

Bali Bombing - Note from the Global Board of Ministries, Uniting Churches in the Netherlands (UCN)

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Dear friends,

A horrible event took place in Kuta, killing many young people, most of them Indonesians and Australian youth. The fact that it was deliberately caused by people turns it into a barbarous crime.

Killing people at random, as just a side effect to achieve some gain in whatever effort, is so cynical.

It is inhuman because it doesn't recognise the value of life, granted to all humans by their Creator. It is like: "Slamming the Lord in His face". It even hurts, to just say it.

We want to let you know that together with you, we feel grief and anger. Also we worry about you and your communities. We are afraid of the hatred, which often comes out of this kind of event.

We wish you strength in facing all the grief and anger and hatred. We wish you strength and creativity to find ways for your communities. A community as hurt as the Australian community, because of this senseless loss of lives. The Balinese community, experiencing feelings of being polluted and damaged.

We only look up to God. He will have ways of comfort, leading you out of this misery. Just like a mother eagle that stretches her wings below her young ones -falling down from the nest- bringing them back into safety.

In our congregations, we pray for you, these days.

In friendship: peace!

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