

Return address: P.O. Box 8399, 3503 RJ Utrecht, The Netherlands

The Romanian Orthodox Patriarchate
Chancery of the Holy Synod
Str. Antim nr. 29
BUCURESTI
ROMANIA

**Dienstenorganisatie
Protestantse Kerk**

Institutionele Ondersteuning

Joseph Haydnlaan 2a,
P.O. Box 8399, 3503 RJ Utrecht
The Netherlands
Telephone +31 30 880 18 80
servicedesk@pkn.nl
www.pkn.nl
Ch.o.C. no: 30258482
IBAN: NL74 INGB 0652 9150 00
BIC: INGBNL2A

Date	Our reference	Dossier
July 15, 2010	1007.097b	B1.11.320

Dealt with by
H. van Rijssen
Telephone +31 30 880 14 39
h.van.rijssen@pkn.nl

Dear Brothers in Christ,

This letter is to inform you about the activity of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands together with Amnesty International according the inhumane situation of the Roma population in Csíkszereda.

We are deeply concerned that Roma in Csíkszereda, along with Romani communities across Romania, often are victims of forced evictions, and as a result suffer additional violations of their right to adequate housing. The current housing provided by the local authorities after the community's eviction from Pictor Nagy Imre Street in 2004, violates the international human rights obligations, by which the Csíkszereda authorities are bound, to ensure that everybody enjoys their right to adequate housing without discrimination.

The Protestant church in the Netherlands supports some Roma projects in Europe so we are already for a long time in solidarity with this Roma population.

Therefore we have asked our members to activate the majors of the municipalities in the Netherlands to write a letter to the major in Csíkszereda in which is asked:

- engage in a genuine consultation with the Romani communities next to the sewage treatment plant in order to identify a relocation site and provide them with adequate housing;
- consider this an urgent matter;
- devise a plan to facilitate the integration of Roma within the broader community of Csíkszereda;
- put an end to all forced evictions.

We hope you also will take steps to put your solidarity with the Roma population in Romania and help the authorities in your country to ban the discrimination of these people.

May god bless all the work of the Romanian Patriarchate, and special the work that she does for the most unfortunate people in Romania.

Connected with you in Christ

Dr. A.J. Plaisier
General secretary to the board of the General Synod of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands