identity, task, and mission as a community of faith and as an institution.
- As UCCP members, we are duty-bound to uphold and adhere to the set of principles set by the church.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Narrate how the UCCP Declaration of Principles came to being.
- Share how the Declaration of Principles helps the UCCP members.
- Express one's commitment to upholding and adhering to the set of principles set by the church.

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket / Paypal/ GCash, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, & Copy or Document Shared: UCCP Declaration of Principles.

Biblical Background

Joshua 24:1-15.

A famous quote that practically found in one's kitchen or living room hanging, "but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord!" Uttered by Joshua at the end of his life, a sort of final oration that summons the people of Israel to absolute obedience to God before he dies. Why there is a need to gather all the people? Joshua's people were considered the second generation of those who had been freed from bondage. They had no experience how God's great and wondrous works and they had no grasp of God's faithfulness to God's people.

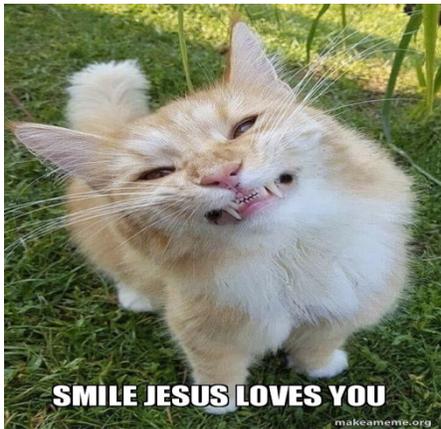
Why in Shechem? Joshua gathered all tribes of Israel to Shechem which is "Tel Balata" it's a modern name. Rich in historical importance, Shechem was the place where Abram first camp (Genesis 12:6-7), it is where Jacob first camp also, purchased land and built an altar calling it, El Eloha Israel (Genesis 33:16-20). Thus, Joshua chose this place in which he has begun to narrate God's faithfulness to Israel, especially to their foreparents. God remains to be faithful even to the unfaithful people who worshipped and served other gods. God keeps promises of the relational covenant despite the lip serving attitude of the people. God freed them from the bondage of Egypt, God led them through and sustain them in the wilderness and God gave them the promised land which they never work for.

Choosing to covenant with God means to serve God exclusively. It is to serve God with utmost sincerity and in truth. One must not just decide on one's own, but one should involve one's household like Joshua has said, "as, for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Acts 15:1-21.

The story of the Council of Jerusalem which narrates about how the apostles' experiences and their reading of the scriptures combine in a way that they recognized God's mercy and grace extended to the Gentiles. It started with the Jewish Christians demanding the Gentile Christians to observe and undergo Jewish Rituals particularly circumcision. To observe the Jewish Laws and Traditions as Jesus did will make fully accepted as Gentile Christians in God's household.

Paul, Barnabas, and other leaders went on behalf of the Gentile Christians. They presented their plea. The church process of deciding a contentious issue and into the substance of the decision reached utilizing broad conversation, standard divisions are examined, sharing of the testimony of experiences counts, and confirmed all with the Scriptures. Throughout the process, three valuables were considered, one is Scripture, the other one is experienced, and lastly, their dialogue which a long conversation that was guided by the Holy Spirit.



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Songs of Gathering " Magmahalan Tayo"

Magmahalan tayo magmahalan, lalalalalalalalala 2x
Napakagandang pagmasdan kung tayong lahat'y magmahalan
...magtulongan tayomagkaisa tayo

"Behold What Manner of Love"

Behold what manner of love our God has given unto us 2x

That we should be called God's Children of Light 2x

“Create in Us A Pure Heart”
 Create in us a pure heart O Lord we pray
 Invite us to your Sheltering Love
 and make us pure within
 Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are one
 Bind us with your Loving Arms
 and Keep us in Your Care.

Opening Prayer

So grateful O God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer for gathering us once again to learn more about your word, reflect with each others’ sharing, and commit ourselves anew before your grace. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.



Getting Ready

What keeps you going in this time of COVID19 Pandemic? Allow each learner to share one’s answer.



Share this chart to your class the 8 Dimensions of Self-Care. Ask the class, how are you caring for yourself based on these 8 dimensions? What dimension/s do you need care the most?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth. Read the biblical texts (Joshua 24:1-15 and Acts 15:1-21). Allow each learner to read a verse each.

Points to Reflect On

Joshua 24:1-15



1. What is the passage all about?
2. What is the intention of Joshua in gathering the people of Israel in Shechem?
3. How did this gathering able to redefine Israel as people of God called to be the light of all nations?

Acts 15:1-2

1. What is the importance of this gathering?
2. How did Paul, Barnabas, and other Gentile Christian leaders present their stand?
3. What was the outcome of this council and how did it create an impact on the whole Christian Community?

Lessons Learned

Review the UCCP Declaration of Principles. Read again the UCCP Declaration of Principles and allow the student to share in their own words of their understanding about the documents.

