



UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 24-25:76
DATE : May 2, 2025
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : **Institutional Theme for SY 2025-2026**

As we begin preparations for the upcoming academic year, I am pleased to announce our institutional theme for SY 2025-2026: **"Compañerismo (Companionship): United in Purpose and Action, Building Bridges towards Reconciliation"**.

Our previous institutional theme, "FAITH: Advancing Ignatian Spirituality – Transforming Hearts, Minds, and Lives", ushered us onto a path of spiritual transformation, a journey that requires nurturing through edifying and apostolic companionship. This theme of companionship invites us to continue our shared journey and together build a more inclusive, compassionate, and reconciled community, both within and extending beyond the walls of the Ateneo de Zamboanga University, living out the Jubilee Year's call to be Pilgrims of Hope.

Rooted in our Ignatian values, this theme challenges us to embody:

Cura personalis: We are invited to listen attentively, respond kindly, and accompany one another with empathy and presence, building a community where everyone feels seen, valued, and supported.

Magis: We will lead, teach, and learn with depth, purpose, and a dedication to improve things in the service of the greater good. We shall go beyond what is expected, choosing what truly matters, and striving for excellence in all we do, not for personal gain, but in service of others and the greater good.

Synodality: We will walk together, as students, staff, teachers, and leaders, sharing in the everyday life of the Ateneo community. We will strengthen relationships rooted in respect and trust, where we support one another, listen with open hearts, and make space for every voice to be heard.

I enjoin all units, offices, centers, departments, and members of our community to embrace this theme and incorporate it into your daily operations, events, and initiatives. Like a family, we move forward together to be people for others, driven by faith, united in action, and committed to the reconciliation of all things in Christ.

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)
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(Companionship)

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