

## Council of Kuki Worship Services

"You are the light of the world...." (Mathew 5:14)

## APPEAL FOR PEACE AND HARMONY

Delhi, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

Council of Kuki Worship Services (CKWS), [a non-denominational Church organization of formed by Kuki Worship Services located in 20 cities of India and 4 cities abroad], is deeply shocked and expresses its heartfelt pain, anguish and deep concern over the incidence of violence in burning of about 200 houses belonging to poor villagers of Chahsad Village in Kamjong District of Manipur on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 and appeals to all concern for peace and harmony.

CKWS earnestly, appeals to all concerned Christian brothers and sisters to abhor violence of any form, as followers of Christ, and find solution to problems and issues through peaceful dialogue and negotiation based on Biblical principles of mutual love, trust and respect rather than resorting to violence, which is detrimental to the well being of all. For violence begets violence!

CKWS appeals to all right thinking citizens of Manipur to condemn the violence and leave no stone unturned to make every effort collectively or individually, to avert further escalation of violence.

CKWS urges Govt. authorities to take adequate action to ensure the rule of law, deliver justice, ensure safety and security of the villagers and fulfill its obligation as a responsible Government, to rebuild the life of affected villagers.

CKWS appeals to all minority Christian communities in Manipur and North East India to remember bigger challenges the Church is facing today and promote a culture of peaceful coexistence and mutual support as Christians.

CKWS appeals to and welcomes Churches and Christian organizations to join us in bringing the message of God's love and restore peace in the region.

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