



June 1, 2018

Mr. President of the Republic of Nicaragua
Daniel Ortega Saavedra

Subject: End to the Violence

Dear President Ortega,

Receive warm wishes from the Protestant Churches of Nicaragua (CEPAD.)

On April 27th of this year the Board of Directors of CEPAD sent you a letter calling for dialogue, reflection and a search for peace. Instead of this happening we have seen a lot of pain and indignation. 35 days later, the violence has increased with the consequence of more than 100 people dead, hundreds wounded, an undetermined number of people detained and disappeared, damage to public and private property and hindrance of access to public roads which has left the population completely helpless.

Daily we receive communications from our brothers and sisters in churches and Christian organizations in the exterior who are very worried about the situation. They are unable to send their groups to visit the communities and churches in Nicaragua. There is no security for Nicaraguans or for foreigners. On May 30th two protests in Managua ended in attacks that left at least 15 people dead and an underdetermined number of people hurt, which violated the right to peaceful protest. In Masaya and in other cities many shops have been looted since all of this started.

Mr. President. You are responsible for governing this country. For a second time we are making an urgent call for you to do what you are allowed to do within the constitution to stop the violence, the deaths, the looting, to comply with the recommendations made by the Interamerican Commission on Human Rights and to reestablish the order and tranquility to the country.

The members of CEPAD's General Assembly, formed by 30 denominations and pastoral committees, will continue praying so the Holy Spirit will give us knowledge and guide our country for the establishment of amnesty national coexistence.

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

Sincerely,

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President
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