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Letter of Solidarity

Re.: Integrity of Creation - Concerning Deep Sea Mining in PNG

Respected Head Bishop of ELCPNG

Dr. Jack Urame

Respected General Secretary

Mr. Bernard Kaisom

Respected Church Council

The humankind has the responsibility and duty to take care for this World. This we read in the first pages of the Bible (Genesis 1, 26 and 2, 15). We as your Oversea Partners are concerned about the situation in Pacific Ocean in terms of Deep Sea Mining and other experiments to extract resources from seabed.

We all are afraid that this would harm the ecosystem and will bring irreparable destruction and changes to the whole region. We know that this will also affect a lot of people. Many of them are our partners in God's Mission as well.

Leipzig Mission and it's Mission Council with representatives from its supporting Churches from Saxony and Central Germany does not agree that South Pacific Ocean shifts to the World largest laboratory for experiment of Deep Sea Mining. Nobody knows the consequences of this kind of technology.

We want to underline, what Head Bishop Dr. Jack Urame said, when he criticized the ripping off of resources by huge global companies in his Opening Address at the Ecumenical Renewal Consultation in Goroka (page 4).

We will stand in solidarity on your side when you lift up your voice against seabed mining and we understand and support activities of your church members and citizens of PNG to bring awareness to the people.

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It is necessary to protect oceans flora and fauna not only now but also in the future for all next generations.

We encourage you, the church leaders of ELCPNG, to stay involved in the support for the right of the People in PNG and we go along with your statement from 2014th Synod against experimental Deep Sea Mining in Papua New Guinea. We will support you in our prayers and our Public News.

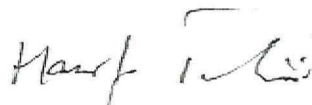
May God bless you all in Pacific Region and may He give his spirit of peace and wisdom to all of us in this One World.

Many Greetings

On behalf of Leipzig Mission



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