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Taiwan Union Christian Church

Dear Friends of Jesus Christ,

It is with heartfelt joy that I greet you on the occasion of your 50th anniversary!

Since its founding, Taiwan Union Christian Church has had a vital ministry in the highly diverse Astoria neighborhood of Queens, and far beyond. Your witness to the love of Jesus Christ and your outreach has served as an inspiring example of faithfulness.

Moreover, your church has played a prominent role in the Reformed Church in America. Rooted in the city which hosted the historical origins of the oldest Protestant denomination in the U.S., you have been a sign of our future. Worshipping in diverse languages and providing a home for the Taiwanese community and many more, Taiwan Union Christian Church has demonstrated a vibrant model of being the people of God, worshipping and serving together, within a rapidly changing urban environment. Thanks be to God!

Members and pastors of the Taiwan Union Christian Church have had an important influence in the governance and witness of Reformed Church in America. Being delegates to various General Synods, serving on the General Synod Council, and participating in a variety of boards and commissions over the years has demonstrated your congregation's commitment to our denomination, and has enriched its life. You have also enlivened the awareness of the RCA to the Taiwanese people and its churches in Taiwan, building on our long missionary history.

During the time I served as General Secretary of the Reformed Church in America, I always knew that Taiwan Union Christian Church and pastors such as Rev. Marianne Lin and others, would be faithful in their prayers and active in support of our

denomination. Still today, I remember well the honor I had to visit Taiwan Union Church, see your ministry firsthand, and preach the Word of God from your pulpit. My memory of your choir, and of your highly gifted young persons playing violin and cello, is still fresh.

As you look ahead to God's preferred and promised future for Taiwan Union Christian Church, I encourage you to be certain of God's continued grace and power in your shared life. You have much to be grateful for, but even more to anticipate in your future. Your witness is needed, now more than ever.

Rejoice in what God has done over 50 years. But let this celebration be the occasion to renew your commitment, as you follow Christ in mission into the future which God has already prepared for you.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Dr. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson
General Secretary Emeritus
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