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Passover Greetings to the Jewish People Everywhere

"It is the Passover of the Lord."—Exodus 12:25

It is with special joy and abiding friendship that, on behalf of the full membership of the World Council of Churches around the world, I send our greetings to and prayers for you, Jewish people, groups and communities everywhere, at this time of Passover. *Chag Pesach Sameach!*

Passover is a season of celebration, liberation, and renewed dedication.

In the Passover story of God's deliverance of the Hebrew people from their captors in Egypt, we learn of the divine liberation from bondage and the formation of a people forged by that memory. May all Jewish generations learn the story of their freedom, and may God continue to liberate our minds and hearts from all contemporary forms of slavery and bondage.

And, in the story God's sustaining presence through years of trials and desert wandering, we celebrate the faithfulness of God and God's people in history, forming a people eager to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. May God always inspire and uphold our efforts to be faithful bearers of God's justice and peace.

For us in the World Council of Churches, this year we especially cherish our solidarity with Jewish groups and communities to address COVID inequities, to dialogue on ways to secure peace and security in the Holy Land, and to share the Bridge Builders Award for our interreligious efforts and peacemaking. In the coming years, may our friendship and solidarity grow and issue in deeds that bring God's justice and peace to the whole human community and to our planetary home in God's creation!

Yours sincerely,

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