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Dear Balázs

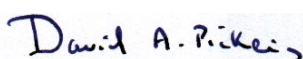
I write on behalf of the United Reformed Church and within the URC, the National Synod of Scotland, to send our sadness and prayerful support having heard news of the devastating fire at Budapest's Ráday Dormitory of Reformed Theology and its tragic consequences. We particularly send our sympathy following the death of an individual.

I also heard about the loss to, and damage, suffered in the main archives, library and Bible Museum of the Hungarian Reformed Church. I understand that these included unique, artifacts and books of global significance. We feel so much for you in the loss of treasured parts of your heritage, and with it a feeling of loss of a part of your identity.

As I write I'm meeting with my moderator colleagues from across the United Reformed Church, together with the General Secretary, the Revd John Proctor, and the URC's Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Rev'd Philip Brooks. At the close of the meeting we held a service of communion, during which a candle was lit and prayers were said, remembering our friends in the Hungarian Reformed Church.

Please accept the prayerful support of both the synod with which you share a partnership, and the whole United Reformed Church fellowship.

Yours sincerely,



Moderator: Revd Dr David A. Pickering

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