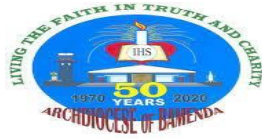


## **CALL FOR PEACE IN CAMEROON**

Issued by Inter-Religious Leaders in Cameroon, representing the Roman Catholic, Protestant, Pentecostal and Muslim Communities at an inter-religious round table conversation on the theme “Deepening Understanding for Effective Coordination and Collegial Action for Peace in Cameroon” held at the National Episcopal Centre Mvolye, Yaounde, 8 - 10 August 2023.

As Inter-Religious Leaders in Cameroon representing the Roman Catholic, Protestant, Pentecostal and Muslim Communities we solemnly declare the following:

1. That we are dedicated and committed to promoting Justice, Peace, Social Cohesion, National Integration and sustainable dialogue amongst our religious communities for a common national brotherhood in our country Cameroon.
2. We call on all Non-State Armed Groups to lay down their arms and appeal to the Armed Officers to be more responsible and progressively professional in executing their duties of protecting the citizens.
3. We strongly plead to all Cameroonians in the country and in the diaspora to engage in creating platforms of genuine inclusive dialogue for peace in our country.
4. We implore the government to add speed and scale up the implementation of the Presidential Plan for Reconstruction and Development for the Northwest and Southwest Regions and propose the intensification of the Presidential Plan to the Boko Haram afflicted areas of the Northern parts of Cameroon.



As Inter-Religious Leaders, we declare our willingness to engage in accountable partnerships for economic and social recovery, improving social services and strengthening social cohesion in our country.

5. We uncompromisingly advocate the right to life, health and education as fundamental human rights, which unfortunately continue to be disregarded while widespread atrocities persist. There can be no peace without development, no development without peace and no lasting peace or sustainable development without respect for human rights, the rule of law (Jan Eliasson, former UN Deputy Secretary-General).
6. It is a contradiction if the political ambition to preserve territorial integrity or the dream of self-determination to statehood is pursued at the expense of the life of innocent civilians. No war is just, all wars are immoral.
7. We, therefore, call for moral maturity from each of the warring parties and plead to consider laying down their weapons as a goodwill gesture for mediated dialogue.
8. We call on all religious adherents in Cameroon to remain peaceful, prayerful, tolerant, patriotic, and committed to nation-building in Cameroon.
9. We express our gratitude to our international partners that are organized in the Inter-Religious Forum for Justice and Peace in Cameroon for their support of our roundtable conference.

Today, the people of Cameroon continue to shoulder the travail of the burdens of our nation with the writhing cry of pain as of childbirth. As Inter-Religious Leaders, we will give ourselves no rest until Cameroon is delivered of war and evil.



We remind our members and all Cameroonians of our collective responsibility to make our country a haven of peace through the avoidance of hate speech. Let us align with God's plan for our common destiny as a Nation and to be aware of an eternal accountability to God Almighty in the fullness of time.

The Holy Quran and the Holy Bible remind us that "Thou shall not kill" thus, Inter-Religious Leaders call on all Cameroonians to value human life and to seek God's face through supplications and intercessions for humanity. This will be intensified through organized National Prayers by the Inter-Religious Leaders in the days ahead.



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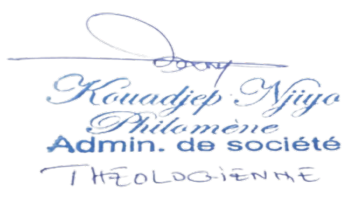
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Done in Yaounde this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023