Share the History of the UCCP Declaration of Principles. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS FEB. 25-27, 1993 EC 93-38

That the delegation to the Constitutional Convention will be as follows:

1. Present members of the Executive Committee
2. All Past General Officers, past Chairpersons of the General Assembly, past General Secretaries, National Treasurers and past Bishops who have served at least one term.
3. Delegates elected by the Annual Conferences: two (2) Ordained ministers and two (2) lay persons for every 5,000 members or major fraction thereof, plus two (2) youth who are non-pastors provided that they are not more than 30 years old at the time of the first day of the Constitutional Convention.
4. Six delegates from CREATE and two delegates from the hospitals.
5. In addition to the two (2) lay persons, local churches with at least 500 members and above shall be entitled to one (1) delegate, (a) provided that said local churches have no delegates elected by the annual conference, and (b) provided further that at least one half (1/2) of the delegation from the conferences shall be women in so far as practicable."

The Constitutional Convention which was supposed to happen in October 1992 was postponed to 2nd week of September which is to specifically start on September 14, 1993. It was held in UCCP-Ellinwood, Malate, Manila.

The UCCP Declaration of Principles was written as part of the UCCP Constitution and By-Laws which is in Article 2. In 1993, the Constitutional Convention was convened and provided the UCCP the opportunity to redefine and reposition itself. The Convention offered the golden opportunity for UCCP to articulate the church's self-understanding of its identity, tasks, and mission as a community of faith and as an institution. What was the resulting UCCP self-understanding of its identity and mission? As Bishop Reuel Marigza remarked, "the Heart and Soul of our Constitution are the Covenant Prayer and Declaration of Principles. The Covenant Prayer, which serves as Preamble, is the "heart" as it expresses the desire of our faith community, that is to *remain in covenant relationship with God and with one another*. This covenant relationship exists to en flesh the vision of our "founding parents of a united and a uniting church, reformed and transforming church." The bias for the unity of the Church is clearly stated, to be expressed both in the conciliar-ecumenical form and in the form of organic union. While the latter form has been relegated to the side as an aim of the ecumenical movement, the UCCP, even as it affirms its commitment to the

ecumenical movement, sees the organic union as still a valid missional and ecclesiological concern and thrust. The Declaration of Principles, is the “soul” of the 1993 Constitution, detailing the essence of UCCP’s being. Like the Covenant Prayer, it, too, covers a lot of missional grounds it is the basis of our decisions, stand on issues, and conduct.”

The UCCP Constitution and By-Laws paid way of unifying the various Local Churches who experienced and still experiencing disunity amount its members and church workers. It became the basis of our faith understanding of who we are as a Church and who we are as people of God who are called to be partners in doing God’s mission to the whole creation. (Bishop Reuel Norman Marigza)

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Youth Speak!

Allow each learner to have time in sharing their thoughts and answers on the following questions:

- a. What makes our church different from other churches? What is so unique about our Church?
- b. Basing on our UCCP Declaration of Principles, what similarities do we have to other faith communities? Identify a faith community that stands along with us.

Presentation of Your Promotional Video on Tiktok.

Allow the group/ individual to present one’s work. After presenting, let the group express their ways of how the young people can uphold and adhere to the UCCP Declaration of Principles nowadays especially amid pandemic?



Closing Worship

Memory Verse:

“ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River

or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

Offertory

One: God is good all the time.

People: All the time, God is indeed good

One: For God is good and gracious, let us also be gracious in giving our offerings to God.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response “Doxology”

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: We thank you O God for the gift of light, life, and love we receive. We now give you our offerings wholeheartedly. Accept and use these as your Church continue to reach out to others. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

+Closing Song “Hallelujah Hymn” *Words and Music by Rev. Goel B. Bagundol*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Taebnnr7eHs>

Come O you creatures of heaven and on earth

Let us give praise to our God

Creator of all things, the Source of our lives

Praise God to whom we belong

Chorus

Hallelujah! Let us praise God’s Name

Proclaiming God’s wondrous works

Joining together as one in God’s fold

Singing and dancing with God

Redeemer of all lives, we come to you

Jesus our Savior, our Light

To you we offer our lives and our all

Praise Jesus Christ our Lord (Chorus)

Sustainer of life, Holy Spirit We Plea

Strengthen our fellowship

Move us to live out our faith today

Praise Holy Spirit our Guide (Chorus 2x)

+Prayer of Dedication

We thank you O God for the time together, for the lessons we learn and the fellowship we cherish. May you continue to protect and keep us safe from this COVID19 Pandemic. Amen.

Response (Sing and Dance- Month of October “Universal Dance for Peace”)
“Body Prayer: Await, Allow, Accept, and Attend”

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKdXyKzTXk>)

The prayer has four simple postures. And intentions.

AWAIT (hands at the waist, cupped up to receive): Await God’s presence, however it may come to you.

ALLOW (reach up, hands open): Allow a sense of God’s presence) to come ...or not...and be what it is.

ACCEPT (hands at heart, cupped towards body): Accept as a gift whatever comes or does not come. Accept that you don’t know everything, that you are not in charge.

