A solidarity letter from the Ecumenical Network for Sudan to the church leaders in Sudan

Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you”. (NIV) Amen!

Dear brothers and sisters in Sudan,

We bring to you ecumenical solidarity and prayers from your brothers and sisters from different parts of the world represented in the Ecumenical Network for Sudan, representing churches, church-based organizations, and networks committed to accompanying the churches of Sudan toward unity, peace and reconciliation.

You are always in our thoughts and prayers. Be reminded that Sudan has been in our plan of activities this year but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of these programs including the High Level Ecumenical solidarity visit has to be deferred.

We recognise the challenges and the difficulties some of our brothers and sisters may be passing through due to the devastating impacts of the pandemic lockdown in Sudan and in the global community. We stand with you in solidarity. We pray that you may experience the presence and the love of God even in the midst of the pandemic.

As people of God, we are called to stand together in solidarity with one another, upholding each other in prayers, supporting those who are made vulnerable socially and economically, the displaced persons and those who have lost their means of livelihood due to COVID-19 lockdown. We are frail and weak when we stand alone but strong and formidable when we stand together.

We reach out to encourage you to remain focused in your prophetic role in these critical times. In your response to address the impacts of the pandemic, it will be helpful to mobilize the churches to observe the necessary procedures put in place by the government, WHO and other health institutions to curb the spread of the virus and protect the vulnerable in the society.

The Ecumenical Partners have long supported and will continue to accompany the work of the churches and Sudan Council of Churches for peace, unity and reconciliation. We are committed to work with you and to create visibility of the situation in Sudan and encourage churches around the world in their efforts to mitigate the humanitarian and psycho-social impacts of this new threat to global public health. We trust God that this pandemic like others in the history will pass, and we will be strong and alive together by the grace of our loving God to witness that.
Beloveds be comforted that you are not alone. Our merciful God is journeying with you even in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic.

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