



**ST. PAUL'S**  
United Methodist Church of Odessa  
*Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out*

**MIDWEEK**  
**June 27, 2018**

If you are able to help Pastor Karin set up for her moving sale on Thursday (Thursday is set up and sale is on Friday and Saturday) she would greatly appreciate any help she can get.

### ALBUM OF PASTOR KARIN'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO VIEW THE PHOTOS.

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**\*\*\*HUGE KUDOS TO MEGAN REITZES FOR ALL THE AWESOME PHOTOS!**

### WEEKLY GATHERINGS

- ✦ Office Hours Monday thru Friday 9 AM – 2 PM
- ✦ Wednesdays, Bible Study At 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM
- ✦ TOPS Meeting Wednesdays at 6 PM
- ✦ Wednesdays 8:30 Worship Ensemble Rehearsal at 7 PM
- ✦ NAMI 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 7 PM
- ✦ Fridays Pastor's Sabbath
- ✦ AA Meeting Saturdays 7 PM

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- ✦ Thursday, June 28 NAMI Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 7 PM
- ✦ Monday, June 27 Daybreak Counseling from 4-7 PM
- ✦ Sunday, July 15 Bells of the Bay Concert at 4 PM St. Paul's Sanctuary
- ✦ Saturday, July 21 Youth Pool Party at Charlotte & Ronnie Miller's Farm from 2-7 PM
- ✦ Sunday, July 22 Pastor Bo's first Sunday **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:15 AM**
- ✦ Monday, July 23 Daybreak Counseling from 10 AM – 8 PM
- ✦ Tuesday, July 24 Daybreak Counseling from 10 AM – 12:30 PM
- ✦ Thursday, July 26 Pastor Karin preaches at Barratt's Chapel at 7 PM
- ✦ Monday, July 30 Daybreak Counseling from 10 AM – 8 PM
- ✦ Tuesday, July 31 Daybreak Counseling from 10 AM – 12:30 PM
- ✦ Monday, August 6 SPRC Meeting at 6:30 PM
- ✦ Tuesday, August 7 Finance Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM
- ✦ Tuesday, August 14 Trustees Meeting at 6:30 PM
- ✦ Friday, August 17 from 7-9 PM & Saturday, August 18 from 9 AM to 12 PM Leadership Team Retreat--more info to come!

### ***WE CHANGE IT UP A BIT IN THE SUMMER***

While we will continue to have our regular two worship services, **stay tuned for details on Pastor Bo's first service at 9:15 AM.**

Our worship leaders for the summer will be mostly from our Leadership Teams & Ministry Groups starting June 3. Remember that someone in your group will need to be liturgist for the assigned Sunday. And if your group cannot do the week assigned, please reach out and switch with another group. Most groups have several members or folks that are connected from which they can recruit to assist. It's that simple.

The list is as follows for both liturgists and Fellowship

7/1	TOPS	8/5	WORSHIP ARTS
7/8	TRUSTEES	8/12	MISSIONS & OUTREACH
7/15	HEALTH MINISTRIES	8/19	WORSHIP COORDINATORS
7/22	SPRC	8/26	MEMBERSHIP MINISTRIES
7/29	FINANCE		

### SUMMER FELLOWSHIP --MEET US IN THE MIDDLE

Linger Longer after 8:30 Worship & Enter Early for 11 Worship!  
Knosh & visit with folks from either service, deepen relationships, share your stories, laugh together!

*Reaching Up* to praise God in vibrant worship



**July 1 REGULAR WORSHIP at 8:30 & 11 AM**

***GUEST PREACHER RITA FRY***

*Read Ahead: Mark 5:21-43*

***Reaching Out in Faith***

**Gail Garner, ASL Interpreter at 8:30 AM**

**Yellow Hat goes to a Family in Need (we are closely connected to)**

**Don't forget to wear your Name Tags!**

***Blood Pressure Screening & Pak-A-Sak Sunday***

#### **REV. DR. RITA FRY**

Pastor Rita joined the Kenton United Methodist Church on January 1, 2018. She is a preacher that focuses on the area of leadership both in the church and in the community.

