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Letter of Solidarity from the Collegial General Secretariat of the WCRC.

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Partners in the Communion of Christ,

Greetings from the World Communion of Reformed Churches and the Collegial General Secretariat in Hannover.

On behalf of the Collegial General Secretariat, we wish to first and foremost state that we identify with you and extend our support and solidarity to our member churches in Romania and in most particular to Bishop Béla Kató (Transylvanian Reformed Church District) and Bishop István Csűry (*Királyhágómellék* Reformed Church District).

Despite the many challenges we face in our world today and the many efforts directed at alleviating them, we are continually reminded that there is always more to do, that our world is fallen among thieves. But as an organization called to communion and committed to justice, we preach full and just participation for all so that the whole of God's creation might live life in its fullness.

We therefore wish to remind the Romanian government that justice delayed is justice denied. This applies particularly to the situation of ethnic minorities and other vulnerable groups. We urge the government to follow the part of justice and rule of law and equally recognize the full rights of those in the minority to a fair hearing and just participation.

We commend the courage of Bishop Béla Kató and Bishop István Csűry in standing up for their people. It is a testimony that you are good shepherds who never abandon their flock in the time of crisis. We are with you in solidarity and in prayers that you will overcome this current challenge.

Yours truly,

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