

Liebe Trauergemeinde in der VEM, von Peter Demberger erhielt ich die Nachricht, dass Ihr frueherer Direktor P. Peter Sandner aus dieser Welt abberufen wurde. Ich moechte Ihnen meine tiefe Verbundenheit und Anteilnahme an Ihrer Trauer um diesen ungewoehnlichen Menschen mitteilen.

Als frueherer Mitarbeiter der Basler Mission in Indonesien (DGI/PGI Jakarta) und nicht zuletzt durch die freundschaftlichen Beziehungen zu Herbert Schekatz, Peter Demberger und anderen Ihrer Mitarbeiter/-innen habe ich oft Gelegenheit gehabt, mit Peter Sander zusammenzutreffen. Ich war immer beeindruckt von seiner Freundlichkeit, aber auch seiner Bestimmtheit in Dingen, die ihm wichtig waren, und bei denen immer wieder deutlich wurde, dass sie anderen auch wichtig sein sollten. Er war eine Persoenlichkeit, ueber deren Bekanntschaft man sich freuen konnte. Nun ist einer der Ihren von Ihnen gegangen. Er wusste, in wessen Dienst er sein Leben gestellt hatte. Und ich bin sicher, dass Er ihn nun in Seinem Reich begruessen wird. Moege dies Trost und Zuversicht in diesen Stunden des Abschieds fuer Sie alle sein, insbesondere auch fuer seine Familie.

Mit herzlichen Gruessen der Verbundenheit,  
Ihr **Olaf Schumann** [OlafSchumann@gmx.de](mailto:OlafSchumann@gmx.de)  
Gobleg, Bali

Dear Brothers & Sisters of United Evangelical Mission,  
Greetings, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
We have heard that Mr. Peter Sandner, the former General Secretary of UEM passed away.

On behalf of Greja Kristen Jawi Wetan, we felt so lost.  
Please accept our condolences, Mr. Peter Sandner will always be missed.  
With warm greetings and best regards,

**Rev. Budi Cahyono**  
The General Secretary of GKJW  
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Lieber Thomas,  
Euer Vater war nicht nur während der ganzen Zeit seines Dienstes mein Vorgesetzter, sondern auch unsere Vorbild und Freund.  
Z.Zeit bin ich in Indonesien und werde wohl nicht rechtzeitig zur Beisetzung zurück sein. Es gäbe viele Geschichten und Erlebnisse zu berichten, die deutlich machen, wie Eure Eltern auch Renates, Miriams und mein Leben bereichert haben.  
Unseren Trost hat Paulus in Roemer 8 so formuliert:"wir sind gewiss, dass uns nichts trennen kann von der Liebe Gottes in Jesus Christus..."

Daran halten auch wir uns und darin sollten wir auch Trost finden und voller Dank für das Leben, Wirken , den Glauben und die Ausstrahlung Eures Vaters sein.

In herzlicher Verbundenheit  
**Peter Demberger** [Demberger-P@web.de](mailto:Demberger-P@web.de)

Dear the mourning family of our beloved Rev. Peter Sandner, I, Moderator of the United Evangelical Mission and Ephorus Emeritus of the Protestant Christian Batak Church (HKBP) is deeply in mourning, as I received the sad news, that one of the architects of the internationalization of United Evangelical Mission, a friendly mentor, friend and my role model, Rev. Peter Sandner has gone to our Father's House. Please receive my deep condolence together with big international family of UEM to all of you, the family members of Rev. Peter Sandner.

As one of the HKBP delegates to the UEM General Assembly in Bethel, 1996, I was impressed by a low profile and smiling white person, Peter Sandner. He was sitting in the front together with the HKBP former Ephorus and the first UEM Moderator, Dr. Soritua Nababan. In this General Assembly I realize, how important this man was to prepare the new structure of UEM, as the international communion of churches in Germany, Africa and Asia.

