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Dear General Secretary dr. Jerry Pillay,

On behalf of the Council of Churches in the Netherlands we congratulate the World Council of Churches with its 75th anniversary.

The ecumenical journey of the Council started 75 years ago in Amsterdam. Since then the World Council of Churches has been the most prominent voice of the worldwide communion of churches.

The ongoing and deterrent work for the unity of the Church, the relentless and prophetic commitment to justice and peace in our unjust and broken world as well the engagement for interreligious dialogue and peace between religions is more than ever necessary.

We also congratulate you personally with the start of your work as General Secretary of the World Council of Churches and we hope and pray that your work for the World Council of Churches will be fruitful.

Five years ago the 70th anniversary of the World Council of Churches was celebrated in Amsterdam. We keep very good memories to that jubilee. The remembrance of the past and the people that laid the foundations for the ecumenical movement inspires also today. So we hope very much that the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the World Council of Churches will strengthen and inspire the world wide ecumenical movement that we are all part of.

United in Christ,

With kind regards,

Geert van Dartel
chairperson

Rev. Christien Crowel
general-secretary