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"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)

"Seek peace and pursue it." (Psalm 34: 14b)

June 8, 2023

## Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

With saddened hearts, we continue to witness ongoing violence in Sudan. This conflict has ended many innocent lives and displaced countless others, bringing Sudan almost to the point of collapse.

Many Sudanese communities have reported they are living in terror.

Places of worship are being vandalized and destroyed including Roman Catholic, Coptic Orthodox, and Anglican churches, and cathedrals, as well as mosques across the region.

We offer our prayers, that the Lord our God may guard and guide all those who are suffering and being terrorized. May God's grace be a source of comfort to all people in Sudan.

We ask that military leaders lay down their arms and recognize the sacredness of human life being threatened by the senseless killings of bystanders, and that they immediately cease the desecration of holy places of worship. We join our voices to all who have asked for an immediate ceasefire.

We call on member churches, observer churches, and affiliates of the Council, and all people of goodwill, to join in humanitarian assistance for the people of Sudan. We encourage support for relevant appeals and activities by ACT Alliance Canada<sup>1</sup> and others to mitigate their suffering and return to the path of peace.

Finally, we lift our hands up in prayer and solidarity with all our brothers and sisters in Christ. May the Lord be merciful and may His peace reign in all places and within the hearts of all human beings.

## In Christ's abundant love,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Government of Canada has announced matching fund donations for Sudan relief and relief in neighboring East African countries until the of June.