



## Emergency response and recovery 2018 Hualien Earthquake



The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan

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# Foreword

# Situational overview

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At 23:50 (UTC+8) on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018, a magnitude of 6.4 earthquake occurred in Taiwan. It was centered at on the coastline near Hualien having a depth of approximately 10.6 kilometers (6.6 miles). The earthquake's intensity was found to be VII on the Mercalli intensity scale that caused damages on a large scale. A total of 17 deaths and 285 injured were reported as a result of the disaster. The earthquake formed the largest of a sequence of events that have affected the area over a period of days, with 11 foreshocks of M 4.6 and greater, starting on 3 February with an M 4.8 earthquake and including an M 6.1 event on 4 February, within a few kilometers of the event that took place on 6 February. The Hualien Earthquake caused 4 high-rise buildings collapsed according to Hualien County Emergency Operation Center as of 9:00am on Feb 7. The Marshal Hotel's lower floors collapsed, killing two people. The twelve-story Yun Men Tsui Ti residential building, which was significantly slanted due to the collapse of several of the lower floors, also claimed 14 lives. Cranes were used to put large beams on one side of the building to prevent further tilting during the ongoing rescue efforts. Hundreds of firefighters and military personnel remained on the scene to assist with the rescue of those trapped inside damaged structures.



17 deaths and 285 injured



830 people evacuated in temporary shelter homes



172 schools damaged



40,000 households suffered outage of water



2008 electricity Outage households



<sup>1</sup> [https://www.ncree.org/EarthquakeInfo/20180206/HualienEqTW\\_V7.2.pdf](https://www.ncree.org/EarthquakeInfo/20180206/HualienEqTW_V7.2.pdf)

# PCT's Disaster Relief Strategy

The **Church and Society Committee** coordinates PCT's disaster relief operations. The Church and Society Committee is one of the PCT's 31 program committees. The PCT has adopted "Being a Healthy Church, Practicing the Commandment of Love" as the theme for years 2008 and 2009. Based on this theme, our committee pursues the following:

**1. Justice and Peace:** We will continue to express our concern for the future of Taiwan and her international status. Based on our faith, we will speak on issues such as social justice and human rights, the needy and the underprivileged, ecology and environment, security for Taiwan and world peace. We will also hold conferences to reflect on these issues.

**2. Emergency Assistance:** We provide a helping hand whenever and wherever the need for assistance arises. We also seek for collaboration with other church organizations both at domestic and international level.

**3. Community Concerns:** We will encourage and assist local churches, presbyteries and districts to make plans to directly assist the needy in their community as well as train people to organize relief projects. The General Assembly, through our committee, will provide necessary financial and personnel assistance.

Based on our objectives, we developed a disaster management strategy and provide emergency response assistance during disasters. Our disaster relief strategy is dynamic and holistic in nature as it is formed by multiple relief experiences. The strategy goes through three phases that are: preparedness, emergency response and recovery.

## The 3 stages of PCT's disaster management strategy

### Preparedness

- Trainings: Climate change, Relief skills, Trauma counselling, etc
- Establishing networks: Shelter, 70 Supporting Centers, List of Charity Group
- 災情的掌握: Weather forecast
- Consultants
- Information exchange

### Emergency response

- Affected Notification
- Emergency Aid Station
- Volunteers Recruit
- Fundraising
- Medical Service
- Shelter Service
- Resources mobilization