Pastor Rita is the second of two children born to Carlton and Barbara Hetzell. She believes in preaching and teaching the word of God, and just as importantly, she believes that we must "live" the word. Pastor Rita is an open and honest woman of God and is respected because of her "walk" with the Lord.

Pastor Rita was called as a preacher of the Gospel in January 2015. After being called to ministry in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church, she began her Masters of Divinity at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Pastor Rita completed her degree in December of 2017. She is a leader that has devoted herself to the betterment of people through the spiritual and educational process.

Pastor Rita was an educator in the Delaware Public School System for 25 years. She then worked as an Education Associate at the Delaware Department of Education. Retiring in October of 2017, Pastor Rita serves both Hartly United Methodist Church and Kenton United Methodist Church. She has been pastor of HUMC since July, 2016. Pastor Rita has matriculated through a few college degrees including a Doctoral degree (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership from Wilmington University, a Master's degree in Physics Education from Delaware State University, and a Bachelor's in Chemistry from the University of Delaware.

Pastor Rita and her husband, Donald "Don" Fry, were joined in holy matrimony on 9 September 2001. Don is a true man of God devoting his life to the purpose in which God has predestined for him. Don has a kind and open spirit that reaches out to everyone in which he meets. His playful and witty spirit sets him apart from others, as he is always thoughtful and generous. Don is an avid deer and waterfowl hunter.

Pastor Rita has three beautiful children: a daughter, Ashley and son-in-law, Dana; a son, Brandon and daughter-in-law, Amanda; and a son, Jason and daughter-in-law, Michelle and new grandson, Bohdi – born December 30, 2017.

<b>WORSHIP COORDINATOR</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11 AM</b>
<b>Ushers: June Stemmler</b>	Paul Loder, Greg Apps, John Harmer, Alan Martin, Dave Sydnor, Dave Pearl	Denis Shaffer, Dean Hatton, John Harmon & Charlii Miller
<b>Liturgist</b>	TOPS	TOPS
<b>Greeters: Johanna Learish</b>	John & Elayne Guy	Linda Botsford
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kendall Reitzes	
<b>Com. Set-up: Kathy Chas</b>	John & Patti Harmer 2 Chalices 1 loaf + plate of non-gluten	3 Chalices 1loaves + plate of non-gluten
<b>Com. Servers: Carole Harmon</b>	John & Elayne Guy	Jeanne & Dawn Buckworth
<b>Young Disciples</b>	Wendy Wallace	Tracy Walls-Pulling
<b>Word in Song</b>		
<b>Flowers: Janet Rowley</b>	Carlotta Cline in memory of Leonard & Leon Hampson	
<b>Fellowship:</b>	TOPS	
<b>Counters: G. Guessford</b>	Linda Botsford & Sharon Hunnicutt	

### **DEAR SISTERS & BROTHERS IN CHRIST:**

So this is my last letter to you as your pastor. It is hard to believe that time has slipped away so quickly! I am so humbled by your cards and notes of sweet and kind thoughts, by your big-hearted monetary gifts and the generous gift to El Ayudante! There are so many of you to thank for making this past Sunday truly memorable—I don't want to leave anyone out! The team members who planned all of the activities and the food and the cards and memories and presentations – your work was perfection! The PowerPoint was terrific! Love and laughter and tears and gratitude flooded me in our special time together! The gifts from the Senior High Youth, the Boy & Girl Scouts, the cake, the music, the flowers, the acts of sacrifice of time,

the list goes on and on! I didn't have the opportunity to bid farewell to many of you individually, but in a way that is good, because it ISN'T goodbye...our relationship will simply change into a journey of fellow pilgrims who seek Christ's will and way in different places, still intersecting on occasion, still sharing our experiences and inspiring and encouraging one another to a deeper relationship with Christ Jesus.

