

## Grace & Peace to you!

Dear Partners in Christ across the world, Moderators/Bishops/Presidents, leaders of our Member Churches, and our Ecumenical Friends,

As we draw near to the manger where God's love became visible, we remember you with gratitude, and we send you our Christmas greetings with sincere affection, because your fellowship has been a living witness that God still binds hearts together across distance, culture, and language. May your Christmas be meaningful, not merely because it is celebrated, but because it is received, deeply, quietly, and truly, as the good news that God has come near.

As UELCI looks back on the journey of the year 2025, we do so with humble thanksgiving to our partners across the world, leaders of the member churches, and ecumenical friends whose prayers, encouragement, guidance, and support have been a quiet strength behind many visible outcomes. You have walked with us not only when things were smooth but also when complexities arose, administrative burdens, resource limitations, pastoral crises, and the countless pressures that arrive in our journey. Your cooperation has helped UELCI to continue its calling with dignity, and your solidarity has reminded us that the church is truly one body, living by one Spirit.

We invite our partners, member churches, bishops, leaders, and ecumenical friends to continue walking with UELCI in 2026 so that together we may bear witness to the One who came in humility, lived in compassion, died in love, and rose in power. May the Lord who guided us through 2025 guide us in the new year, and may God's grace make our shared work fruitful.

Wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026



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