Dansalan is a Muslim province in Mindanao. Through the pioneering work of Dr Frank Laubach in the area, a Christian College was established right at the heart of the capital, Marawi City – Dansalan College.

Dansalan College has a 99.9% Muslim student population.

Over the years, Dansalan College has been affected by sporadic wars and conflicts, and has been in constant threat to life and security. Former presidents of the college, for example, had been kidnapped, one case resulting in the death of the President’s wife. The current President has also experienced harassment and death threats. The recent case involves the destruction of the college farm including the cutting of all the mahogany trees and the burning of others that were not cut. There was total destruction.
In the aftermath of the last spate of environmental violence – with the deliberate destruction of trees in the farm, the college decided to create a peace garden.

Students can sit quietly under the trees to study and pray during Muslim prayer times.

The greening of DCFI is in a way a response to the challenge of climate change.