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Rev. Tan Beng-Chi Moderator, PCT Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong General Secretary, PCT

Dear Rev Tan Beng – Chi and Dear Rev. Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong,

It is with great distress that we received the news about the strong earthquake 6.4 magnitude that struck Taiwan with its epicenter just off the East Coast of Hualien City and Hualien County. It is with great sadness that we have been following the news during the past two days about as many as 9 people confirmed dead and 260 injured, while several others are still missing. We see the suffering of many people who are affected due to this calamity and we offer our prayers at this time of their distress. Our most sincere condolences to the bereaved family members of those who were killed. As the desperate search for survivors continues, may the Lord God protect and guide all those who are tirelessly involved in difficult tasks. We assure our fervent prayers and extend solidarity to the families of the victims, wounded, and survivors of this natural disaster.

It is heartening to note from the information you have shared with us that the PCT has already initiated relief assistance through staff teams deployed from the General Assembly Office as well as with the assistance of indigenous churches and communities in four Presbyteries in the affected areas, East Presbytery, Truku Presbytery, Pangcah (Amis) Presbytery and Bunun Presbytery. While we appreciate the immediate disaster responses initiated by PCT, as a symbolic gesture of CCA's concern and expression of solidarity, we have arranged the transfer of a token contribution of U.S \$ 5,000 (U.S. dollar Five Thousand) from CCA for PCT 's relief work in the earthquake affected area. Although this is a very small amount, please consider this as a token of our deep appreciation to PCT's humanitarian assistance to the affected people and communities. This amount will be transferred to PCT' Bank account tomorrow. May I request you to kindly send us the details of the Bank Account of PCT.

We will continue to remember you all in our prayers. May God almighty strengthen all those who are experiencing the pain and sorrow and PCT members who are tirelessly working for the rescue operations in the affected areas.

Yours along the journey

Mathews George Chunakara General Secretary, CCA