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Dear Sirs and Madam:

We, members of the InterReligious Task Force, are extremely concerned for the safety of **Pastor William Reyes, his family and the members of the Fraternity of Evangelical Ministers of Maicao (FRAME)**. At 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, Pastor Reyes left Valledupar, Cesar Department for his home in Maicao, La Guajira in northern Colombia. He has not arrived or been heard from since.

Pastor Reyes pastors the Truth and Light Church (of the Interamerican denomination) of Maicao and is a member of FRAME which has received repeated threats from illegal armed groups since March of this year.

This is a further example of human rights violations of church people and of the civilian population at large that are ongoing in Colombia. Last year the Justapaz Peace Commission Documentation and Advocacy Program registered the murder of four pastors. On April 2 of this year we expressed our concern for the government's lack of concern for break-ins and subsequent death threats suffered by civic, peace and human rights organizations, including Justapaz.

We **strongly urge** that you

- take all steps necessary to locate Pastor Reyes;
- provide all necessary safety measures for Pastor Reyes' family and for the members of FRAME;
- ensure swift and thorough investigations of the threats against FRAME, make public the results and bring those responsible to justice.

Sincerely,

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**The following people hereby urge you to take action on this matter as indicated in this letter:**