As I leave I encourage you to re-discover the joys of a faith-filled life at St. Paul's, to deepen your commitment to Christ and His Church, to step into our Bible studies and opportunities to use your gifts in service to the world. Our scriptures from Sunday [2 Corinthians 6:1-13 and Mark 4:35-41] can be a benchmark of encouragement for all of us:

- ✦ ***Jesus is first.***
- ✦ ***Let us work together with Him!***
- ✦ ***Love one another.***
- ✦ ***Forgive one another.***
- ✦ ***Be gentle with one another.***
- ✦ ***Open wide your hearts to all –for we all need to be reminded that each and every one of us are of sacred worth.***
- ✦ ***Don't give the world an opportunity to criticize the church, but rather let us rise to God's higher standard and show the world the way of love and integrity.***
- ✦ ***Tell God's truth.***
- ✦ ***Have faith—God will make a way when there seems to be no way and God will work good out of even the most daunting of circumstances.***

Love your new pastor, Rev. Bo, and be patient and offer yourselves in service to him as he comes to know what a dynamic people you are at St. Paul's. Allow him to bless you with his gifts, of which he has many!

I love each of you deeply. We will be together again. And remember--

***All will be well and all will be well, and even so, my sisters and brothers in Christ, all will be well.***

In Christ's service and peace,

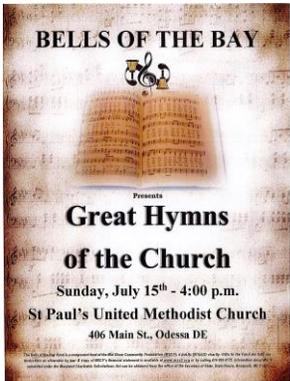
*Pastor Karin*

PS For those of you who have asked, this is my current schedule:

- ✦ Wednesday, June 27 Moving trucks pack, load and move to Millsboro; Pastor Karin returns to Middletown in the evening
- ✦ Thursday, June 28-Saturday, June 30 Pastor Karin prepares for yard sale for Friday & Saturday.
- ✦ Saturday, June 30 return to Millsboro for evening
- ✦ Sunday, July 1 First Sunday at Grace UMC, returns to Middletown in the evening for final clean-ups, etc thru Thursday, July 5 when she and the pugs & kitty head out for their new home in Millsboro.

## NOTES from the LOFT

What a wonderful morning of remembrances Sunday! Quite a memorable send off for Pastor Karin as she leaves us for her new congregation at Grace UMC. I want to thank the Chancel Choir for their beautiful anthem, *I Believe*, Pastor Karin's favorite anthem. And to our St Paul's Ringers! A fabulous job with accompanying the congregation in the glorious hymn, *Crown Him With Many Crowns*, as well as presenting their own anthem, *Alleluia*. I'm sure Pastor Karin will keep these presentations in her soul for quite a while to come. We will miss her being a part of the Ringers, too. A special thanks to both Duane Dillard and Jeff Anderson with their magic on the keyboard!



Special thanks to all of those who sang during the luncheon: Frank Whittington, Janet Miller, Joyce Nelson, Diane Shoun, Charlotte and Ronnie Miller, Rick Pulling, Dave Corby and Kinme Reeves. All of you added a special touch to such a great morning.

And as we say goodbye to Pastor Karin and wish her well, a new era begins at St Paul's. In three short weeks, Pastor Bo will be here and a new journey begins. Again, thank you to all who participated in this service. Blessings, *Shelley*

*Reaching In* to deepen our spiritual walk with Christ

### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

- The trees in Rear Parking Lot will be taken out the FIRST Week in July! He will advise the exact days shortly so we can put out notification for NO PARKING IN THE REAR



### UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS UMM STAYING ON PAR WITH GOD

The UMM's next outing is scheduled for Monday July 2 at 9 AM. More info to follow and please feel free to join us! Thanks and God Bless each of you! *Paul Loder*

### DVD OF PASTOR KARIN'S LAST SUNDAY SERVICE

If anyone is interested in a DVD for purchase of this past Sunday's service, it will be available at this Sunday's service.

### THANK YOU!

Thanks so much to all the volunteers and parishioners who dropped off, clipped, and sorted coupons. We will be sending approximately \$5,000 in manufacturer coupons for our troops overseas to use. I would like for us to continue to support the Troopons program. For more information about Troopons visit: [www.supportourtroops.org/troopons](http://www.supportourtroops.org/troopons)  
*Lulu Calbazana*



## MISSING!!!

Small black Canon Camera-20X  
Please return to church office if found.

