

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
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Dear Prime Minister Stephen Harper,

On behalf of the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and of the Anglican Church of Canada, we congratulate you on your re-election as Prime Minister.

Along with the many blessings of this great country, we also continue to face challenges, such as the need to eliminate poverty, care for the environment, respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples, ensure safety in our communities, and facilitate sustainable economies in Canada and around the world.

Vision, courage and wisdom will be required of you as you exercise your duties and as you seek to inspire Canadians to face these challenges. The times in which we live call for visionary leadership in Canada and in the world so that we may build a truly just, healthy and peaceful world. For this we pray and work.

Our churches are committed to discerning opportunities to face the world's challenges in partnership with many in civil society, and with the Government of Canada.

We also assure you that week by week, members of our churches are praying for you, for all Members of Parliament, and for the Government of Canada. May your service to this country be a blessing to many, and may God guide us all as we face the future together.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. Susan C. Johnson
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The Most Rev. Fred J. Hiltz
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The Hon. Jack Layton,
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