



*And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God
(Micah 6:8)*

14 April 2025

Beloved in Christ,

May the grace, peace, and mercy from God, who created heaven and earth, Jesus Christ our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit be with you all!

In late March, we gathered for three days in Geneva with the Ecumenical Panel on a New International Financial and Economic Architecture (NIFEA), representing the World Council of Churches, World Communion of Reformed Churches, Lutheran World Federation, World Methodist Council, and Council for World Mission. Our purpose was to discern how – amid the agonising challenges of our time – to shape our communions' ongoing work to move this world from economies that strangle life and breed anguish to economies that nurture life in its fullness for all. Through this letter, we share the cries of despair we heard but also the commitment to love the neighbour and the undying hope we witnessed.

We have heard voices of misery and despair and noted, with sadness and anger, that those who are poor suffer most under the current economic and financial system – a system engineered to benefit an already rich elite and based on the exploitation of the earth. This is worsened by an energy-intensive economic framework driven by fossil fuels. These systems are undergirded by greed and overconsumption, leading to the accumulation of waste and pollution. This has a devastating impact on both vulnerable people and the land.

We feel deep compassion with our brothers and sisters from the Pacific who are experiencing forced migration because of climate change, which has led to the loss of ancestral land and cultural identity and increased stress and uncertainty.

We also hear the cries of our Indigenous siblings who have suffered for centuries in many parts of the world, continuing to struggle to defend their land. We hear the blood of our brothers and sisters in the Indigenous People's community crying out from the ground.

We continue to lament the ongoing systemic discrimination that has created and perpetuated racial and gender disparities in wealth, income, employment, housing, education, and access to resources, which are rooted in colonial legacies.



We weep with all living beings because the current neoliberal economic system destroys biodiversity, ecosystems, and causes climate catastrophe, endangering future generations' chances to have life in its fullness.

Gathered in Geneva, we heard the cry of our siblings who have been forced to live in fear and who have been deprived of their rights and dignity. Even as we encouraged and prayed with them – and with the millions of others facing threats and fear every day, we recognised our own fragility and weakness. We prayed, *“O God, You are my God, I seek You, my soul thirsts for You, my body longs for You, like dry and barren land, without water”* (Psalm 63:2). And we reminded ourselves that we are part of the body of Christ, the Church, present all over the earth. Because we long for God’s kingdom to come, we continue to stand in our hope grounded in Jesus Christ and in our commitment to make God’s new creation more visible in this world. In this season of Easter, we draw in hope from the resurrected Christ which gives us strength and vision to work for justice for all people and creation.

Our Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We call our churches into urgent action. As a church, we must stand with the poor and the oppressed. We must advocate for walking gently on this earth. We must protect Indigenous People and their right for their ancestral land. As Christians, we must support those who experience forced migration. We must fight against systemic racism, challenge existing colonialist policies and systems, reject the economic system that lacks compassion for the vulnerable, and resist structures that keep women in positions of disadvantage. We must remind ourselves and others of the responsibility we have for children and youth and the future generations. We are called to till and keep God’s good creation (Gen 2:15) and live in solidarity with other creatures.

A church that remains silent in the face of injustice misses an important mark of being a true church.

Beloved in Christ,

It is our common call to bear witness together in our mission. We urge you to pay attention to the attached [calls expressed by those who attended the NIFEA meeting](#). We trust that the Holy Spirit strengthens us all to continue to carry out the mission of living in compassion and fighting for justice.



May God's peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7).

Yours in Christ,

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