



UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 25-26:57
DATE : May 29, 2026
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : **Institutional Theme for SY 2026-2027**

As we move forward to SY 2026-2027, let us carry a renewed sense of mission with hearts fully committed to our calling – embracing our institutional theme, "*Servicio con Amor y Alegria: Steering the Path to Human Flourishing, Reconciliation, and Justice.*"

In the past academic year, we highlighted the theme "*Compañerismo: United in Purpose and Action, Building Bridges towards Reconciliation.*" This called us to walk together across differences, disciplines, and communities, fostering dialogue, healing divisions, and strengthening our shared mission. Through this, we have grown not only in unity of purpose but also in our capacity to respond collectively to the needs of the times.

This year, we are invited to deepen and to more fully express our spirit of companionship by bearing fruit in concrete acts that reflect the heart of the AdZU mission. We are called to serve together, to turn our shared commitments into acts of generous service that give life to others and to ourselves. This invites us to go beyond duty and efficiency, toward service that is rooted in compassion, animated by love, and sustained by joy. Not a fleeting joy, but a deep kind that arises when our work truly aligns with who we are and what we stand for here in Ateneo de Zamboanga University.

In the Jesuit tradition, service is never merely functional; it is relational and transformative. It calls us to recognize the dignity of each person, especially those at the margins, and to respond with a love that is both discerning and active.

As an academic community, this means:

- Forming students who are not only competent but also compassionate and committed to serving others;
- Engaging in teaching, research, and community service that uplift communities and promote justice and peace;
- Cultivating a campus culture where care, respect, generosity, and gratitude are evident in daily interactions;
- Making ourselves and our AdZU community available to God's calling, leading, and grace.

Let this year be marked by a renewed spirit of generosity in our work, a deeper sense of purpose in our engagements, and a visible joy that inspires those around us. In **servicing with love and joy**, we continue the journey we began – now not only building bridges but actively walking across them to accompany and be accompanied, to uplift and be uplifted with others.

Let us move forward together – serving with love and finding joy in the mission entrusted to us. *En todo amar y servir.*

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)
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Servicio con Amor y Alegria
(Service with Love and Joy)

Theme for SY 2026-2027
"*Charting Pathways to Human Flourishing,
Reconciliation, and Justice*"



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