

The Statement of National Committee Church Leaders of Lutheran World Federation (KN-LWF) Indonesia

The tragedy that was caused by acts of terror on Tuesday, 8th May 2018, in Mako, on Sunday 13th May at the Indonesian Christian Church (GKI), Surabaya Center Pentacost Church (GPPS) Santa Maria Catholic Church Surabaya and in Rusunawa Sidoarjo, as well as on Monday, 14th May 2018, in Surabaya Resort Police Station, has influenced our attitude as God's people. Indonesia offers its condolences on the death and wounding of innocent people because of terror, which was committed by inhuman people. As an organization which upholds the human dignity and unity of the Indonesian republic, respect for diversity, justice and law enforcement, the church leaders of Lutheran World Federation national committee (KN-LWF Indonesia), which consist of AMIN, BNKP, GKPA, GKPI, GKPS, GKPM, GPP, GPKB, GKLI, GKPPD, HKBP, HKI and ONKP, call upon:

the Indonesian Government to:

1. support the government to investigate terrorism and solve the problem at the roots
2. depend upon the state ideology of Pancasila, the 1945 Constitution, diversity and the unitedness of the Indonesian republic to the maximum and permanently
3. help the families of the victims, especially those children who lost the source of their financial stability because of terrorism
4. take action strictly and directly toward all the intellectual actors and organizations that support directly, as well as through statements, that depend on or let terror happen in Indonesia
5. push the Indonesian government and House of Representatives to soon legalize the anti-terrorism and terrorism law

the Christian community:

1. retain peacefulness, brotherhood and harmony for all Indonesian people through concrete actions. Not to allow themselves to be provoked in anger, which is deliberately incited in order to sharpen conflict among religions in Indonesia but to be forever able to respond to misleading teachings which spread hate statements through preaching or delivering the word of God and through social media
2. pray that every citizen of Indonesia avoids a willingness to embrace and take the sides of radicalism and terror
3. support the decision of church leaders of the Lutheran World Federation national committee (KN-LWF Indonesia) to form a communion to consolidate efforts to prevent radicalism in Indonesia

For the Family of the Victims:

1. Very concerned and express empathy in the event that happened to the family which caused death and wounds to the victims.
2. Pray that Jesus Christ the king of the church gives comfort and strength to the family of the terror action victims.

Together we deliver this statement for the embodiment of peacefulness, stability and harmony in the country we love.

Pematang Siantar, 15th May 2018.

Greetings and prayers,

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