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As the primus inter pares of The Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Denmark, I greet you in the name of our Triune God!

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark and the Armenian Apostolic Church has a long common history, also through times of sorrow, loss, and mourning. The disturbing news from Nagorno-Karabakh culminated last week with pictures of thousands of Armenians, fleeing their ancestral homeland. They are now refuges and have left behind everything – livelihood, social relations, and spiritual fellowship in churches. Many have sought refuge in Armenia, and we have anew been reminded of the generous hospitality of your church and people. We pray that your church and your people will be able to assist refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh, and to work for justice and lasting peace for all.

Together with Dan Church Aid the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark invites for donations towards the humanitarian needs among refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh. Our hope is that donations collected here in Denmark and channeled through our partners in Armenia can contribute to support of children, adults, and elderly and thus counter the unfolding humanitarian crises among refugees.

May the Spirit embolden our hearts and lead us in these times of trials, so that we can give glory to the Lord, who with His presence brings light and peace in all situations of human suffering.

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