### Recovery

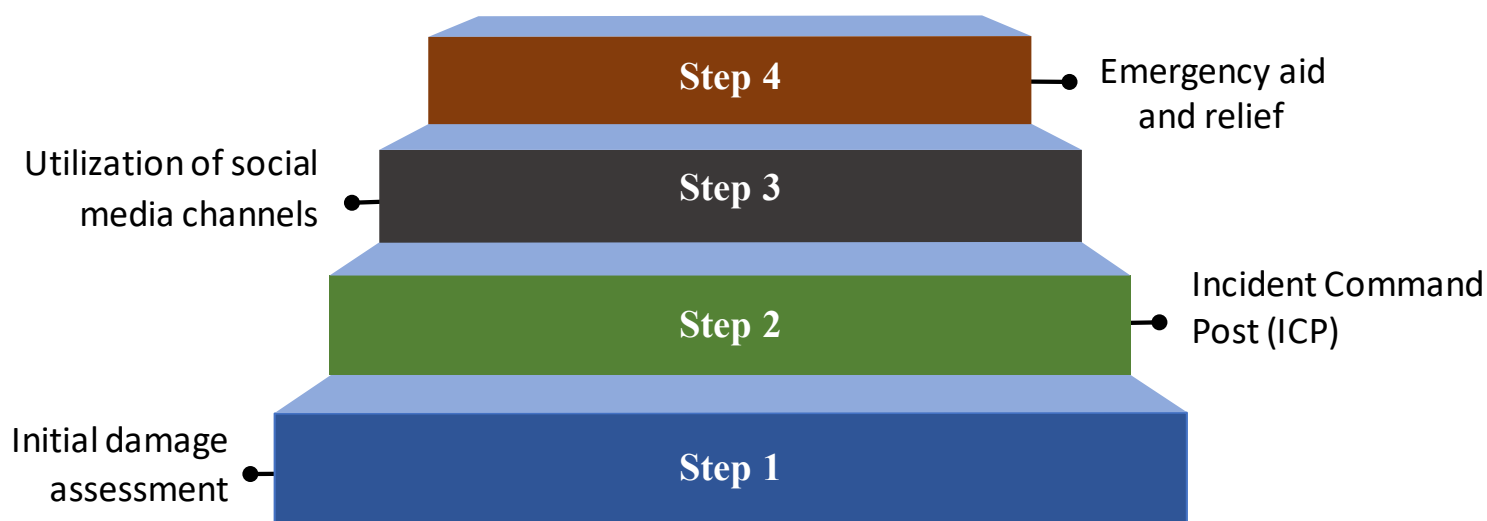
- Set up Reconstruction Station
- House and Chapel Rebuilt
- Community Reconstruction Project: manufacture, employment, education, pastoral care, etc.
- Policy Advocacy

## PCT's response to Hualien earthquake

PCT has been on the frontline of the emergency response since day 1. After the main shock, PCT set up the Emergency Command Center within an hour at Hualien Kang Presbyterian Church. Several PCT Presbyteries including East Coast, Taroko, Amis, Bunun, pastors, members, and volunteers joined together in the Hualien Earthquake Relief operation.

PCT responded to Hualien earthquake in two phases:

- Emergency response phase
- Recovery phase



Four steps of phase 1 emergency response to Hualien earthquake

## Step 1

Initial damage assessment  
(1~2 hours aftermath)

- Earthquake report from Central Weather Bureau
- Incident reports from Central Emergency Operation Center (CEOC)
- Earthquake impacts reports from local churches in Hualien

## Step 2

Incident Command Post  
(ICP)  
(2~3 hours aftermath)

An ICP was established at Hualien Kang Presbyterian Church with the following considerations:



**Distance:** located at the center of affected areas



**Accessibility:** easy access for logistics personnel and vehicles to reach the impacted area



**Site Support:** basic utilities that includes water, electricity and gas can be accessed

Rev. Namoh Arang, the General Secretary of PCT Amis office was designated as the Incident commander as the pastors of the local churches were required to attend to the needs of their members.



# Step 3

Utilization of social media channels (2~3 hours aftermath)

- Newsletters, Facebook, church prayers, etc.
- Earthquake impacts information
- Required needs: drinking water, food, volunteers such as plumber and electricians
- Fund raising information

**長老教會教會與社會委員會**  
2018年2月7日

花蓮大地震，PCT指揮中心設在花蓮港教會（中山路263號）。緊急聯絡電話0955485963,林偉聯牧師。  
服務項目：1.飲用水提供。2.水電搶修。3.熟食服務。  
已於2/13下午五點後結束第一階段救援行動。後續相關重建消息～之後會再發佈，感謝各位的奉獻支援。  
如有任何災情需求～也請於底下留言告知！

敬請共同關心代禱！奉獻！也請教會牧長可協助將關懷奉獻消息刊登於教會週報上！

郵政劃撥帳號：1956-6285。戶名：財團法人台灣基督長老教會宣教基金會。註明：花蓮地震。

國外教會的朋友們，可將您的款項匯至：

Account No.：013002802087242539 SWIFT：UWCBTWP

Account Name：Juridical Person of Mission Foundation of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan

