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## **Solidarity and Prayer for the Church and People of Greenland**

Dear Bishop Paneeraq Siegstad Munk, dear sister in Christ.

On behalf of the Church of Norway, we extend our heartfelt solidarity to you and to the people of Greenland in this difficult time. We hold you in prayer and encourage our congregations to pray with perseverance for peace, dignity, and mutual respect among nations.

We affirm your clear moral witness: *this is a question of human rights, dignity, and respect for international law*. We echo your conviction that Greenland's people and future must never be decided over their heads. As you have said so powerfully, "*We are people, not property. Greenland is not land to be bought. It is our home and it is not for sale.*"

We give thanks for the Diocese of Greenland's faithful ministry together with the bishops of Folkekirken in the Kingdom of Denmark, and your active role in the wider ecumenical fellowship, including the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation. We also appreciate your visits and contributions to our processes on reconciliation with the indigenous peoples in our own context.

The Church of Norway stands ready to accompany you in prayer and advocacy, and we will encourage our own communities to support Greenland's right to self-determination and to call on elected leaders to uphold international law and the dignity of the Greenlandic people.

May Christ's peace sustain you, and guide us as we build the future together.  
With fraternal greetings in Christ,

Yours sincerely

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