

## **Clinical Pastoral Education and Mental Health Ministry**

Rev. Mary Ann Oman Dumalang-Vallente will offer a workshop on Clinical Pastoral Education and mental health ministry as part of the wellness offerings during Annual Conference on Thursday, July 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Tongan Room at Anchor Park.

In this session, Rev. Mary Ann Oman Dumalang-Vallente will draw from her pastoral experience in Mindanao, Philippines, to explore the life-giving practices of Clinical Pastoral Education and its vital role in responding to mental health needs within congregations and communities. Grounded in the conference theme, “Loving Boldly” (Matthew 22:37–39), she will reflect on how compassionate presence, attentive listening, and spiritually integrated care can equip leaders to respond faithfully in contexts where mental health challenges are increasingly present.

At a time when mental health concerns are significant in Alaska, this workshop offers both practical tools and theological depth for clergy and lay leaders seeking to expand their capacity for pastoral care and embodied love.