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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 31 March 2021, Rev Dr Jooseop Keum was appointed as the next General Secretary of CWM. Rev Dr Keum will assume office on 1st July 2021. He takes over from Rev Dr Collin Cowan who leaves CWM having completed two successful terms of service as General Secretary.

Rev Dr Keum, 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 Ecumenism, comes to CWM with a wealth of knowledge, experience and passion for global mission and ecumenism amassed over 25 years of working in leadership roles in various ecumenical bodies, CWM member churches, and academic institutions. Not completely new to CWM, Rev Dr Keum once served the organisation as the Executive Secretary for Mission Programme from 2003 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 Keum comes to this leadership position at a Kairos moment for mission engagement in the wake of an unprecedented shake-up in the global missional landscape. As we look to the future, the Board is confident that Rev Dr Keum is uniquely equipped and ready to lead this one-of-a-kind mission organisation working at the cutting edge of modern mission, especially in light of the CWM 2020-2029 Strategy Framework - 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 Jooseop Keum on this momentous occasion of his appointment to the leadership of the Council for World Mission.

In Christ's service,



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