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Betrayal with a Theolgical Twist

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It has come to the knowledge of the ministers of the Classis of the Evangelical Church of Pest, that Zoltan Doka pastor of Hevizgyôrk and Maria Doka did not return home at the time indicated on their passport. Moreover Pastor Zoltan Doka has written a letter to the officers of the Lutheran World Federation, which has been translated into Hungarian by irresponsible persons and published in certain circles. We feel that we have a few things to say in this matter.

We cannot accept but we do condemn the letter, which in reality speaks about two subjects. On one side the letter discusses the meaning of diakonia and its theological interpretation. We read statements such as this in the letter that the world Diakonia hardly appears in the New Testament, and the meaning of the word refers to the serving at tables and is completed with the sacrificial death of Christ. Can we ask, is not this the meaning of the whole New Testament?

Are not we discussing the same when we talk about the sacrificial death of Christ, from which we learned to gather "around the table." For us diakonia is the center of the Gospel, while at the same time it is the fruit of our faith and our service. Nobody can take this from us. We remember when Pastor Doka shared these thoughts with us, and in this same spirit he did as the writer of the Commentary to the Gospel of Mark. In addition the members of the Lutheran World Federation will also recall his words that the word "diakonia" has helped him to understand and finish his work. Which voice was the honest voice of Pastor Doka? His letter is truly hurting us, when he writes that the above mentioned theology is used by those who want to get ahead or who want to use it to corner others. Pastor Doka should know how this theology has grown to be close to us, and more so, contrary to his letter it was embraced by our own congregations, where our pastors preach this theology. We acknowledge that not everyone fully accepts this theology, but what the letter implies is not true.
their name also.

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