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MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY AND PRAYERS FOR NIGERIA

"Love must be sincere. Hate is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in Hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need (Romans 12:9-13)"

Dear Member Churches in Nigeria,
Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Receive New Year greetings from the All Africa Conference of Churches Secretariat in Nairobi.

We have followed keenly and with sadness the developments of resurgence of violence in parts of Northern Nigeria since the beginning of this year. We are deeply concerned that this has resulted in loss of lives, destruction of property and displacement of thousands of people.

While we acknowledge the full responsibility of the government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to protect its citizens and to guarantee safe access to humanitarian help for all those affected by the conflict, the Government must also guarantee the right of all Nigerians to live anywhere irrespective of their ethnicity and faith. We however urge those in authority to carefully weigh and consider any actions to be taken to avoid further loss of life.

Humbly aware of the complexity of the issues, we urge all Nigerians to embrace tolerance and peaceful coexistence irrespective of one's faith. We note with appreciation the role played by Faith Leaders in trying to resolve the current conflict. We urge all to refrain from making any inflammatory statements that could flare up the already tense and volatile situation.

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Nigeria remains an economic powerhouse, a developing democracy and a critically important player in the geo politics of our Continent. It is paramount that an expeditious end to this violence is found as soon as possible as without peace no socio- economic and political development can take place.

It is in this regard that we call upon Faith Leaders in Nigeria to urgently take steps to resolve the conflict through peaceful mediation and dialogue.

Please be assured of our prayers during this difficult moment and we are praying for God's divine intervention for the peaceful coexistence of the people of Nigeria.

Yours in Christ


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