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Dear Rev. Irineusz Lukas,

Christ is risen!

We, in the Conferences of European Churches, are saddened by the news we received this past weekend of the tragic plane crash in which your President, Lech Kaczynski, and 95 others including clergy and members from our Member Churches in Poland lost their lives.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and loved ones of the victims of this tragedy. May each of you and your nation be borne by the grace of Jesus Christ who, in this Eastertide, says to us anew "I am the resurrection and the life". We join in the universal prayer that God's light shines in your darkness in the knowledge that He turns the shadow of death into daybreak fulfilling His promise of eternal life; to be with us always. During this time of grief and in the time of re-building to come we hold you all and your nation in our thoughts and prayers.

The CEC Presidium will be meeting in Warsaw soon and we will be uniting in solidarity with you, dedicating our work and prayers for all those who have been called to the Lord.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore.

On Behalf of H.E. Metropolitan Emmanuel of France, CEC President,

Rev. Prof. Viorel Ionita
Acting General Secretary