

Solidarity Message with our brothers and sisters in Papua shared with the communion of churches in Indonesia (PGI)

“And if one part suffers, every part suffers with it.” (I. Corinthians 12:26)

With this words of the Apostle Paul, the Africa Regional Board of the United Evangelical Mission, communion of churches in three continents, (Africa, Europe and Asia), express our profound solidarity with our brothers and sisters of the Evangelical Christian Church in The Land of Papua (GKI-TP).

From different sources we are informed that our brothers and sisters Papuans, have been marginalized, discriminated and excluded. This dehumanized treatment is carried out through massive and systematic efforts to rid them of their own land for the benefit of mining companies and vast Palm Oil plantations. This situation traumatize the entire community, especially women and children who become extremely vulnerable. In this context of massive human right violation, the dignity of our brothers and sisters is denied.

Therefore we join our voice to the voice of those Churches as Member of UEM from Nias, Mentawai, Sumatera, Java, as well as others who visited the GKI-TP in West Papua February 2nd – 9th, 2022.

In their message entitled “We Live Uncomfortably in Our Land”, our Asian brothers and sisters in solidarity with Papuans have committed themselves to continue to walk together, hand in hand with GKI-TP in presenting the signs of God’s kingdom on the earth of Papua. We support their efforts to advocate for the enforcement of human rights and justice in West Papua.

In this regard, we, members of the African Regional Board representing the African churches in UEM assure our brothers and sisters Papuans, today in trouble, that they are not alone under this heavy cross. We pray daily for them and will continue to support the different initiatives of restauration of their dignity.

May GOD Almighty bless you in all your struggles!

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