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To the members of the Synod in the
Evangelical - Lutheran Church of Latvia
and
Archbishop Janis Vanags

Dear Archbishop Janis Vanags,
Dear members of the Synod in the Evangelical - Lutheran Church of Latvia,

The Convent of protestant female Theologians in the Church of Northern Germany
blesses you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With great pleasure we have received the reports of the jubilee of the women's
ordination in Riga. We thank God for all the female theologians who were and are
doing their annunciation of the Gospel. We hope that they are deeply firm in their call
to preach and administer the sacraments and still keep hoping that their church will
also appreciate their service and ministry and will make full use of them.

We as female theologians in the Church of Northern Germany observe that justice,
and especially gender justice, is a very important topic in our church. The Gender
justice policy of the Lutheran World Federation shows that we are all together on a
good way to equality. We know that is not easy to overcome prejudice. But we pray
that in this time, while we are celebrating the reformation that started 500 years ago
and is still going on, we all find encouragement. We get confirmed by the biblical and
historical arguments which constitute the priesthood of all baptized. The Bible tells us
how women have contributed crucially to the expansion of the Gospel, which gave
encouragement to women during all periods in church history.

So we also want to encourage you to support actively women's ordination in your
Church.

May God's blessings give us all strength - We greet you sincerely,

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