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MODERATOR OF THE 2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Peter Bush

October 25, 2017

The Hon. Chrystia Freeland
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Minister,

I bring you greetings from the 2017 General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The General Assembly considered and adopted a report on climate change and Canada's commitments to provide funding in support of countries in the Global South.

Our church believes that the world is beloved gift of God. The world does not belong to us and we have a responsibility to care for it. Those who have done the least to contribute to the causes of climate change suffer disproportionately from its impacts. Canada has a special duty of care for those who are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

Your 2015 announcement of a \$2.65 billion commitment over five years in support of the Green Climate Fund was welcome and appreciated. We also acknowledge Canada's commitment of \$30 million to the Least Developed Countries Fund, and \$10 million in support of the World Meteorological Organization. Please be encouraged to maintain this support.

Countries frequently fall short of meeting their climate funding commitments. The Pembina Institute reports that Canada's fair share of climate funding to support mitigation and adaptation efforts in the Global South is \$4 billion.

How is Canada going about meeting its climate funding commitments in 2017? How can Canada better meet its fair share of funding initiatives in the Global South, aiding survival and adaptation to the harshest impacts of climate change?

Rest assured of our continuing prayers. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Peter G. Bush,
Moderator, 143rd General Assembly,
The Presbyterian Church in Canada#

Clerks of Assembly: The Rev. Stephen Kendall and The Rev. Donald Muir