## CONGRATULATIONS to Katelynn Scott, who was named Delaware School Librarian of the Year from Middletown.

<http://www.middletowntranscript.com/news/20180621/delaware-school-librarian-of-year-from-middletown>

## FAMILY LIFE DEPARTMENT UPDATES from Vicki Spence

### YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING

Youth Ministry Training Saturday, June 30 Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center  
This one-day training will offer practical advice and resources for pastors, paid staff, and volunteers doing ministry with youth. The cost is \$15/person and includes the sessions as well as lunch. To register: [www.pecometh.org/youth-ministry-training](http://www.pecometh.org/youth-ministry-training). Youth Leaders and Parent Volunteers, please consider attending this training. Let Alice know if you can go and she will register you. SPUMC will fund all participants.



## ATTENTION ALL YOUTH OF ST. PAUL'S....

### YOUTH POOL PARTY AT CHARLOTTE & RONNIE MILLER'S FARM Saturday, July 21 from 2-7 PM

Looking for some fun in the sun? Join us at the Millers for a picnic, pool, games and laughs! Sign up in the Narthex to bring a side dish. If you have questions, let Mrs. Miller know at [cmiller@hoober.com](mailto:cmiller@hoober.com). Looking forward to a fun time. Bring a bathing suit and a friend or two and be ready for fun!

### JOYS & CONCERNS: Please take the opportunity to go to our website

([www.stpaulsodessa.org](http://www.stpaulsodessa.org)) to complete a prayer request—it is the most convenient, 24-7 way to get your concerns on our prayer lists. Please alert the office when someone can be taken OFF the list by emailing [stpodessa@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto:stpodessa@stpaulsodessa.org). Submitting a Prayer Request is the best and most assured way that your request will be added to the mid-week and worship folder but for HIPAA reasons PLEASE get permission before adding.

We do our best to keep up with the needs of our congregation, but we may not always have up-to-date information. If you or a loved one are in need of a pastoral visit, please call the church office to schedule.

Blanche Bailey is at Broadmeadow and welcomes visitors.

**RECENTLY ADDED:** Kimberly Pitroli, Dennis Turk, retired Rev. Seong Baik

### CONTINUED PRAYER:

Paul & Lois Loder on the loss of their dog, Moses  
Keith & Meghan Sydnor on the loss of the dog, Coal

Angela Christian  
Samantha Jayne  
Pastors Bo & Vicki  
Gordy-Stith, Joy & Eli,

on their tragic loss of son & brother Elijah;  
Rick & Tracy Pulling on the loss of their puppy Kenzi



Henry Gans  
 Ruthann Strickland  
 John & Peggy Kostor  
 Mac Stevens  
 Marcus R.  
 Lindsey  
 Joanne Argoe  
 Rev. Cheryl Jensen  
 Jennifer  
 Jerry Thompson  
 Kimmie  
 Jim Fisher  
 Emma Apps  
 Ardith Pecht  
 Clark Ellis  
 Donna Austin  
 Paul Nappi

Taylor Shoun  
 Kitty Hutchison  
 Stewart Hettig  
 Janet Pompeo  
 Cindy  
 Aleksandra Fratta  
 John Shields  
 Richmond Draper  
 Kathy Henry  
 Jackie Connell  
 Jane Johnson  
 Larry Meyer  
 Scott  
 Ludvigson Family  
 Joy Davis  
 Darryl Calvert  
 Betty Hastings

Gavin  
 Toni A.  
 David Snipes  
 Beverly Bederman  
 Ryan Whitmer  
 Mario Semmler  
 Chip Johnson  
 Diane Jones  
 Sheridan Outten  
 Merle Ciesielski  
 Maggie McCombs  
 Celeste Cox  
 Debbie

**BIRTHDAYS**

June 27	Emma Ingram	July 4	Marisa Apps
July 1	Luah Dahn		Carter Gustafson
	Kelly McNelis		
July 2	Thomas O'Grady		

**ANNIVERSARIES**

June 27	John & Elayne Guy
June 28	Mitch & Bev Fawcett
June 30	Alan & Daphne Martin
July 2	George & Lynda Whitehead

**GENTLE OFFICE REMINDERS** from Alice Mullins, Administrative Assistant



✦ REMINDER to please LIKE our Facebook page. We converted the facebook page so please click "re-like" it to get the latest updates on St. Paul's events and info. Type in <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsOdessa/> and give us a thumbs up.



