



## **A Prayer for Taiwan – following earthquakes Feb. 6, 2018**

As many of you will know, my trip as Moderator in July 2017 was to Taiwan to connect with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. A series of earthquakes have over the last 3 or 4 days been shaking the city of Hualien and the surrounding area. Hualien is on the east coast of the island. The town was the end point for one and the starting point for the other of two of our train trips. We had a dinner there with faculty from Yushan Seminary and passed through the community as we connected with Indigenous people including Truku, Bunun, Amis, and Kavalan people.

Prayer:

God of mercy,

be with the people of Hualien and the surrounding region as they deal with the impact of many recent earthquakes, especially the one on Feb. 6.

We pray that you comfort to those who have had family and friends killed.

Give hope to those who are still trapped,

Give insight and courage to those who seek to rescue the trapped,

Give wisdom to government officials and engineers as they evaluate damage to infrastructure and buildings, and

Give aid to those who are homeless or are dislocated because of the earthquake.

We thank you for the witness of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, and pray that you would strengthen them as they reach out, as a denomination, as congregations, and as individuals, with care and compassion that comes from you.

These things we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

—*The Rev. Peter Bush, moderator of the 2017 General Assembly*