## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



We are treading on the course of an exciting trajectory. Indeed, it is the time to celebrate and express our collective thanksgiving. It is also the time when we again gather to renew our mutual commitment to work for the betterment of God's vineyard in these islands. It is this commitment that led our founding forebears to establish ECLOF Philippines and it is this commitment that our members and partners continue to support and grow our organization. It is therefore in this light that our General Assembly assumes paramount significance because without the renewed declaration of our shared vision, we drift into the world of profit-making and self-focused corporate enrichment.

As we congratulate our board, management, field staff and GA members for the growth of our net worth and our consistent positive performance in recent years, we also continually remind ourselves that the reason for all our efforts is to serve the people of God, alleviating their poverty so that they can truly enjoy Christ's promise of abundant life for all. Our theme "Consolidation Towards Sustainable Growth" must be understood in terms of our service and our impact upon the lives of our people.

And so even in the midst of the sizzling hot temperature we are now facing in the metropolis, we still warmly greet each other in this year's General Assembly as we all pray and look forward to another fruitful and meaningful year ahead!

