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NPMP board selects new officers

On April 3, 2009, the newly elected board members of National Prison Ministries Philippines, Inc. – also known as Prison Fellowship Philippines (PF Philippines) – elected a new set of officers.

Elected president and board chairman is Atty. Roy Valenzuela. Ms. Tessie Uadan is the new vice-president. The new board secretary is Atty. Romeo Villante, Jr. and Nomer Venus is treasurer. Dr. Taniajura has become an ex-officio member of the board and adviser. At the general assembly meeting of the NPMP, eight new members were also accepted. ■



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Dr. Taniajura takes on new NPMP role

Dr. Rey Taniajura assumed a new role in the National Prison Ministries Philippines (NPMP) starting April 3. At the general assembly meeting of the NPMP, the assembly granted Dr. Taniajura an ex-officio board membership with the title chairman emeritus and board adviser. After founding NPMP in 2003, Dr. Taniajura served NPMP continuously as chairman of the board and president.

Dr. Taniajura's legacy to NPMP/Prison Fellowship Philippines included among others the representation of the national ministry in international Prison Fellowship International conferences and convocations. In 2004 and 2007 he was head delegate of NPMP to the PFI convocations in Toronto, Canada. He also represented NPMP in the regional caucuses in Hong Kong and Japan. PFI also asked him to assist in conducting national ministry surveys for Prison Fellowship Taiwan, Japan, Cambodia and Thailand.

In 2004, Dr. Taniajura and his wife, together with NPMP vice-president Ms. Tess Uadan, completed a course in the International Institute for Correctional Management in Kerala, India. On the same year, Dr. Taniajura also obtained an international diploma in restorative justice from the Queens University in Toronto, Canada.

As head of NPMP, he ushered in a new era of prison ministry service in the Philippines by co-organizing restorative justice seminars with Dr. Dan Van Ness of PFI's Center for Justice and Reconciliation as speaker. The seminars were hosted by the Judicial Academy of the Philippines, Department of Justice, Parole and Pardon Administration, University of the Philippines College of Law and the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines' ecumenical prison and pastoral council. Dr. Taniajura has also conducted retreats and seminars for national and regional officers of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP). He has also taught at BJMP's Jail National Training Institute in Canlubang, Laguna. ■

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