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To: **GENERAL SECRETARIES**
CWM Member Churches

Dear General Secretaries:

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Board of Directors of Council for World Mission (CWM) is pleased to announce that at the Special Members' Meeting held on 21 March 2023, Rev Dr Joseph Kwan was appointed as the next General Secretary of CWM. Rev Dr Kwan will assume office on 1st July 2023. He takes over from Rev Dr Colin Coen who leaves CWM having completed two successful terms of service as General Secretary.

Rev Dr Kwan, an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK), and currently serving as the Distinguished Professor of World Christianity at the Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary and Director of the Korea Institute for Future Generation, comes to CWM with a wealth of knowledge, experience and passion for global mission and evangelism amassed over 23 years of working in leadership roles in various contextual bodies, CWM member churches, and academic institutions. Not completely new to CWM, Rev Dr Kwan once served the organization as the Executive Secretary for Mission Programme from 2002 to 2007, and thereafter he answered the call to serve as the Director of Commission on World Mission and Evangelism at the World Council of Churches.

Rev Dr Kwan comes to this leadership position at a Galilean moment for mission engagement in the wake of an unprecedented shake-up in the global missionary landscape. As we look to the future, the Board is confident that Rev Dr Kwan is uniquely equipped and ready to lead this one-of-a-kind mission organization working at the cutting edge of modern missions, especially in light of the CWM 2020-2029 Strategy Frameworks – our roadmap for the prophetic journey to be pursued.

Please join the Board of Directors in extending congratulations and a warm welcome to Rev Dr Joseph Kwan on this momentous occasion of his appointment to the leadership of the Council for World Mission.

In Christ's service,



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Moderator

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