



# CHURCH OF GOD

(SEVENTH DAY) INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

May the grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I am writing to you as we approach the time of the Lord's Supper service, on the evening of Friday 11 April 2025, when we will gather as followers of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to celebrate and proclaim the memorial of his death. For in His death our sin debt was completely paid, and in His resurrection our redemption into eternal life forever as God's glorified children is granted.

Two thousand years ago our Lord and Saviour willingly took on Himself, according to His Heavenly Father's purpose, our sins and misdeeds. Jesus, as the Lamb of God "slain from the foundation of the world," became sin in our stead. And in this victorious redemptive narrative, Jesus instituted a new, eternal covenant, sealed in His life blood, on our behalf, for us and for all who will believe.

So, as we partake of the symbolic "bread of life" and drink from the symbolic "cup of covenant," we participate in and proclaim our Lord's death until He returns. And when Jesus does return, in might, power and glory with all His holy ones, it will be to consummate what He began 2000 years ago. Jesus said, "I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom." Oh, how we await that glorious day!

Finally, according to Jesus' example and command, we also participate in the washing of each other's feet – a poignant reminder that we are all servants, thus, all of us are equal recipients of God's grace. May God bless and encourage us as in the remaining time as we now prepare to come to the Lord's table.

Let us pray that wherever we meet in designated venues for the Lord's Supper/Christ Passover, the Lord's Spirit and grace is in our midst.

Sincerely in Christ

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On behalf of the Church of God (Seventh Day) International Federation