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Dear Bishop Pap,

It is with a great sense of shock that the Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches in Europe has heard about the decision of the Buzau Court to 'renationalise' the Székely Mikó Reformed High School in Sepsiszentgyörgy/Sfântu Gheorge.

Sadly, as fellow members of the Reformed Church family, we are very familiar with the stories of these kinds of actions which have been taking place in Romania for years. We know of the good work of the Transylvanian Reformed Church in spreading the Gospel, in caring for those in need and in educating the young. We know well the difficult circumstances in which you work and are dismayed to hear that these unjust practices by the judiciary are continuing. WCRC has always been clear that the rule of law must be upheld and we stand in prayerful solidarity with you in the face of this injustice.

As well as writing to you to offer our solidarity and support, we are writing to the Prime Minister of Romania, arguing that the Székely Mikó Reformed High School in Sepsiszentgyörgy/Sfântu Gheorge be immediately returned to the Church, its rightful owners, that the fine imposed on the church should be rescinded and the convictions of the three members of the Special Committee on Church Property Restitution be quashed.

We will keep you in our prayers, especially on 1 September, when you gather at the Székely Mikó Reformed High School in Sepsiszentgyörgy/Sfântu Gheorge. Please keep us informed about this case and others which come to your attention and, if there is anything we, as your sisters and brothers in the Reformed Churches of Europe can do to strengthen you as you work for justice, let us know.

Yours sincerely,

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