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Protestant Church in the Moluccas
(GPM)

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Dear Ms Pieter,

Greetings in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

With confidence, we continue preparing the WCC 11th Assembly, taking place in Karlsruhe, Germany from 31 August to 8 September under the theme *“Christ’s love moves the world to reconciliation and unity”*. We look forward to your participation as a delegate of the Protestant Church in the Moluccas (GPM).

Today, I am writing to ask you to serve as the rapporteur of the ecumenical conversation on *“Economy of Life in a time of inequality, climate change and the 4th industrial revolution”*. The central committee, at its meeting in February, agreed to propose you for election in this role by the assembly.

Ecumenical conversations provide sustained, in-depth dialogue on critical issues affecting the unity, mission and witness of the church today – issues that require a common response. Each conversation focuses on a unique topic and meets over four sessions. Conversations seek to inform, engage and promote dialogue. Each conversation has between 80 and 120 delegates and official participants. Each conversation produces a report that will be referred to the new central committee for consideration.

Briefly, the ecumenical conversation will address:

Widening inequalities, persistent hunger, structural racism, runaway climate change, and destructive pandemics stem from and expose the brokenness of the prevailing global economic order, pointing to the urgency of pursuing an Economy of Life for all. In the current climate of intertwined crises, artificial intelligence, genetic manipulation, and other innovations are touted as solutions but raise profound socio-ethical concerns. Faith together with science reveal the path away from planetary breakdown towards a flourishing future, demanding deep-seated transformations in the way our societies produce and consume. This ecumenical conversation addresses the following questions: What can we harvest as good practices from churches’ engagement in promoting life-affirming economies? How do we live our faith and practice transforming discipleship in times and landscapes shaped by financial capital? What can we learn from the perspectives of communities living in the margins with a view to striving for reparative and

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restorative economies? What are the emerging challenges and how must we as churches respond?

Every conversation is facilitated by a moderator, rapporteur and resource persons. I have asked Ms Athena Peralta, Programme Executive for Economic and Ecological Justice, to coordinate preparation of this conversation.

The assembly focus on love, compassion, reconciliation, healing and unity, in the context of a global pandemic and war will mark this assembly in the history of the WCC. Thank you for your leadership. I look forward to being with you in Karlsruhe and remain grateful for your prayers as we continue preparing.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca
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cc: Ms Athena Peralta