I know from our conversations with many delegates in the GA that Rev. Sandner was a friendly, patient and committed God's servant through his ministries. He was also known as an open-minded person. Through his working hard, commitment and compassion we are glad to have an international United Evangelical Mission. Without his dedicative role, UEM would not be like what we know together nowadays. We thank you for his clear theological perspective, that God's Mission is for, from and into the world. International and Intercultural Elements must be integrated in the UEM. Without Rev. Sandner, I, as Indonesian pastor, would not be a moderator of a mission organization in Germany now. Together in Mission has been his vision for the United Evangelical Mission.

He already finished his healthy burdens and returns home to his beloved Father peacefully. We give thanks to his life and commitment for God's Mission. I hope that we are not grieving too deeply, as Rev. Sandner has fought the good fight and he has kept his faith. Our tasks are not yet finished. I believe Rev. Sandner was expecting us to work in God's Mission with more compassionate heart and mind. I recalled my last encounter with him in Wuppertal in 2016, as if he wanted to remind me through the God's Word in Revelation 2,10: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." This faithful man deserves the crown of life. Till we meet again in our Father's House.

***Ephorus Willem TP Simarmata***  
Medan, Indonesia, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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Lieber Herr Dally,  
vielen Dank fuer die Mitteilung der Trauerfeier von Herrn Peter Sandner.  
Leider koennen wir an der Trauerfeier nicht teilnehmen, da wir auf Sumatra  
Indonesien wohnen.  
Aber wir werden in diesem Tagen im Gebet und in Gedanken bei der Trauerfeier  
sein.

Wir, die Sumatra Schwestern haben mit ihm einen wirklichen Direktor verloren, der  
so freundlich gegenueber den Menschen war und gut gepflegt aussah.  
Moegen unsere kurzen Zeilen seinen ganzen Familien und Freunden ein Trost sein.  
Wir werden sein Lebenswerk immer in Erinnerung bewahren.

Mit herzlichen Gruessen aus Sumatra  
im Namen der VEM Schwesternschaft Region Asien

**Hartini Sinaga**

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Dear General Secretary

It is with great sorrow that I received the news that Rev Dr Peter Sandner has passed  
away.

On behalf of my Church and of myself, I would like to express our condolences to  
his immediate family and to the whole UEM family. In addition to his successful work  
as Director of the former United Evangelical Mission, Dr Sandner will be remembered  
in a special way as the pioneer of the current UEM for which he committed himself.

May our Lord console his family and help us continue to be inspired by his example  
as we continue to carry on the mission work for which he devoted his whole life.

Yours

**Kakule Molo** [President@cbca-kanisa.org](mailto:President@cbca-kanisa.org)

Dear Rev. Volker Martin Dally,

I am sorry to hear the death of Rev. Dr. Peter Sandner. My deepest condolences for  
the lost of UEM former director.

I also appreciated your sharing regarding his life. May God gives strengths to his  
loved ones and all the big families. God bless...

Yours faithfully,

**Tetty Aritonang** [tettyaritonang2007@yahoo.com](mailto:tettyaritonang2007@yahoo.com)

Dear Rev Volker Martin Dally, General Secretary of UEM

ON behalf of Anglican Church of Rwanda, I send our condolences to UEM Family and  
in particular to the Family of Rev Dr Peter Sandner.

We thank the Lord for how Rev Dr Peter Sandner became a strong instrument in  
building the KINGDOM OF GOD. African Churches remain grateful for the Holistic  
Transformation he did during his mission.

May the Lord receive him in His Peace

Bishop Dr Jered Kalimba

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Indeed...May his SOUL rest in Eternal Peace!!!!

**Nathan K Gasatura** EAR-BUTARE [nathan.gasatura@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.gasatura@gmail.com)

Dear Reverend Volker Martin Hello,

We are deeply saddened by the death of the Rev. Dr Peter Sandner, and we offer our most sincere condolences.

May God receive him in his paradise and in his infinite mercy.