✦ If you have updates for the weekly Midweek Memo, please email them to the office no later than each Tuesday by Noon at [stpodessa@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto:stpodessa@stpaulsodessa.org), or place them in the office mailbox.

✦ **Stewardship of the building** is extremely important as we take care of our privilege to have a building that is safe and secure. We also want to make sure it is welcoming to our guests so please discard any litter you see in the church yard. Thank you.

✦ I apologize in advance if anything is left out of the Midweek or Worship Folders. Please bear with me during this transitional period as Pastor Karin prepares to go to Grace UMC and we receive Pastor Bo Gordy-Stith at St. Paul's UMC on July 22. Thanks so much!

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## Reaching Out *with acts of love & compassion*

### COVENANT GARDEN



Monday saw 2 1/2 inches of rain in gauge from the weekend & ground too wet to work. On Tuesday, I harvested the following and delivered to Neighborhood House: 3 lbs of lettuce, 43 squash and 11 zucchini. I also tied up several plants. On Wednesday, I tied up more plants while Alan Martin roto-tilled entire garden. On Thursday, myself and Alan Martin harvested the following and delivered to Neighborhood House: 14 zucchini and 21 squash. More plants are starting to bloom and next week string beans and cucumbers will be ready for picking. Thanks to Alan Martin for his help this week and God Bless! *Paul Loder*



GALATIANS 6:9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up.

### UPCOMING YELLOW HAT SCHEDULE

July 1 – Family in need we are closely connected to

July 8 – El Ayudante Child, Yesprin

July 15 – Deaf Awareness Sunday

### PAK-A-SAK

On the first Sunday of the month we bring non-perishable items for the food closet at Neighborhood House, a local agency that helps families in the MOT area. This Sunday consider tithing your weekly grocery budget and bring healthy meal choices for folks who are having a hard

time making ends meet. Think about including breakfast items, healthy snacks for kids, pasta & sauce, juice. There is also a need for hygiene items such as tooth paste, adult toothbrushes, bath soap and size 5 and 6 diapers.

**NAMI: NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS will meet Thursday, June 28 at 7 PM**

St. Paul's will host a NAMI Support Meetings for family members, loved ones and caregivers of people with mental illness. These meetings are offered at no cost to participants.



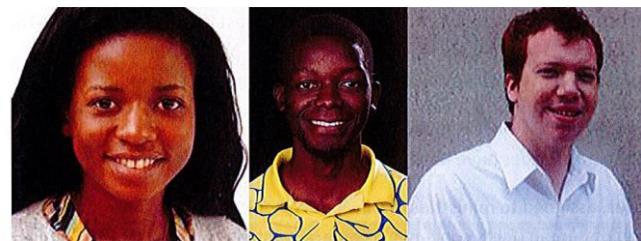
The NAMI Family Support Group Program is a peer-based, mutual support group model. The vision is that every family member/caregiver/loved one in our state who has a loved one with mental illness will have, within reasonable driving distance, a NAMI Family Support Group to attend. NAMI Delaware's Mission is "to support, educate and advocate until there is a cure for severe and persistent mental illness." 302-427-0787 www.namidelaware.org

FOR SALE to a beginning golfer or a collector: Set of men's golf clubs, purchased and used in the late 1950's. Custom Irons and Woods; irons #2-9 complete, woods #1-4 set of 14, sand wedge, putter, bag included. Will consider ANY offer.

FOR SALE to a woman golfer: Set of women's clubs, purchased in 2014. Sunny yellow bag and umbrella included...as well as any balls in the pocket. Will sell for \$75 or best offer. Contact June Stemmler for both sets JJJS4@aol.com or see me at a church service.