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NO. 149, SEC. 3,ROOSEVELT RD.,TAIPEI,TAIWAN (SWIFT CODE：UWCBTWP)

如開支票者，請注意抬頭：THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN TAIWAN

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主 旨：2018 年 2 月 9 日  
台基長 (62) 總字第 235 號

收文者：總會所屬各教會及機構

主 旨：函請 關心 0206 花蓮地震由。

說 明：一、2018 年 2 月 6 日(三)晚上 11:50 分發生芮氏規模 6.0 級，震央位在花蓮縣近海深 10 公里，全台大震，宜花震度更高達 7 級，造成花蓮受災嚴重，根據中央災害應變中心統計至 9 日上午 9 時，花蓮地震已造成 12 死 273 傷 5 人失聯，危險建築物 5 棟、構架封閉 3 處。

二、總會於震後一小時內設置緊急救援指揮中心於花蓮港長老教會，並於 7 日上午指派教社幹事林偉聯牧師前往花蓮，與東郡中會、太魯閣中會、阿美中會、布農中會協商並展開第一階段的救濟工作。服務項目：水電搶修、供應飲用水、熟食服務、關懷訪視。原派教社幹事 Omi Wilang 牧師聯繫原住民中會了解災情，於 7 日下午開始已有 55 戶災民登記水電維修，約 150 位災民登記領取飲用水。並於 8 日中午起為救濟隊員烹煮熱食，四個中會牧長也組成關懷團並安置中心探視災民並為他們祈禱。

三、指揮中心人員配置主任：Namoh Arang 牧師。義工組：阿美中會、物資組：布農中會、太魯閣中會。財務組：蘇明珠姊妹。水電組：地庭淨。膳食組：東中婦女部。關懷組：四中會議長。

四、呼籲眾教會牧長、信徒關心後端的救災及重建事宜，共同代禱，奉獻，並將此消息刊登於週報等資訊發佈平台上。

五、為方便參與救災、勸募，懇請加入教社於 Facebook 的粉絲專頁：  
<https://www.facebook.com/pctociety>，或搜尋「pctociety」，按讚與按追蹤通知即可取得相關最新資訊。亦可上總會網站：<http://www.pct.org.tw> 的最新消息「0206 花蓮地震」來了解。

2018/2/11 下午 3:02 花蓮地震賑災探 轉錄協助、代禱 | 台灣教會公報新媒體

**花蓮地震傳災情 懇請協助、代禱**

2018年2月8日



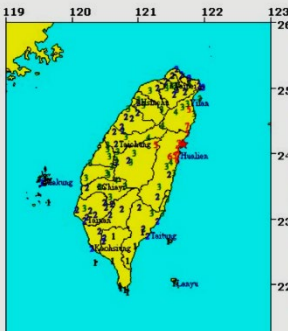
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【林宜堃綜合報導】花蓮2月6日晚11點50分發生芮氏規模6.0地震，造成花蓮市7級震度，統帥人飯店倒塌、2號旅店、阿甘火鍋、國華花蓮附屬醫院等建築物傾斜，消防署災情看板截至7日上午7:40止，已有2人死亡、214人受傷。台灣基督長老教會總會（PCT）教社幹事林偉聯在7日凌晨12時30分便已在臉書發布，長老教會指揮中心設花連港教會，他也籲請花蓮地區各中會能將災情趕緊彙報給總會教社。

**PCT Ecumenical News**  
2018年2月7日

A huge earthquake shook Taiwan last night. There are several buildings severely damaged in Hualien City with 2 casualty and more than 200 people hurt and several hundreds still missing. Hualien is home to PCT's indigenous people's seminary Yu-Shan Seminary. We thank the partner churches of PCT who have already sent us prayer letters. We will keep updating this prayer list. Thank you for praying for Taiwan.