May God grant you his peace [bokombejd@gmail.com](mailto:bokombejd@gmail.com)

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Dear General Secretary of UEM,

On behalf of the North-Western Diocese of ELCTanzania, I express my heartfelt condolences following the death of the former UEM Director Rev. Dr. Peter Sandner. His contribution to the world wide church will remain indelible in our memories. May the Lord Almighty grant him eternal and peaceful rest. Amen.

Let us be comforted by the word from Romans 11: 36 which says that every thing comes from God, every thing lives under God' Providence and goes back to God.

Yours sincerely,

**Dr. Abednego Keshomshahara** [akeshomshahara@yahoo.com](mailto:akeshomshahara@yahoo.com)

Thanks for this information

We of the **GPKB** also grieved, and the abandoned family was given God's strength and fortitude

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Dear UEM General Secretary – Rev. Volker Dally

Dear Sandner family

KAD receives sad news about the passing of Rev. Peter Sander with great grief.

We remember him very well since he was the Mission Director at a time when KAD was being formed and turbulent years that followed.

He stood with KAD leadership in solving possible challenges that young and fragile churches face in formative years.

I personally enjoyed charting with whenever I met him in Wuppertal and his attentive and observant look at how UEM is doing was admirable.

On behalf of KAD, I send my personal and organizational condolences to his beloved family and entire UEM family.

May our risen Lord comfort, grant and everlasting rest to him.

Peace and Love

**Bishop Bagonza** [Bishop@kad.or.tz](mailto:Bishop@kad.or.tz)

Dear General Secretary of UEM, Rev. Volker Dally.  
Good Afternoon.

It is with shock that the ELCRN has taken note of the departure of our beloved brother, Dr. Rev. Peter Sandner.

For the ELCRN, he was always a true friend and a partner. He has gone through tough times with the ELCRN.

We salute a brave man and will remember his valuable contributions as a son of the Namibian soil.

May God comfort his family during this time a saying goodbye.

With love and appreciation.

***Bishop Ernst Gamxamub***

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**Reverend Volker Dally,**  
Secretary General of the UEM

It was with dismay that we learned of Peter Sandner's death on Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

We have penetrated his biography and all the good works he has accomplished during his life. The Lord God for whom he works will certainly reward him in paradise.

All the accomplished works constitute for us a subject of joy and testimony for us who are still alive and for future generations.

Thus, in the name of the Church of Christ in the Congo and mine, we present our sincere condolences to the whole Church in Germany and to his biological family. That his soul rests in peace.

You are in our prayers!

**Bishop Pierre Marini Bodho**

National President,  
Legal representative



9. Mai 2017

Lieber Herr Dally,

herzlich danken möchte ich Ihnen für die Mitteilung zum Heimgang von Peter Sandner und die kurze Zusammenfassung seines langen, durch die Mission geprägten Lebens!

Ich selbst bleibe dankbar zurück auf die vielen Jahre der Zusammenarbeit in der VEM. Ich habe ihn in seiner beherrschenden, zielorientierten und geschweizerlichen Art sehr geschätzt. Er hat entscheidend beigetragen zum Zusammenwachsen der Kirchen in den drei Regionen und VEM geprägt. Nicht zuletzt hat er

uns in der Schwesterngemeinschaft begleitet, gestärkt und ist neue Wege mit uns gegangen. Mir sind und ich persönlich durch ihn reich gegregnet worden.

Aus gesundheitlichen Gründen werde ich leider nicht an der Beerdigung und anschließenden Trauerfeier im Missionshaus teilnehmen können.

Aber ich werde in Gedanken dabei sein und erbitte, dass über seinem Grab Gottes Auferstehungskraft und -hoffnung aufleuchten möchten.

Ich wünsche Ihnen ein gesegnetes Begegnen mit allen, die kommen werden.

Ihnen und Frau Kamitz herzliche Grüße! Ursula Wismann