



December 2013

TO: ALL CUPE MANITOBA LOCAL CONTACTS

Greetings Sisters and Brothers:

As you are all aware, several weeks ago Typhoon Haiyan devastated the Philippines. Thousands may be dead and homes, businesses and infrastructure are lying in ruin.

Many CUPE members have contacted our office in the past weeks to ask what CUPE is doing to assist, and how locals may also help. I thank you for your concerns. We have thousands of members with loved ones in the Philippines who are affected by this tragedy. We will be there for these members. I am proud to be part of a union who prioritizes global efforts of solidarity amidst our already packed agendas.

CUPE National has made a donation to Oxfam in the amount of \$25,000. This amount is being matched with the federal government until December 9, 2013. They have also donated \$5000 to COURAGE (Confederation for Unity Recognition and Advancement of Government Employees) our sister union in the Philippines. CUPE Manitoba has made a donation to Oxfam in the amount of \$2000 and to COURAGE we have donated an additional \$1000.

The Canadian Labour Congress has shared the same information in regards to donations from labour organizations. This information may be found on the Oxfam Canada website, or by copying and pasting the link below:

<https://secure.oxfam.ca/index.php?project=Philippines%20Typhoon%20Emergency&source=union-clc>

Thank you for considering a donation to relief efforts in the Philippines. In such difficult times around the world, our contribution is helping our global sisters and brothers. No amount is too small.

I wish you and your families all the best this holiday season.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Moist". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly Moist
President, CUPE Manitoba

Cc: Pam Beattie, Pat Daley, CUPE Manitoba Executive, CUPE regional staff, D. Grimaldi Regional Director

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