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Archbishop Vladimir Provorov
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia

Per E-Mail

Re: LETTER OF CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF BISHOP ANDREJ DZAMGAROV

Geneva, 9th February 2023

Dear Archbishop Provorov,
Dear Brother in Christ,

It is with deep sadness that we have received the news of the death of our brother in Christ, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in European Russia, Andrej Dzamgarov. On behalf of the Lutheran World Federation, a global communion of churches in Lutheran tradition and especially its General Secretary Rev. Dr Anne Burghardt, I would like to express, through you, our deepest sympathy to Bishop's wife, children and family. I also extend our sincere condolences to you personally and to the entire Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia for this great loss.

The passing of Brother Andrej Dzamgarov, so shortly after he was elected and installed as bishop, is both unexpected and deeply moving. We know of his dedicated ministry to the Lutheran Church, and thus to the whole Church of Christ. His courage and commitment to preaching the Good News of salvation, love, hope and peace is also well known to us. Joining with all of you in sorrow, we give thanks to Almighty God for the ministry and the entire life of our deceased brother.

In the Gospel of John (14:27) our risen Lord says: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."*

Together with many sisters and brothers in the Lutheran World Federation, I pray that the assurance of God's peace, which surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:7), may fully become yours. To the God of love, I pray that the encouragement to *not be troubled and afraid in our hearts* will enable you to get through this difficult time of mourning and follow the path of our deceased brother into a life of service to God and people.

I heartily wish you all God's blessings.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr Ireneusz Lukas
LWF Regional Secretary for Europe

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