BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY!

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Why Bayanihan?

VCCI as a community and a family naturally have a "Bayanihan" spirit. We have already been exercising unity and harmony through our programs and day-to day events, but in this new year of 2017 and onwards, we yearn to be more organized and desire to develop more camaraderie, bonding, fellowship, and friendship as brothers and sisters in Christ—not only during Sundays but also in our daily life.

We say "Go Bayanihan" which aims to encourage each member and family of the VCCI to embrace and help one another not just physically but also in spirit and in prayer. Every member can say "I can do something for my brethren!" or simply lend a hand to our co-members at any time.

Feeling at home, "Bayanihan" feels home away from home. Not only is it a word that always make us feel accepted and loved but also a word that we always value for it reminds us to cherish our Filipino heritage.

Through this program of our church, we can shine to others if we practice it regularly and joyfully in our lives. As the scripture says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16).

VCCI as a church can make a difference, by the grace of God we can start it from ourselves to "Think globally, but act locally".

Activities and Strategies:

Giving pledges – for church projects (e.g. giving financial support to church building; church activities; mission; bible schools)

Special events and occasions – helping others to organize their special events

"Lipat Tirahan/Bahay" - helping members to move location

Potluck – sharing resources (e.g. food to fellowships, picnic, outing)

VCCI Sunday Carpooling – special vehicle to pick-up people to go to church every Sunday

Benevolence – disposition to do good in the interest of others. Giving financial support to member's bereaved family

Celebrate Life – Any VCCI member who is getting married, and couple who's expecting a child, they are entitled of \$200.00 from the church

Objectives:

This program aims to develop the following objectives, summarized using the acronym **B-A-Y-A-N-I-H-A-N**"

- B Building good relationship thru partnership (Psa. 133:1)
- A Abiding in God's word and pray unceasingly (John 8:31)
- Y Yielding and loving one another (Romans 12:10)
- A Adapting to each other's weaknesses (2 Timothy 2:24-25)
- N Nurturing the body of Christ and encouraging and being patient with one another (1 Thess. 5:14-15)
- I Involving oneself to carry each others' burden, imparting blessings and gifts from God (Gal. 6:12, Romans 1:11-12)
- H Helping the weak and the needy (John 15:12, Phil. 2:4, Rom. 15:1, Matt. 25:35-40)
- A Accomplishing task productively, thus goals can be easily achieved (2 Corinthians 9:6)
- N Navigating God's direction and pressing on toward the goal (Phil. 3:11-14)