

PCT General Secretary: Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong

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Rev. Ramthanga General Secretary Presbyterian Church of Myanmar (PCM) Office of the General Assembly Tahan 02092 Kalaymyo MYANMAR

Dear Rev. Ramthanga

On behalf of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT) we write to express our deep concern and sadness regarding the news reports we have been receiving from Myanmar the past month ever since the Military Coup of 1 February 2021 occurred.

It is disturbing that following the arrest of the democratic government leaders, the military response to protests has escalated becoming increasingly violent resulting in countless deaths and injuries sustained by civilians. We can but imagine this national crisis taking place at a period in time when the global pandemic of COVID-19 continues is undoubtedly creating major stress, anguish and trauma to the people of Myanmar not forgetting as well the crisis surrounding the Rohingya minority.

We join our voice to PCM and urge the military to release from house arrest the State Counsellor, President and all other elected leaders and for Myanmar to be fully returned into the hands of duly elected civilian government. Furthermore we urge the military to cease all violent acts against the people of Myanmar and all civilians who are pursuing non-violent means of protest.

As sisters and brothers in Christ we stand in solidarity with our partner the PCM and your nation at this difficult time.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.'

We pray that peace and order will be restored soon and that the basic rule of human rights and dignity will be upheld by the government and all peoples.

Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

We pray for Godly wisdom and discernment for all Christian and religious leaders in Myanmar to be vessels of healing, hope, unity and calm.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all,

Sincerely yours,

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