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Condolences Message – Late Rev. Dr. John Strelan

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great sadness to hear of the passing of the late Rev Dr John (Joe) Gerhard Strelan. Glory be to God, the source of life, who has given, has taken away. May you be comforted by this Gospel: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

On behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea I convey to you the immediate and extended families, friends and brothers and sisters of LCA, our deep sorrow. Our heart and our prayers are with you in this time of sorrow and pain as you are preparing for the final farewell of our brother in Christ. We pray that the God of all consolation give you strength and courage as you continue to bear witness of the Gospel of love and peace.

We do sincerely acknowledge the dedicated service of the late Rev Dr John Gerhard Strelan more than two decades to our church (ELCPNG) and our country from 1962-1965 in Menyamy and from 1966-1984 at the Martin Luther Seminary. We thank God for the gift of his life, his family and his knowledge and gifts which he offered to the church over many years to extend God's Kingdom in Papua New Guinea. He has been one of the leading figures in the initial establishment of our current Martin Luther Seminary therefore he has left his legacies behind for us and for our generations to come.

His contributions are real blessing to us and our country. Therefore we thank LCA for the wonderful partnership we have through which such faithful servant like him and his family could come and serve among us. Bound together in love for mission we remain with you in solidarity and pray that our long historical journey of partnership between your church and our church will remain strong in Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

May our triune God grant you peace and strength in this time and always!

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