ATTEND (hands outstretched, ready to be responsive): Attend to what you are called to, willing to be present and be God’s love in the world, however God calls you to.



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Lesson 3: What is the significance of having principles to the life and work of the church?

Father’s Day
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2020

General Concept: The declaration of principles is the “soul” of the UCCP Constitution and By-laws, in that it expresses the essence of UCCP’s being and identity.

Biblical References: *Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; 1 Cor 15:58; Matthew 28: 18-20*

Age Level Concepts

- Our church has principles that guide the life and work of the church
- We embrace, keep and stand by the principles of our church

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Articulate the relevance of the UCCP Declaration of Principles in our context today
- Paraphrase the UCCP Declaration of Principles in one's word
- Create ways how to uphold our UCCP Declaration of Principles

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket / Paypal/ GCash, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, & Copy or Document Shared: UCCP Declaration of Principles.

Biblical Background

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Part of Moses' last sermon to the people of Israel which is commonly called Shema (Deuteronomy 6: 4-9). The passage expresses the essence of Judaism, that God must be loved and obeyed at all times. These words are inscribed on small scrolls contained in a box called a "mezuzah" fastened to the doorpost of every Jewish home. ... Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone." Unlike other gods, Yahweh is all-powerful, omnipresent, omnipotent, and one only God. The rest deities especially the Egyptian gods are merely powerless and hopeless. The response that all people must have is to love Yahweh above all with one's heart, soul, and mind. Such an act of love manifests in one's loyalty and obedience to God's commands.

Matthew 28:18-20

Known to be the Great Commission or Christ's Mandate, Matthew 28:18-20 tells about the instruction of the resurrected Jesus Christ to his disciples to make disciples of and baptize all nations in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus' last command started with giving the disciples authority in heaven and on earth. The confident that Christ is indeed the Messiah, the Savior, and Lord. This assured his frightened disciples and telling them that the time has come and they are about to reach and teach the whole world to make them Christ's disciples for changed lives experiencing God's kingdom here on earth. This baptism is their proclamation that "Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior- He died for me, and I live for Him."

This Great Commission has been the basis of Christ's Church life work and mission. The Church is called to go- both near and far at most beyond all borders, reaching all people and creatures by words and by the example of life living, letting them experience God's Kingdom as they partake Christ's Lordship, and able to do the same. Some Christians are focus on preaching the gospel, others tend to focus on making disciples. We have to understand that such Commission is a subversive act both in the Jewish Religious Order and the Imperial State. The last command enticed a multiplication of followers of Christ that renounces the reigning order, it even defiles the Emperor and uplifting the Lordship of Christ Jesus. It was not intended to be a personal thing, but it invites believers to be in community to live as an example of Kingdom living where food is giving to the hunger, water is given to the thirsty, shelter for the homeless, clothed for the naked, and care for those who are sick and those who are in prison (Matthew 25:31-40).

Suggested Lesson Outline

Doing your class through

- a. **ZOOM Application.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>
- b. **Messenger Room.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKEUTnpK4>
- c. **Classroom Context.** Keep Social Distancing and wear one's Mask. Observe the washing of the hands and disinfection of your classroom.

Greeting Time



(Post in ZOOM Share a Document- Picture: Don't Worry So Much. God Is In Control)

Welcome each student with a smile as they participate in an online classroom through ZOOM or Messenger Room. After all, access in, say this statement "Don't worry so much. God is in control!"

Songs of Gathering "I am a Christian"

I am a C

I am a C-H

I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N

and I have C-H-R-I-S-T

in my H-E-A-R-T

and I will L-I-V-E E-T-E-R-N-A-L-L-Y



"I Want To Be In Tuned"

I want to be in tune with infinity, love with divinity
Trust with simplicity, I want to serve with utmost humility
I am a Child of God 3x

I want to be in tune with infinity, love with divinity
Trust with simplicity, I want to serve with utmost humility
I am a Child of God

"Create in Us A Pure Heart"

Create in us a pure heart O Lord we pray
Invite us to your Sheltering Love
and make us pure within
Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are one
Bind us with your Loving Arms
and Keep us in Your Care.



Opening Prayer

Youngest of the Class: "We thank you O God our Parent for caring, loving,

and protecting us amid COVID19 Pandemic. We ask for your presence to be with us to enlightened us as we study your word and deepen our understanding of Your Church. To you, we offer our attention and participation in this learning experience. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Getting Ready

What do you care for yourself during this COVID19 Pandemic?

Share this chart with your class”What You Can Do To Take Care of Yourself. Ask the class, how are you holding on coping with the pandemic. What area/s do you need to care for?



What You Can Do To Take Care of Yourself

The same five areas in which you experience the effects of trauma are also areas to focus efforts to help yourself cope. The following are some ideas others have found useful. Add to it those you have found helpful.