Dear CSGMs and Mission folks of the NEJ,

I received this message about three of our missionaries serving in the Philippines. Please share the social media info. attached on your social media, as you are able, so we can get the government to release all of them. *Thomas Kemper*



I am writing to you on a sensitive and urgent matter concerning three of your fellow missionaries. At 10 a.m. EDT today, we will begin a public campaign urging the Philippine government to release one of our Global Mission Fellows, Tawanda Chandiwana, from detention and allow him, along with Miracle Osman (a Global Mission Fellow) and Adam

Shaw (a Global Missionary) to leave the Philippines immediately.

We invite you to visit [umcmmission.org/LetThemLeave](http://umcmmission.org/LetThemLeave) and join us in:

1. Signing the online petition that calls for the immediate release of our missionaries
2. Raising awareness through social media
3. Covering our missionaries in prayer by praying daily at NOON, wherever you are, for as long as these three young people are held:

*God of grace and peace, be with our missionaries.  
Keep them free from harm.  
Bring them home.  
Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.*

Thomas will arrive in Manila on July 1 and anticipate visiting Tawanda and working together with other partners there on the ground.



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Dear partners in mission,

Thank you for your commitment to collaboration in the #LetThemLeave movement.

Throughout the next 48 hours we will be launching an extensive digital campaign to garner support for the release and repatriation of Tawanda Chandiwana, Adam Shaw and Miracle Osman.

We ask that you closely follow Global Ministries' Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages as we release materials in a poignant manner. Due to the unique situation of the missionaries, we also ask that you adhere as closely to the original messaging as possible. We are writing all public messages for a broader audience, while activating leaders and influencers through personal asks.

In preparation, we would like to share our current timeline with requested participation:

**Tuesday AM:**

**Global Ministries will:**

Issue a press release with accompanying media: Facebook profile picture overlays, Facebook and Twitter cover photos, "Link-in-bio" for Instagram (<https://www.umcmmission.org/LetThemLeave>). A link to the statement by the Council of Bishops will be within the GBGM release.

**You are encouraged to:**

Share/repost/retweet the press release with the accompanying photo and calls to action, included in the original post (which should auto-populate); add overlay to profile pictures; change your cover photo on Twitter and Facebook. An Instagram-appropriate image is included in this package, with a daily call to prayer that can accompany the post.

**Tuesday AM (shortly after press release):**

**Global Ministries will:**

As these pieces gain traction, we will release individual graphics with short blurbs about the mission personnel's work in the Philippines, and overview of their unique positions.

**You are encouraged to:**

Share to Twitter and Instagram.

**Tuesday afternoon:**

**Global Ministries will:**

Release a video of "Tawanda," with lyrics composed by David Pascua, and performed by students at Columbia Theological Seminary in the Philippines. In lieu of individual caption files, we will have Tagalog and English translation in the captions embedded into the video. This allows us to maintain consistency, post across cultures and make videos accessible to deaf consumers.

**You are encouraged to:**

Share from Facebook, repost on Instagram and retweet from Twitter respectively as we will be optimizing videos for each channel.

**Wednesday:**

Anticipated video release from General Secretary Thomas Kemper.

We will be monitoring the success of the campaign throughout, and creating other strategic messages through the end of the week as needed. We will be sure to keep partners updated on the messaging moving forward.

**As of now we will push messages from the following spaces:**

Facebook.com/globalministries

Twitter @umcmmission

Instagram @umcmmission

**The following hashtags will be in use upon launch:**

#LetThemLeave

#TawandaKasamaMoKami (translates to "Tawanda we are with you")

**Messages we are promoting:**

One Global Mission Fellow has been detained, while two others (one GMF and one missionary who was previously a part of the GMF program) have not received clearance to leave the country. We want the government to #LetThemLeave. Our focus is to gather signatures on a formal petition, compelling the government to release Tawanda from detention, and provide him, Adam and Miracle with clearance to leave the country. You can do this through the [umcmmission.org/LetThemLeave](http://umcmmission.org/LetThemLeave) site.

**Messages we ask you NOT promote:**

Removal from the terrorist watch list; alleged connection to terrorist organizations; messages that may implicate the government of wrongdoing; messages that directly critique Duterte and his government, which may exacerbate the situation.

As we progress, expect to receive an FAQ sheet from us to share in case other partners receive questions through comments or messages. Moreover, immediate concerns can be sent through direct messages on any of our social media channels. We will be consistently monitoring these spaces.