

## THE EUROPEAN METHODIST COUNCIL OFFERS SUPPORT TO ITS MEMBERS CHURCHES IN COUNTRIES THAT BORDER BELARUS.

The highest Synodal Assembly of the United Methodist Church in Poland has released a statement appealing to Christians and other people of good will to provide help for those in need on the Polish Belarusian Border, stating that as Christians and Polish citizens, "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."

They call on "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."

Read the full statement here: Polish | English

As members of the European Methodist Council, we offer our full support to the United Methodist Church in Poland for the release of this statement and for their call to prayer and action. Additionally, we support our church members in the countries bordering Belarus - Poland, Latvia and Lithuania - as they seek to help those who have been impacted by this crisis.

We invite Methodist, Wesleyan and United Churches in Europe to join with our member churches in Poland, Latvia and Lithuania in prayer. We ask the governments in the countries bordering Belarus to give access to the Red Cross to provide support for victims. We appeal to the European Union to make every effort to solve this situation.

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