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Sent by e-mail to:
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Dear Archbishop,

*“The Lord will give strength to his people,
The Lord will bless his people with peace.”—Psalm 28*

I write on behalf of the World Council of Churches and our many member churches around the world to offer our heartfelt sympathies over the recent heat, drought and extensive fires that have occurred up and down Sweden this summer. It is alarming and tragic, and especially distressing that so many people have had to evacuate their villages and towns to avoid the flames.

We welcome the good news of some relief in the weather and progress in containing the dozens of fires, and we are grateful that so many international crews have also helped in the effort.

We pray that there will be continued progress against the blazes and that people will be safe and can quickly resume their lives and livelihoods without fear of further damage.

May God also accompany you, Archbishop Antje, in your and the Church of Sweden’s ministry to comfort and console, to heal and help the people in this time of distress and recovery.

Yours in Christ,

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