

Appeal of the United Methodist Church in Poland regarding the crisis on the Polish-Belarusian border

Acting under the authority of the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in Poland, meeting in Warsaw on October 28-31, 2021, on the issue of taking a stand on the situation on the Polish-Belarusian border and the area under the state of emergency, as the executive body of our highest synodal assembly, we appeal to our fellow believers, as well as to all people of good will, to persevere in common prayer for overcoming the current crisis and, if necessary, in the spirit of the teachings of our Master - Jesus Christ, to provide necessary assistance to those in need.

As Christians and citizens of the Republic of Poland, we are far from entering into the competencies of state bodies responsible for the protection of the Polish population and our borders. However, we feel responsible for the common good, which is our homeland and the whole world, therefore we cannot remain silent when we see how a part of our country has become a place of humanitarian crisis affecting men, women and children, and among them also the sick and traumatized.

According to the social teaching of our Church, as expressed in the Social Principles, we consider all people to be members of God's family. Therefore, as Christians for whom the Word of God is the guideline for life, we cannot turn our backs on people in need of help.

The United Methodist Church in Poland, faithful to the Gospel and to the brotherly love between people that flows from it, asks its members and sympathizers as well as all people of good will to engage in initiatives to support the victims of the humanitarian crisis on the Polish borders and to pray for those whose duty it is to ensure security and peace in our homeland.

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Council of the United-Methodist Church
in the Republic of Poland

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