Emotional (feelings)	Cognitive (thinking)	Behavioral (doing)	Physical	Spiritual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Practice moderation •Allow yourself to experience what you feel (cry, shake, breathe deeply) •Label what you are experiencing •See a counselor •Be assertive when needed but check with a trusted person to see if you're overreacting •Practice relaxation response exercises •Keep communication open with others •Remember you have choices •Develop your sense of humor •Find a vent-partner •Use "positive" words and language •Go fishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Practice moderation •Write things down •Be patient with yourself •See the decisions you are already making •Make small, daily decisions •See a counselor who does EMDR, (Eye Movement Desensitization and Repressing) •Get the most info you can to help make decisions •Plan the future •Anticipate needs •Remember you have choices •Review previous successful problem solving •Break large tasks into smaller ones •Ask for help from friends and family •Go bass fishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Practice moderation •Balance time spent with others with time for yourself with God •Limit demands on time and energy •Help others with tasks •See a counselor •Do activities that were previously enjoyable •Take trips or different routes to work •Remember you have choices •Ask others how they think you're doing •Find new activities that are enjoyable and (mildly) challenging •Set goals, have a plan •Do things that relax you and bring you joy •Get involved with others in working for a justice that restores •Go crappie fishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Practice moderation •See your doctor and dentist •Exercise •Maintain regular sleep patterns •Minimize caffeine •Eat well-balanced and regular meals •Drink water •Wear less restrictive clothing •Remember you have choices •Engage in some physical luxuries-spa, massage, exercise trainers, baths •Practice relaxation response exercises •Dance •Go catfish fishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Practice moderation •Discuss your beliefs with spiritual leaders •Pray •Meditate •Practice the rituals of your beliefs •See a counselor •Attend spiritual retreats •Visit new places of worship •Remember you have choices •Ask the hard questions boldly •Pass on or teach your spiritual beliefs •Read spiritual literature •Read stories of other survivors who overcame hard times •Sing •Paint •Write poetry •Go trout fishing
•YOUR IDEAS	•YOUR IDEAS	•YOUR IDEAS	•YOUR IDEAS	•YOUR IDEAS

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth. Read the biblical texts (*Deuteronomy 6:4-9, & Matthew 28: 18-20*). Allow each learner to read a verse or two.

Points to Reflect On

Joshua 24:1-15

1. What is the passage all about? (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)
2. What is the intention of Moses in delivering this last sermon?
3. How did “Shema” able to become a household text and relic to every Jewish Family?
4. Is Shema still relevant today especially to Christian believers?
5. Did this gathering able to redefine Israel as people of God called to be the light of all nations?

Matthew 28: 18-20

1. What is the importance of this text to the early Christians?
2. Does the Great Commission of Jesus to his disciples relevant today?
3. Is your Church doing the Great Commission?

Lessons Learned

Review the UCCP Declaration of Principles. Read again the UCCP Declaration of Principles and assign a section or two to the learners and give them time to paraphrase in their own words the assigned section. Invite them to be creative and always remind them to let it presentable to the young generation.

(Refer to the copies provided during the previous sessions)

Youth Speak!

Allow each learner to have time in sharing their thoughts and answers to the following questions:

- a. What do you think is the relevance of the UCCP Declaration of Principles to our Church today especially to our young people?
- b. How do you promote this Declaration of Principles to young people of your Church?



Presentation of Your Sunday School On-line Promotional Video.

Allow the group/ individual to present one’s work. After presenting, let the group suggest ways how to involve other young people both in the church as well as the youth where your church is located.

Closing Worship

Memory Verse:

“18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20



Offertory

One: We are called to give as Christ Jesus gave.

People: As followers of Jesus, we cannot but give selflessly as Christ did

One: Let us be generous in our giving as we help not just our Church but to the whole UCCP as well.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response “Offering Song” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eesl9-dsg9U>)

I don't need riches, I don't seek fame
all I need is to believe in Your Name
I don't seek treasures that soon will be gone
But you died for me once all I know this is true
so with all of my heart I'm living for you.

Chorus

Lord, here is my offering. It is more than the song I sing,
It's my life and when I think upon the day
You save me cause of grace Lord
Oh Lord, here's my offering.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: We give to you our offerings as a symbol of our love and commitment to do your will. Accept these and make use of these in helping our church and our community. Amen.

Closing Song “UCCP Hymn “

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMuTKGg9m5k>)

Words and Music by Rev. Goel Bergado Bagundol

We come together in Christ's name
Of different cultures and ideologies
We are God's children young and old
Called to share the Gospel to the World.

Chorus

United Church of Christ in the Philippines
We are Church of Jesus Christ
Called to serve the least, the lost, and last
We are welcoming, we are one.

We live together in God's space
Respecting every creature has its place
We are all genders preference
Called to be Christ's presence everywhere .(Chorus)

We stand together for God's will
Building bridges of hope and unity
We are strong, weak, rich and poor

Striving peace and justice for us all.(Chorus 2x)

+Prayer of Dedication

We stand believing in you O Jesus as Savior and Lord. We work because You commanded us to go, preach, teach, make disciples, live, and work for God's kingdom here on earth. In Christ's Name. Amen.

Response "Body Prayer: Await, Allow, Accept, and Attend"
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KdXyKzTXk>)

The prayer has four simple postures. And intentions.

