

Dear UEM General Secretary, Rev Volker Martin Dally,

On the behalf of the UEM Africa Regional Board and all UEM members in Africa, from the bottom of our hearts, we wanted to express that UEM African members join sisters and brothers in Germany in solidarity and sympathy after the unusual heavy rains which took lives of over 150 people as it is reported in news. Please kindly convey our love to the sufferers and ensure them and all UEM members in Germany that all UEM members in Africa are holding them in thoughts and prayers.

The last week long-lasting rains which caused many rivers and streams in the regions to overflow and led to the worst flood disaster make us think and pray for the whole Germany country, all UEM members in Germany and especially, the Evangelical Church in the Rhineland and Westphalia, our beloved sister churches in the United Evangelical Mission.

It is so painful to hear that there have been people's death, the destruction and damage of homes, and the loss of property and belongings, all this bringing great suffering to many German families, neighborhoods, communities and our sister parishes.

In this situation, please be ensured of the sincere solidarity of your sisters and brothers in the UEM African region and please know that you are not alone in need and grief. As your sisters and brothers, we sympathize with each one's sufferings, pray for the people in the flooded areas and send our whole consolation to our UEM sister churches and congregations and Germany as a country.

As much as possible African Churches will commemorate the victims of the flood disaster, praying for the many people and families in need and as much as we can, African churches collect offerings to reduce the misery, as it has already started and results will be communicated to you soon.

It is our belief as one body in the UEM that our God is the true Savior in all need. We know that God stands by people in their deepest misery and give them new courage and hope through our brother Jesus Christ. May God's blessings bestow all the people in need in Germany and keep each one in His mighty hand every new day, helping to overcome all daily challenges.

Especially we pray for the church leaders, our partners and all sisters and brothers with African partnership relations. We pray and hope for all sufferers, their families and relatives, that they survive all troubles, hardships caused by the floods and become well-functioning and healthier very soon.

Warm greetings and best wishes for you all with the Bible word from Isaiah 41:10- "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand".

On the behalf and delegated by all UEM African church leaders:

Bishop Mothusi J. Letlhage



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