昨天深夜台灣發生大地震，花蓮有多處建築嚴重損毀，目前有兩名身亡，兩百多名傷者，與數百名仍在搜救中。花蓮是PCT原住民神學院「玉山神學院」的所在地。我們感謝已經寄給我們代禱信、替我們代禱的合作教會與機構，我們會持續更新這個代禱信函的發布，謝謝普世界替台灣禱告。



**CWB EARTHQUAKE REPORT**

Earthquake No.: 107022  
Origin time (Taiwan Standard Time: GMT+08:00): 2/6/2018 23:50:42.6  
Location: 24.14N, 121.69E  
i.e. 18.3 km NNE of Hualien County  
Depth: 100 km  
Magnitude(ML): 6.0

Local Largest Intensity	County	Intensity
7	Central Changshua County	3
7	Central Yulin County	3
5	Central Clatsop City	3
5	Central New Taipei City	3
4	Misaki County	3
4	Tainan City	3
3	Central Hualien City	2
3	Central Miaoli County	2
3	Tainan City	2
3	Central Taichung City	2
3	Central Taipei City	2
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3	Central Taichung County	2
3	Central Tainan City	2
3	Changshua County	2
3	Fengqing County	2

# Step 4

Emergency aid and relief  
(Feb 7, 2018 ~ Feb 13, 2018)

- On-Site assessment: the major impacted areas.
- Checked and confirmed the emergency supplies and volunteers acquired
- Decisions made on the emergency services PCT will provide
- 1<sup>st</sup> team meeting
- Provide emergency aid and relief

## PCT disaster assistance response team

At its peak, the response team consisted of 491 members/volunteers including:

**41**

Plumbers and electricians



**450**

Volunteers assisting in various relief works including serving food, logistics, care and support, etc.



## Critical food and relief supplies



Hot meals for victims and disaster relief personnel



Boxes of bottled water



Plumbing repairs

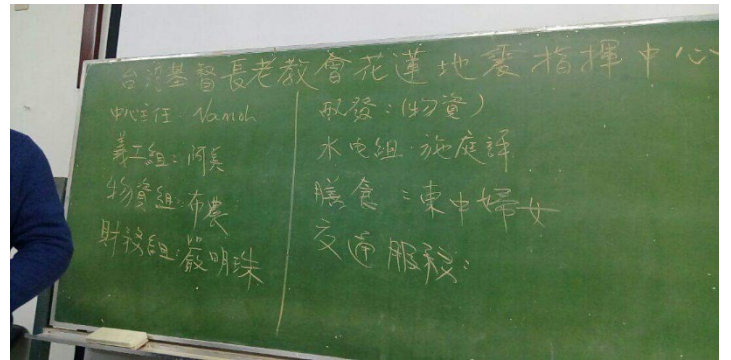


Electricity repairs



Care, support and prayers for the affected victims

# PCT in Action







# PCT Recovery actions to Hualien Earthquake

The second stage of action towards Hualien earthquake initiated by PCT was a three-year recovery program launched on March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2021.

Items	Program Purposes	Responsible agency	Budget (TWD)
<b>Allowance</b>	Issuing the allowance to sufferers who was reported by churches (100 households)	Local Presbyteries	2,000,000
<b>Household Reconstruction</b>	Assisting victims who have not reached the government's standard on rebuilding their homeland (50 households)  BP1: The second stage of Plumbing Repair and Professional German method Plumbing Program (in cooperation with BOSCH)  BP2: Household Reconstruction for persons with physical and mental impairment (in cooperation with Eden Social Welfare Foundation)	Mission Foundation	15,000,000
<b>Revitalizing Economy</b>	Revitalizing Hualien's economy, promoting Hualien's sightseeing and agricultural special products  CP1: “台日共舞花蓮加油” (Hualien Earthquake Relief Program) Sightseeing Program  CP2: Hualien agricultural special products sales program (Amis Presbytery)	Mission Foundation  Local Presbyteries	5,000,000
<b>Employment Counseling</b>	Assisting victims who are unemployed labors (500 persons) with short-term employment counseling	Local Presbyteries	6,000,000
<b>Long-term Care Placement</b>	Assisting the senior citizens and other victims who needs long-term care service (250 persons), cooperating with the government agencies which provide long-term care welfare resources, sharing victims' burdens.	Long-term Care Center  Local Presbyteries	5,000,000
<b>Healing Consolations</b>	1. Planning rehabilitation and therapy activities for victims  2. Visiting and pastoral care for victims  FP1: Sunset Worship, March 11, 2018 (East Coast Presbytery)  FP2: Yuri Mori (Japanese Gospel singer): Testimony and Sharing of Hymn (Taroko Presbytery)	Local Presbyteries	1,000,000  1,000,000
<b>Amount</b>			35,000,000

