

Date: March 18, 2021

WORKING TRANSLATION

Your Excellency Dr. Thomas Scheirmacher,  
World Evangelical Alliance CEO & Secretary-General;

After brotherly Greetings,

On the occasion of your election Director and Secretary-General of the World Evangelical Alliance, we would like to express to your Excellency our congratulations, sincerely wishing you all possible success in your noble mission. We are certain that your Excellency will consolidate the spirit of cooperation among the nations of the world toward creating a peaceful and just world governed by mutual respect. We are confident that your Excellency will spare no effort to build bridges connecting the followers of the three monotheistic religions, promote dialog among the different churches, and unite the word of the apostolic universal church. We are all children of God.

We have initiated the issuance of a presidential decree concerning the recognition of the Council of Evangelical Churches and the civil rights of their parishioners in the State of Palestine. The issuance of the decree is viewed as a significant step toward regulating the relationship between the State of Palestine and the Evangelical Churches in the State of Palestine. We at the Higher Presidential Committee of Churches Affairs in Palestine are looking forward to further joint cooperation with the view of strengthening the authentic Christian presence and overcoming the tremendous challenges facing the Christian communities, most notably of which is the Israeli occupation that is oppressing both Christian and Moslem Palestinians. We are working for the dignity, freedom and independence of Palestine to become a modern state living in peace and harmony with its neighbors. We raise the voice of justice and truth, carrying the message of Christ, the message of love, justice and peace: "Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called sons of God" (Mt. 5:9).

At this time as we are living in the Lenten season, we ask your Excellency to pray for us and for the salvation of the world from the pandemic so that life will triumph over death.

Respectfully,

Dr. Ramzi Khoury

Head

Higher Presidential Committee of Churches Affairs

State of Palestine