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Pour une Eglise du Peuple de Dieu  
Für eine Kirche des Gottesvolkes  
**Para una Iglesia del Pueblo de Dios**  
Para uma Igreja do Povo de Deus  
Per una Chiesa del Popolo di Dio  
**For a Church of the People of God**

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## **We are Church International welcomes Pope Leo XIV with great hope and joy**

*We Are Church International* congratulate Pope Leo XIV on his election as successor to Pope Francis!

We hope and wish that the elected bishop of Rome, Pope Leo XIV will continue on the path of renewal of the Church begun by Pope Francis, and we appeal to him to do so vigorously in the synodal Spirit.

The future of the Christian Church must be shaped by all the faithful under the spiritual leadership of the Pope. It is not only the mission of the Vatican, cardinals and bishops but all members of the Church, each at their place, to translate Jesus' message of love and equality of all people into our time. We must preserve the common faith and at the same time take account of differences in cultures and living conditions. Unity in diversity, not uniformity are the signs of the times!

*We are Church International* and its national members worldwide are willing to support Pope Leo XIV in prayer and in action on this path.

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