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Baptist brothers and sisters,

Leaders from the Baptist World Alliance, the European Baptist Federation, and other regions met today with leaders of the Baptist union in Ukraine who updated us on the painful situation they are experiencing in their country.

Tomorrow we will meet again to plan concrete actions of help that we will soon make known.

We reaffirm our commitment:

• To defend and work for peace and justice
• To show solidarity with those who are suffering and do our best to help them
• To try to be close to all our brothers and sisters in the places of greatest conflict
• To pray for the situation, seeking God’s wisdom and strength
• To insist on the continuity of dialogue in search of peace

We regret that the humanitarian, economic, political, and other consequences of these actions are serious and painful.

We have hope in the knowledge that God is at work in the world he loves and in which he has placed us as his disciples who learn from Jesus how to live with integrity the values of his kingdom and how to reflect the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

May God be gracious to us and bless us. (Psalm 67:1)

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