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Dear Brethren:

Greetings in the Lord!

What a great time we had together this week. I thank the Lord for the opportunity to be together and discuss Kingdom work.

Below is the statement I drafted, per our discussion regarding the persecution of Christians:

The leaders of six Pentecostal denominations met in Los Angeles this week and jointly agreed to ask those who attend their churches to pray for the persecuted church.

The top elected representatives of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, International Pentecostal Holiness Church, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Church of God in Christ, Open Bible Churches, and Church of God came together to discuss, among other topics, the mass executions of Egyptian Coptic Christians in Libya last week.

“The recent beheading of 21 Egyptian Christians is a reminder to the body of Christ that even in the 21st century Christians are being martyred,” says U.S. Assemblies of God General Superintendent George O. Wood. “Please set aside time this Sunday and/or subsequent Sundays to pray for believers all over the world who are facing persecution, discrimination, marginalization, and even death.”

I trust this is a statement that can be released to your ministers. Please feel free to put your name and title in the last paragraph instead of mine—as each of us will release to our own lists. Please feel free also to edit this in any way you desire to best communicate with your constituency. We will release this statement to all of our ministers today.

May the Lord bless you richly!

For Christ and His Kingdom,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'George O. Wood'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

George O. Wood
General Superintendent

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