AWAIT (hands at the waist, cupped up to receive):

Await God's presence, however it may come to you.

ALLOW (reach up, hands open):

Allow a sense of God's presence) to come ...or not...and be what it is.

ACCEPT (hands at heart, cupped towards body):

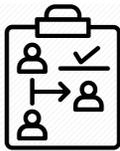
Accept as a gift whatever comes or does not come.

Accept that you don't know everything, that you are not in charge.

ATTEND (hands outstretched, ready to be responsive):

Attend to what you are called to, willing to be present

and be God's love in the world, however God calls you to.



Assignment for Next Sunday

Assign by the groups. List at least 10 partner churches or organizations of the UCCP/ Local Church. Compile pictures that show UCCP Interfaith and ecumenical works especially in your Local Church.



Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

Month of June:

- e. Make a movie presentation about the UCCP Declaration of Principles.
- f. Make a mask for our Front-liners.
- g. Make a Vlog Or journal. Journey with God in the time of Pandemic. Share how we experience God's presence amid pandemic.
- h. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Tweeter, FB, Instagram account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 4: What do we mean by being an "integral part of the Church" of Jesus Christ?

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28,2020

General Concept: Being an integral part of the Church of Jesus Christ means we are connected with other communities of Christian believers. We are part of a bigger and wider body.

Biblical References: 1 Corinthians 1:2; 12:4-14; 21-27

Age Level Concepts

- We are an integral part of the whole Christian community
- We recognize and work with other Christian communities

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Define and explain what does it mean of being an integral part of the Church of Jesus Christ
- Identify other Christian churches that the UCCP is working with.
- State one's commitment to working with other Christian Communities

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket / Paypal/ GCash, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, & Movie Presentation of UCCP Ecumenical and Interfaith Life Work of One's Local Church.

Biblical Background

1 Corinthians 1:2; 12:4-14; 21-27

Paul's arrival in Corinth being narrated in Acts 18. Paul came and met a Christian couple named Aquila and Priscilla, who were tentmakers by trade, like Paul. He ministered the believers in Corinth for a year and a half, supporting himself by tent-making. Paul unlike before came not a Philosopher or Jewish expert but he came as a witness to Christ's Jesus.

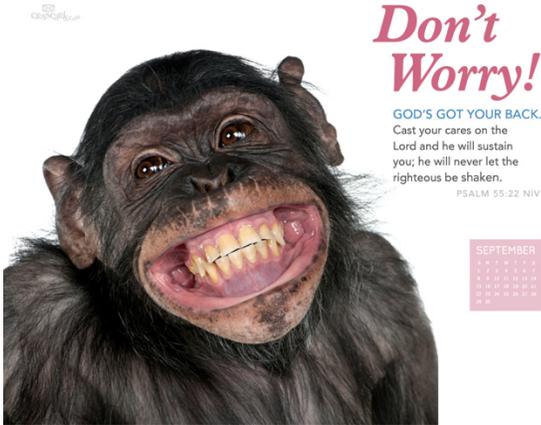
1 Corinthians 12 talks about how Paul addressed the issue of division within the church. Some reasons caused division among the believers, one of which was the issue about where one belongs- Are you for Apollos or Paul. There was also scandalous sexual behavior made by the leaders and resulted in suing each other in public courts. There was unequal treatment of people on higher and lower status at the celebration of the common meal. Lastly, the ongoing debate about which gift is the greatest of all. In this passage, it deals with the different judgment of the gifts of the Spirit was to some claimed that their gifts are far better than the others. Paul reminded them that all belongs to Christ Jesus, like the body made of different parts we are also belong to one body. God placed the parts in the body just as God wanted. God gave honor to each part and gave equal concern. If one part suffers, all parts suffer with it. If one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

With the different gifts, we have the same Spirit, with different services still, we have the same Lord. There are kinds of ministries but we have the same God at work. We have gifts of wisdom, knowledge, prophecy, distinguishing between spirits, speaking in different tongues, and interpreting the message spoken- all work of the same Spirit.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Doing your class through

a. **ZOOM Application.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>



b. Messenger Room.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKEUTnprtK4>

c. **Classroom Context.** Keep Social Distancing and wear one's Mask. Observe the washing of the hands and disinfecting your

classroom.

Greeting Time

(Post in ZOOM Share a Document- Picture: Don't Worry So Much. God Is In Control)

Welcome each student with a smile as they participate in an online classroom through

ZOOM or Messenger Room. After all, access in, say this statement "Don't worry... God got your back."



Songs of Gathering

"Together In God's Family"

I'm part of you and you're part of me

Together in God's family 3x

We're living together in God's Household

Every Little Cell

Every little cell in my body is happy,

Every little cell in my body is well (2x)

I'm so glad I feel so good Every little cell in my body is well

Praise the Lord I feel so good Every little cell in my body is well.

"Create in Us A Pure Heart"

Create in us a pure heart O Lord we pray

Invite us to your Sheltering Love

and make us pure within

Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are one

Bind us with your Loving Arms

and Keep us in Your Care.

