

Statement of the Co-Presidency of Justice & Peace Europe

## **Justice, Peace and Human Dignity for Greenland and its People**

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As Co-Presidents of Justice and Peace Europe, we hereby express our profound solidarity with the people of Greenland at a time marked by climate change, growing geopolitical interest and social challenges. Greenland is not merely a strategic territory, but the homeland of a people with a distinct culture, language and deep relationship with their land and creation, which must be respected and protected.

Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, we affirm that all peoples possess an inherent dignity and the right to shape their future in freedom and responsibility. Authentic development must be integral, respecting cultural identity, social cohesion, care for creation and the rights of present and future generations. Decisions affecting Greenland must therefore be guided by meaningful participation, dialogue and the primacy of the common good.

Pope Leo XIV reminds the world in his [2026 Message for the World Day of Peace](#) that the peace of Christ is ‘unarmed and disarming’—a peace that rejects domination and fear, and instead fosters trust, dialogue and respect for human dignity. In this spirit, we salute the local church voices. “*As people of faith, we are called to be peacemakers, especially in uncertain times,*” [said](#) Father Majcen, the Catholic parish priest in Nuuk. We echo the words of the Danish Commission for Justice and Peace, as well as Bishop Paneeraq Siegstad Munk, head of Greenland’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, and [The World Council of Churches](#) in their appeals for respect for the inalienable rights of the people of Greenland. United in prayer with the [Lutheran bishops](#) of the Kingdom of Denmark, we uphold prayer for peace and respect among nations, grounded in international law and solidarity.

Justice & Peace Europe calls on all actors of good will to stand with the people of Greenland, to protect their dignity, safeguard creation, and promote peaceful and just paths towards a future marked by hope, security and harmony.

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