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The General Secretaries CWM Member Churches

CWM Sunday 2024 – Liturgical Resources

Dear General Secretaries, Warmest Greetings from the Council for World Mission!

I am writing to invite our member churches and partners to commemorate CWM Sunday on 21 July 2024 using or incorporating the liturgical resources enclosed with this letter.

At the outset, my deepest gratitude for all your prayers and support for the CWM Assembly 2024, held from 12 - 19 June 2024 in Durban, South Africa. The Assembly was a resounding success even though we gathered after eight long years. The Assembly, together with the women and youth pre-Assembly gatherings, clearly demonstrated our collective commitment to our mission and vision as we "Rise to Life: Together in Transformation." It was a fruitful time of collective discernment, meaningful worship, and strengthened partnership. A full report of the Assembly will be published soon.

The insights and outcomes from this Assembly will undoubtedly guide and inspire us in the years to come as we journey towards celebrating the CWM Jubilee in 2027. Let us embrace this journey to celebrate God's grace, seek justice, and work towards the liberation of all creation.

Amidst the crises we see today in this deeply polarised world, we are called to stand together in unity and embody the solidarity that defines our partnership. Following up on my recent email (28 May 2024) regarding the devastating landslides in Papua New Guinea (PNG) I further ask you to continue to pray and support our sisters and brothers in the PNG. We learned that, in addition to causing a massive death toll, the landslide also destroyed the natural water resources and contaminated the primary water resources. The communities not only suffer from a lack of food and water but also fear the significant risk of disease outbreaks. Our prayers and tangible support at this time are very crucial.

As we prepare to celebrate CWM Sunday, I would like to encourage you to distribute these liturgy and other resources to local churches and use them to make worship more meaningful. If time permits, we welcome you to translate this short liturgy into your languages and use it for the glory of God. Given that these resources have come so late, I seek your understanding as this delay is caused because all the staff's energy was directed towards the Assembly this year. Nonetheless, I sincerely encourage you to commemorate the CWM Sunday.

May you be richly blessed as you commemorate the CWM Sunday on 21 July 2024 and pray together for our sisters and brothers in PNG.

Yours in God's Mission,

Rev. Dr Jooseop Keum General Secretary