Opening Prayer

All: Our Great and Mighty God, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin our Sunday School lesson. Teach us to listen, interact, and participate in every activity that we will be having. Thank you for being with us today. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Common Responses to High Stress and/or Trauma
Self Test: Put a check beside the responses that describe you.

After experiencing a traumatic event, or in response to cumulative stressors, it is common – and normal – to experience a wide range of emotional, cognitive, physical, and spiritual reactions. These responses may appear immediately after the event(s) or some time later. These are normal reactions to abnormal situations. The following are some of the most common responses.

Emotional	Cognitive (Thinking)	Behavioral (doing)	Physical	Spiritual	Societal Effects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear • Terror • Anxiety • Panic / Phobia • Anger / Rage • Apprehension • Depression • Vulnerability • Shame • Guilt • Sadness • Grief • Emotional shock • Emotional outbursts • Loss of emotional control • Feelings of helplessness or hopelessness • Feeling numb • Irritability • COURAGE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confusion • Nightmares • Hyper-vigilance • Suspiciousness • Flashbacks • Overly sensitive • Difficulty making decisions, spacey • Poor concentration • Memory problems • Shortened attention span • Critical, blaming • Poor problem solving and abstract thinking • Preoccupied with the event(s); inability to recall all or parts of the event • Disoriented to person, place or time • Heightened or lowered awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdrawal • Self harm • Overwork • Antisocial acts • Inability to rest, pacing • Hyper-alertness • Erratic movement • Suspiciousness • Emotional outbursts • Change in speech patterns • Increased alcohol/drug use • Avoiding places related to the event • Difficulty writing or talking • Impaired sexual functioning • Loss or increase of appetite • Feeling clumsy • DOMESTIC VIOLENCE • CARING FOR OTHERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirst/dry mouth • Twitches • Vomiting • Weakness • Chest pain • High BP • Rapid heart rate • Muscle tremors • Visual difficulties • Nausea/diarrhea • Shallow breathing • Dizziness or lightheadedness • Chills or sweating • Easily startled • Fatigue • Changes in appetite • Sleep disturbances • Headaches • Grinding teeth • Inability to rest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emptiness • Loss of meaning • Doubt • Feeling unforgiven • Martyrdom, feeling punished • Looking for magic • Loss of direction • Cynicism • Apathy • Needing to "prove" self • Alienated • Mistrust • Crisis of faith • GROWTH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anxiety • Silence/impaired communication • Aggressive behavior • Isolation • Lack of empathy • Denial • Low energy/low productivity • Inflexibility • High rates of alcoholism, drug abuse • High rates of (corrected) mental health issues (depression, sexual dysfunction, etc) • High rates of stress-related health issues (and medication use) • Intergenerational transmission of pain • SPIRITUAL GROWTH, WISDOM

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Getting Ready

Long stress leads to trauma. Ask the learners, “how they are doing today?” Let them look at Common Responses to High Stress and Trauma. Do you see yourself having these manifestations? Let them share why are they feeling these manifestations.



Learning Time



Discovering the Biblical Truth. Read the biblical texts (1 Corinthians 1:2; 12:4-14; 21-27. Allow each learner to read a verse or two.

Points to Reflect On

1 Corinthians 1:2; 12:4-14; 21-27

1. What is the passage all about?
2. What is the context of this message of Paul to the believers in Corinth?
3. How did Paul able to settle the division? What images did he use to explain his stand?
4. Is division still an ongoing problem of our Church today?
5. How do we address the issue of division? In what way can the young people become an instrument of reconciliation?

Lessons Learned

Read Section 1 of the UCCP Declaration of Principles together, “Section 1. The United Church of Christ in the Philippines is an *integral part of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.*”

Ask the learners of their understanding of “integral part”? Encourage participation in the discussion. Being an integral part of the Church of Jesus Christ means we are connected with other communities of Christian believers. We are part of a bigger and wider body. Looking back at our Church Story, we became one Church out of many Protestant denominations.

Their intension was not to gang up against the Roman Catholics but to be seen as one body of Christ cooperating and uniting in spreading the gospel to the Filipinos. The UCCP has been



working with other churches within and with other faith communities and so also with government and non-government organizations especially in bringing services to God's people.

Youth Speak!



Sharing of Assignments: Share their lists of partners their local church work with. Let them present pictures that show the UCCP ecumenical and interfaith life work.



After presenting their Assignment, ask them these following questions;

1. What do you discover/appreciate about UCCP or your local Church?
2. Do you think all the Christian Churches around the world can become one church? How will it be achieved? How does it work?
3. Suggest ways how can the CYF work with other Christian denomination or other faith communities. Identify your Church partners and suggest ways to work with them.



4. Plan 3 Youth ecumenical and interfaith activities that are feasible for implementation. Present these plans to your pastors and the CYF organization for approval and implementation.

