



LEFT Tellison facilitates a selfie featuring Bishop Brent Alawas and transitional deacons the Reverends Carrothers and Gutjahr during the Convention procession.



Archbishop Skelton and Padi Arvin Amayag in front of Arvin's former parish of St. Paul's.

Diocese of New Westminster Ambassadors Visit Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines

On February 17 after 13 ½ hours aboard a full Philippine Airlines flight, an intrepid team of travellers from the dio-

cese of New Westminster touched down in Manila. The fellowship included: Archbishop Melissa Skelton, Deacon Eric Stroo, the Rev. Tellison Glover, the Rev. Arvin Amayag, Diocesan Council youth representative Jade Martin-Seedhouse, and three newly ordained clergy — Reverends Cameron Gutjahr, Vivian Seegers, and Tasha Carrothers.

At the beginning of their ten day trip, the Ambassadors were guests at the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines (EDNP) 48th Annual Convention at the Cathedral in Bontoc where they were warmly welcomed by the Bishop Brent Alawas and the diocese. The Convention was followed by a tour of the region, visits to many churches and a full agenda.

As of this writing in late February, Diocesan Communications (*Topic*) has received hundreds of smart phone photos from the Ambassadors of which there is a small sampling included. More detailed coverage of this historic

trip and many more photos will be available on the diocesan website and in a future issue of *Topic*. ✝



Diocese of New Westminster Ambassadors stop for a meal.



Traditional dancing in honour of the visitors to St. Paul's.



Bishop Alawas and Rev. Glover discuss church building.



Vivian with friends, including Evelyn and Elvie both who have attended the Diocesan School for Parish Development.



The folks at the "preaching station" of St. Philip which is an adjunct of St. Michael and All Angels, EDNP which is the partner parish of his parish, St. Michael's, Vancouver (Multicultural).



Jade in a tree.