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SUBJECT: Sulawesi, Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami 28 September 2018
– Sincere Condolences from the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

The media reports have highlighted for us the tragic and devastating effects of the tsunami triggered by a magnitude 7.5 earthquake in the districts and coastline of Palu on Sulawesi Island last Friday, 28 September 2018. Words always seem so inadequate at such times still on behalf of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT) we write these few words to express our condolences and convey assurance of our prayers - our hearts go out to the people of Sulawesi and Indonesia.

According to the media reports we understand the fatalities reached almost 900 and the number continues to rise. We pray for the families whose loved ones were taken away from them without warning and so swiftly. We pray for the injured and those deeply distressed still searching for their family members. At the same time we pray for your government and all those involved in the disaster response teams. From our own experiences dealing with natural disasters in Taiwan we fully appreciate the road ahead to reconstruction and rehabilitation will be long and hard - it takes years to rebuild communities and infrastructure after such major loss. As a family of faith we cry to the Lord and cling to God knowing as the Psalmist says:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Psalm 46:1, 7)

As your churches have opportunity to evaluate the situation do kindly keep us informed so we in turn can share the prayer concerns with our members.

Sincerely yours in Christ

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