Closing Worship



Memory Verse:

“12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12:12

Offertory

Leader: When we say that we love God but hate giving, we are fooling ourselves. When we love, we give extravagantly and generously. Let us offer to God our offerings.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response “Offering Song”(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ees19-dsg9U>)

I don't need riches, I don't seek fame
All I need is to believe in Your Name

I don't seek treasures that soon will be gone
But you died for me once all I know this is true
so with all of my heart, I'm living for you

Chorus

Lord, here is my offering. It is more than the song I sing,
It's my life and when I think upon the day
You save me cause of grace Lord
Oh Lord, here's my offering.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: Accept our love's symbol and may it help contribute to doing mission to your
people. In Christ's Name, Amen.

+Closing Song

“ FAMILY OF GOD”

BY GBB 11-06-07

We come together as one,
we're family in the household of God
Praising God to whom we belong,
the Source of ev'ry one's life

Chorus

In the love that we give, in the faith that we live
bringing us to a place we called home
In the care that we show, every joy we bestow
joining us in the family of God.

We live together as one, Sisters-brothers in the household of God
Knowing God the head of our home,
We live in community. (Cho.)

We serve together as one We're partners in the household of God
Bringing love, justice, and peace

We serve with humility (Cho.)

We hope together as one We are heirs in the household of God
Seeing vision of newness of life
We hope for new reality (Cho.)

+Prayer of Dedication

As we go from here, help us to remember all we've learned, each day to love and share.
The lessons and sharing we've enjoyed, and the commitment we take from now on,
remind us Jesus is our friend, we're never on our own. We have you with and for us.
Amen.

Response Body Prayer: “Await, Allow, Accept, and Attend”
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKdXykzTXk>)

The prayer has four simple postures. And intentions.
AWAIT (hands at the waist, cupped up to receive):
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ALLOW (reach up, hands open):
Allow a sense of God's presence) to come ...or not...and be what it is.
ACCEPT (hands at heart, cupped towards the body):

Accept as a gift whatever comes or does not come.
Accept that you don't know everything, that you are not in charge.
ATTEND (hands outstretched, ready to be responsive):
Attend to what you are called to, willing to be present
and be God's love in the world, however, God calls you to.



Assignment for Next Sunday

Look for a picture of any church activities that shows the unity of your Local Church. Post it in your Social Media Account- FB, Instagram, or Tweeter or bring it to the class if learners don't have a social media account.



Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of June:

- a. Make a movie presentation about the UCCP Declaration of Principles.
- b. Make a mask for our "Front-liners".
- c. Make a Vlog or journal. Journey with God in the time of Pandemic. Share how we experience God's presence amid pandemic.
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Lesson 5: *What do we mean by "One Church of Jesus Christ"?*

Communion Sunday
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2020

General Concept: *The One Church of Jesus Christ is the community of believers that proclaims Christ's Lordship.*

Biblical References: Ephesians 4:5-6, 15-16; Galatians 3:28

Age Level Concepts

- *The One Church of Jesus Christ is the community of believers that proclaims Christ's Lordship*
- The One Church of Jesus Christ affirms that there is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Define and relate their understanding of the "one Church of Jesus Christ".
- Simplify in their own words the affirmation that there is only "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism".
- Proclaim the Lordship of Christ Jesus to the world using multi-media.

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket / Paypal/ GCash, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse

Biblical Background

Galatians 3:28

Paul wrote this letter to the believers in Galatia to encourage the Gentile Christians to be steadfast in their faith in Christ Jesus amid the bombarded criticism from the Judaizers. Paul advised them to ignore the accusation and bullying and focus on the grace and love of Jesus Christ to all. They do not have to follow the Jewish laws and traditions to be saved or to be accepted in God's household. It is in Christ, we are being part of God's family and we are fully united with everyone else who is in Christ. There are no lesser Christians in the family of God.

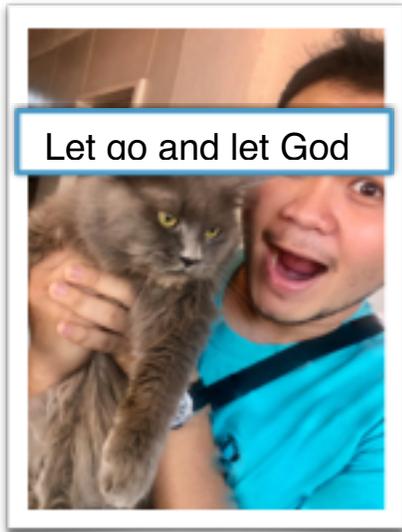
Ephesians 4:15-16

Paul pursued unity of faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ as the Son of God. One has to speak in truth, in love, and grow up in all things into Christ who is the head of the Body and from whom the whole body joined and knit together. Paul warned the believers against the trickery of men. He was warning them about many false teachers spreading false teachings about Christ. Particularly on church unity, Paul suggested ways to maintain the unity of the body. One has to speak the truth in love. This speaks not only on how we are to relate to one another in God's family, but also on how leaders and saints are to deal with deceivers. One has to deal with them in love but never budging from the truth. Paul encourages believers to grow up in all things into Christ who is the Head and this means receiving nourishment equally and growing up complimenting each other. Leaders should all be doing their job, effectively complying with their responsibilities. God wants all parts to do their share of the whole body.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Doing your class through

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- Messenger Room.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lKEUTnprtK4>
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Greeting Time

(Post in ZOOM Share a Document- Picture: Let go and Let God have God’s Way)

Welcome each student with a smile as they participate in an online classroom through ZOOM or Messenger Room. After all, access in, say this statement “Don’t be so grumpy, let go and let God.”

