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The Rev. Wayne Matheson
Assembly Executive Secretary
Presbyterian Church Aotearoa New Zealand

Dear Sisters and Brothers

As your church officers and representatives gather this week for the Presbyterian Church Aotearoa New Zealand General Assembly meeting we write these few words of concern and solidarity.

We wish to assure you on behalf of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT) officers and members you are in our thoughts and prayers as the disturbing news of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake which struck the South Islands, in particular the communities of Kaikoura and Culverden, reach our screens.

It is reported to date that fatalities number two and we convey our condolences to the grieving families. We also understand that the damage to property and land is quite substantial and that people are being evacuated from Kaikoura by the military and navy personnel as aftershocks continue.

At this point we fully realize from firsthand experience it is early days yet to evaluate the full extent of the damage and needs assessment of your people, country and churches but undoubtedly it will be a long road to recovery in the affected areas. PCT would appreciate any news reports from your church in due time so we can share with our members as we continue to uphold your country in our prayers.

The Lord be your comfort and strength,

Yours sincerely in Christ

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