## Donations For Hualien Earthquake

Donors	Total amount (TWD)
Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT)	3,962,327
World Council of Churches (WCC)	3,338,812
Foreign groups/Individuals	431,087
Domestic groups/ Individuals	545,192

## List of relief supplies for Hualien earthquake

Nonfood items (NFIs)	Food
Poster printing	Bread
Tents	Vegetables
Sleeping bags	Rice
Blankets	Instant noodles
Comforters	Cookies
Pillows	Drinks
Masks	Bottled water
Cotton gloves	
Electrical hand tools	
Water tanks	

# Emergency relief supplies





# Hualien earthquake volunteers



Plumbers & electricians	41
General public	20
Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT)	215
TaiRuGe Office	32
AMeiZHong Office	112
BuNong Office	24
East area Office	45
Taipei Presbytery	2



# International Partners

## *International Committee for the FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN*

*A global ecumenical prayer movement for justice, peace and reconciliation*

08 February 2018

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN TAIWAN  
c/o Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong, PCT General Secretary

Dear beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The Officers and members of the International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC) grieves with you for the loss of lives, pain in not knowing the whereabouts of loved ones, and damage to properties as a result of the recent devastating quake. We can never comprehend your pain but here we are to offer our accompaniment and prayers to you all.

We have enjoined all our partners, friends and supporters all over the world to pray with us for God's blessing of comfort to those who grieve, presence to those who are alone and lonely, and material needs to those who lack. As we pray with you, we strengthen our commitment to live out the FLC spirituality of sharing and praying as our way of living in God's world.

Our loving God who sees and hears certainly will not leave us with unbound wounds and forsaken souls! God bless PCT with all that you need to be God's hands, feet and heart especially to those in pain and in need.

Very sincerely yours,

Liza B. LAMIS  
Executive Secretary, ICFLC



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Friday, February 09, 2018

Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong  
General Secretary,  
The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT).

Dear Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong,

Warm Greetings from the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK)!

This is with great sadness and shock that I learned about the earthquake at the East Coast of Hualien City and Hualien County in Taiwan on last Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018. We share the grief all the people who are affected by the devastating earthquake and on a personal note, I believe that you and the families of all colleges in the PCT office are safe. I also hope and believe that all those persons who were unaccounted for are found safe and all those who were injured recovering well.

I extend my sincere appreciations to Rev. Lim Ui-Lian, PCT Programme Secretary for Church and Society and Rev. Omi Wilang, Programme Secretary for Indigenous Church and Society for their immediate disaster response to help and rescue the affected. As they, together with volunteers involve in the benevolent efforts and rescue operations, know that our prayers are with them. Thank you also for extending your kind support to our country men who have been affected by this earthquake.

As you continue the disaster relief and put your efforts to normalize the situation, we hope and pray that the cold spell and rains will not worsen the situation. Once again, our sincere prayers for the speedy recovery and wellbeing of all the affected.

On behalf all the members of the PCK,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Chang-bae Byun  
General Secretary  
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Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong  
General Secretary

Rev. Tan Beng-Chi  
Moderator

Presbyterian Church in Taiwan

Geneva, 8 February 2016

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

We received the news regarding the earthquake that struck the East Coast of Hualien City and Hualien County in Taiwan with deep concern and sadness. On behalf of the World Council of Churches and the Ecumenical family throughout the world, we express our solidarity and prayerful thoughts for the people and churches in the region. We pray for the communities and families who have lost their lives in this disaster and for the healing and recovery of those who have been hurt and displaced. We are also praying for the protection and wellbeing of all those who are involved with the disaster relief and recovery efforts.

*We pray with you-  
'Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.  
Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!'  
(Psalm 130: 1,2)*

We are inspired by the prompt and substantive responses by the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan to this crisis. As the people of Taiwan approach the Lunar New Year, may the love of God bring succour, solidarity, and warmth to people affected by this crisis.

God heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3)

In continuing solidarity with you,

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit  
General Secretary



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8 .02.2018

Rev. Tan Beng-Chi  
Moderator, PCT

Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong  
General Secretary, PCT

Dear Rev Tan Beng – Chi and Dear 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's 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

February 6, 2018

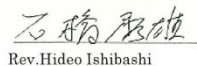
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Dear Rev. Lyim, Hong-Tiong,

讚美主聖名

從昨夜開始、日本媒體也相繼報導花蓮大地震的災情。  
透過今早《民視新聞》的報導得知,有2人死亡、214名受傷、還有許多人受困。  
聽聞此事後、日本基督教團也在禱告中、記念許多受災地的人民、醫院和教會。  
願上帝親自帶領並安慰台灣基督長老教會中受到災害的地方教會、以及當地的人民。

Cordially in Christ,



Rev. Hideo Ishibashi

Moderator

The United Church of Christ in Japan



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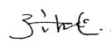
台灣

主內總會議長陳志明牧師, 總干事林芳仲牧師:

台灣花蓮發生如此罕見而強烈的強震, 造成的傷亡和建築物倒塌, 令我會眾人感到悲痛, 但愿憐憫人的主親自安慰和抚平傷痛人的傷痛和悲哀; 我會已將得到的信息轉發給各個堂會, 請他們在禱告中記念和支援貴會救災的需要。

節哀

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Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong

7 February 2018

Greetings from Aotearoa New Zealand,

We awoke today (7 February) to the news of the 6.4 magnitude earthquake in Hualien.

On behalf of our Moderator Right Rev Richard Dawson and the whole PCANZ I write to express our concern, care, love, prayer and support to you, the whole staff and the PCT family. We join together to express our sorrow for the loss of life and join our prayers with many others for those missing and injured together with the many people displaced.

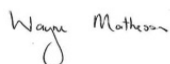
Like you, we understand the power and damage of earthquakes and how they impact the lives of many. We continue to be amazed at the work you do in caring for your communities and the disaster response teams you have to assist. We will be praying for all those involved in rescue work also – especially as you experience after shocks.

Kia kaha is a Māori phrase meaning stay strong, used as an affirmation. It took on special significance following our recent earthquakes. May it have significance for you all as you face the days ahead.

If we can assist – please be in touch.

We deeply value our partnership – and at this time want to ensure you of our on-going care, love and prayer.

Yours in the partnership of the Gospel,



Wayne Matheson



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Rev. Tan Beng-Chi  
PCT Moderator, 62<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly

PCT General Secretary  
Dear Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong

We are deeply saddened to hear about the earthquake of 6.4 magnitude that occurred on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the victims.

We pray for the safety of those who are involved in relief operation and quick recovery of your land.

May the Lord comfort you and bless your land!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Makio Kodaira  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
Kirisuto Kyodaidan (Brotherhood of Christ Church/ BCC)

Dear Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong,

Greetings from Tokyo. We just learned that there was a big earthquake in the eastern part of Taiwan. We would like you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. If there's anything we can do, please do not hesitate to contact us. May the God of compassion comfort those who are suffering from this tragedy.

Yours in Christ

on behalf of  
Rev. Makito Hatta  
Chair of the Committee on Ecumenical Relations  
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Dear Friends,

As we follow the news of the earthquake in Hualien and the aftershocks, we want you to know that we are thinking of you and especially all who have been affected and those who are responding to the emergency. We continue to hold you and the people of Taiwan in our thoughts and prayers especially at this time. May God's love and grace continue to encourage, sustain and accompany all.

With kind regards from all of us the  
United Reformed Church.



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A Prayer for Taiwan – following earthquakes Feb. 6, 2018

As many of you will know, my trip as Moderator was to Taiwan to connect with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. A series of earthquakes have over the last 3 or 4 days been shaking the city of Hualien and the surrounding area. Hualien is on the east coast of the island. The town was the end point for one and the starting point for the other of two of our train trips. We had a dinner there with faculty from Yushan Seminary and passed through the community as we connected with Indigenous people including Truku, Bunun, Amis, and Kavalan people.

Prayer:

God of mercy,  
be with the people of Hualien and the surrounding region as they deal with the impact of many recent earthquakes, especially the one on Feb. 6.

We pray that you comfort to those who have had family and friends killed.

Give hope to those who are still trapped,

Give insight and courage to those who seek to rescue the trapped,

Give wisdom to government officials and engineers as they evaluate damage to infrastructure and buildings, and

Give aid to those who are homeless or are dislocated because of the earthquake.

We thank you for the witness of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, and pray that you would strengthen them as they reach out, as a denomination, as congregations, and as individuals, with care and compassion that comes from you.

These things we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

👍 You, Mary Beth McLean and 11 others

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