Songs of Gathering “ We Are One in the Spirit”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
 And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
 Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
 We will work with each other, we will work side by side
 And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
 Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.



“We Are One in the Bond of Love”
 We are one in the bond of love 2x
 We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God
 We are one in the bond of love.

“Create in Us A Pure Heart”
 Create in us a pure heart O Lord we pray
 Invite us to your Sheltering Love
 and make us pure within
 Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are one
 Bind us with your Loving Arms
 and Keep us in Your Care.

Opening Prayer

All: We place into Your hands O God our coming together to know more about your will for our Church. Help us to be one in Spirit and Truth. In Christ’s Name, we pray, Amen.



Getting Ready

Share to the learners this video entitled: “Eye-Opening Christian Illustration - Christian Cartoon - (@ChristianRapz)”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhZTDb8AwgU>. Encourage everyone to share her/his thought about the video and relate it to one’s condition as of today.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth. Read the biblical texts (Galatians 3:28 and Ephesians 4:15-16) aloud. 12:4-14; 21-27.

Points to Reflect On

Galatians 3:28

1. What is the passage all about?
2. What is the context of this message? How did Paul encourage the gentile Christians to be steadfast in their faith in Jesus Christ?
3. What does this message tell us today?

Ephesians 4:15-16

1. What is the message of Paul to the believers of Christ?
2. How does the church achieve and maintain one's unity among its members and leaders?
3. How can the young people of our church help maintain the unity of the church?

Lessons Learned

Read Section 1 of the UCCP Declaration of Principles together, "Section 1. The United Church of Christ in the Philippines is an ***integral part of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.***" Ask the learners to paraphrase in their own words and explain the meaning of "One Church of Jesus Christ." in today's context. Show your pictures depicting your Local Church Unity.

Youth Speak!



After presenting their Assignment, let them watch a video entitled, "Which Christian denomination is correct?" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95Kc4phloc>).

Invite the learners to list causes of division within the church and with other Christian denominations. How can the church realize the prayer of Jesus, "that all may be one."? Let the learners suggest ways how to proclaim Jesus Lordship to all creatures inviting everyone to be in unity with him and to every believer no matter what denomination or race one is.

Closing Worship



Memory Verse:

"There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

Offertory

Leader: In unity, we express Christ's lordship all over the world. In one Lord, one mission we give for a purpose and with the intention of expressing our love to God. Let us now give extravagantly and generously participating in doing God's mission here on earth.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response

“You Are the Seed” New Century Hymnal, 528

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
You're the star that will shine through the day;
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
a beacon to glow in the night.

Refrain: *Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,
Messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love,
Be my friends a loyal witness from the dead I arose.
Lo, I'll be with you forever till the end of the world.*

Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: Having received new life and new strength through your gracious love and care, we are grateful to you and you alone O God. Accept our offerings and may it be of great use in spreading your love to the world. In Christ's Name, Amen.

+**Closing Song** “Several Springs, One Stream” By Rev. Goel B. Bagundol

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer of Creation.
One Body, one Spirit, united in Your Name
Looking back the heritage of faithfulness
Coming together in Your prayer of unity.

One Body, one Spirit in unity of mission
One Calling, one Being, proclaiming Christ on Earth
Called to work for Love, Justice and Peace
Coming together in the prayer of Unity.

Chorus

Several springs one stream one God
Called us together
Sharing the Word, living the Word of God
for the World to know
In Christ we're all united bonded by His prayer
Coming together in perfect harmony.

One vision, one mission
Commissioned to the nation

One witness of service empowering God's word
Moving on to our calling and commitment
Coming together in God's joyous community.
(Chorus 2x)

coda

Called us together in unity of prayer

+Prayer of Dedication

For your unfailing presence, we thank you O God. May we put flesh to the lessons that we learned today. May your loving Spirit, direct and show us the way. In Christ's name. Amen

Response

“Blessing Song” (With Body Movement)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o20ZAHahCrQ>

May the love of our God be with us as we serve

May God's loving presence fill our lives

May we live our faith and our love to our God

May we be God's instruments of God's peace



Assignment for Next Sunday

Know the meaning of the phrase, “Holy Church of Jesus Christ”

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of July:



- a. Make a promotional video of your online FB streaming, inviting all FB viewers.
- b. Make a PPE for our “Front-liners”. Identify the recipient hospital and staff. Make at least 10 complete sets of PPE
- c. Make a Vlog or a journal. Journey with God in the time of Pandemic. Share how we experience God's presence amid pandemic.
- d. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Tweeter, FB, Instagram account the lessons you've learned from the session.

