



# IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA MENONITA HONDUREÑA

“Your word is truth” John 17:17

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## **STATEMENT**

The Iglesia Evangélica Menonita Hondureña (Evangelical Mennonite Church of Honduras): in light of the latest events arising in our national life, which are an evidence of the crisis of the ruling class of our country, from our stand point, this class has lost its accuracy to meet the development needs of a people that it is mostly characterized by living in poverty and extreme poverty; in a country where natural richness has been mismanaged, being fraudulently used by few and by foreigners who do not measure their greed. This is the reason that has led to protests and rallies of discontent on the streets and in the media coverage of the situation.

September 21, the date that we remember the agreement of the United Nations in celebrating International Peace Day, we stand with the following:

- A. Historically, we are a peaceful and nonviolent church, founded on the values of the Kingdom of God, such as love, justice, peace, forgiveness and reconciliation. We believe in conflict transformation through sincere and fair dialogue, and in promoting respect for human rights. We also say that in the political, economic and social conflict that our country is currently facing, those who suffer the most are those who are socially disadvantaged, which represent the majority of the population.
- B. We point out the inability of the ruling class in its responsibility of imparting justice, applying unequal, rigid, and malicious processes. To date, the militarization of a society as an alternative to provide security, does not meet the expectations of the people and the continuous deaths which are adding up in the neighborhoods and colonies of the country on a daily basis, is linked to this, instead of seeking real solutions to the economic crisis, offering populist actions that are not a response to the huge needs of the majority.

As we face the present situation we call:

1. To all members of Iglesia Evangélica Menonita Hondureña, to all our Mennonite brethren around the world, and to all brethren of the churches with whom we share the honor, subjection, and obedience to the name of Jesus Christ, to declare a day of fasting and prayer for our nation, asking our Lord to guide us towards a true social transformation, freeing our people from social injustice, corruption and impunity.
2. To the state powers: to assume the responsibility that our laws assigned for the performance of their duties with integrity, courage and honesty and to provide answers to regain the credibility, trust and dignity of the people who entrusted their lives.
3. To the people of Honduras, in general, we encourage them to not lose hope in a God who delivers, who does His will through the actions of the individual who proclaims justice denouncing injustice, embraces the truth and proclaims it in the streets, fights for equality, defends his rights, points out to lies and deception, denies himself to serve others; we also plead to stay vigilant to ensure that the ruling class fulfills its role in favor of the impoverished majority.

**“Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.” James 3:18**

La Ceiba, September 21, 2015

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