



Statement by the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon

"Caesar Act" has imposed additional sanctions on Syria and has reminded people of the Ancient Empires and the policy of "violated lands" that has been carried out on vulnerable populations.

While the Syrians have sacrificed a lot over the years of war to triumph over terrorism, the United States government has decided to punish them with an additional blockade that will affect the Syrian people's daily sustenance, health, and the future of their children.

It became evident that there is no solution in Syria except for a political solution driven by the Syrians themselves to preserve the sovereignty of Syria, the unity of its territories, and the continuity of its governmental institutions. Nonetheless, the American government has decided to complicate the crisis further by starving the Syrians, impeding reconstruction, and penalizing those who violate the application of the "Caesar Act."

The National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (Presbyterian Church) would like to thank the millions of its partners in faith and call in the following American Protestant Churches:

The Presbyterian Church (USA)

Christian Reformed Church

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

United Methodist Church

American Friends

Disciples of Christ Church

United Church of Christ

Mennonite Central Committee U.S.

We thank them for their response to the cries of the Syrian people by sending a joint letter to Congress demanding reconsideration of this unjust "Act" that victimizes the lives of millions of Syrians and their children through foreign policies that intensify their suffering.

We also call on the different Evangelical churches in the West to stand united to support the Syrians by virtue of their Christian faith.

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6: 8

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