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- Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba
- Jamaica Baptist Union
- Moravian Church in Jamaica
- United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands
- Caribbean Conference of Churches

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you with great joy in the name of our common Lord.

We received the news of the extraordinary earthquake and subsequent aftershocks, which rocked the region, especially the Cayman Islands, Cuba, Jamaica and parts of the Florida coast on Tuesday. In the wake of the earthquake swarm that blazed across Puerto Rico and its neighbours in the last 6 weeks, we are equally thankful and astounded that, despite the intensity of this most recent quake and the breadth of its impact; there has been minimal damage to the infrastructure. We continue to thank God that there have been no reports of deaths.

As you minister to those impacted by the trauma, we trust that you all will find solace in the words of the psalmist, who reminds us that God is our refuge. Please be assured that we are giving thanks for this miracle with you and continue to pray for your well-being. May God's grace continue to sustain you all and protect you from severe aftershocks or tsunami effects.

Yours in Christ,

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