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WCC expressed solidarity with Korean people in wake of passenger plane crash



The World Council of Churches extended condolences to the bereaved families and the Korean people after a Jeju Air passenger plane crashed while landing at Muan International Airport in South Korea on 29 December.

“The loss of 179 precious lives in this catastrophic air disaster weighs heavily on the hearts of all who are part of the fellowship of the World Council of Churches,” wrote Rev. Prof. Dr Jerry Pillay, WCC general secretary, in a condolence letter.

“We extend our deepest condolences to the bereaved families, to the Korean people, and to the churches that stand alongside them during this time of national mourning,” said Pillay.

The National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCK) released a condolence statement on the Jeju Air Passenger Aircraft Tragedy on Sunday, praying for God’s comfort for all those who have been affected by the tragedy.

“This catastrophe, which should never have occurred, has taken precious lives, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families who have lost their loved ones.”

“We urge the government to devote its full resources to the rapid and safe rescue

of lives and to ensure thorough management of this crisis. The Korean Church prays earnestly for the peace and eternal rest of those who have lost their lives, and for the safety and return of all survivors to the arms of their families," wrote Rev. Kim Jong Seng, general secretary of the NCCK.

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