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Dear Rev. Dr. Thompson and Rev. Owens –

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I am writing to you as our Full Communion partners, in shared solidarity and to link arms for strength in these trying times.

But first, let me start by saying thank you.

Thank you to both your denominations for affirming your support of Canada, and acknowledging us as a sovereign nation at your most recent general assemblies. As your physical and spiritual neighbour, and one currently among those threatened by the current administration in the United States, we deeply appreciate your support and solidarity. We are grateful for your public and sincere support for our nation.

But today I especially want to offer our solidarity, as you comfort, guide and lead your faith communities through this time of chaos, fear and evil. So many of us across this continent and the world are standing shoulder with you to say, in love, “not in my name, and not in the name of our God.”



I pray strength for you as deep conviction brings you alongside protesters and community activators in the cities and places where you serve. To peaceably protest, to love and support, to offer sanctuary – these are acts of faith deeply rooted in the teachings of Jesus. We just observed Martin Luther King Jr. Day recently. One of my favourite quotes from Dr. King is:

“The ultimate measure of a [person] is not where [they] stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where [they] stand at times of challenge and controversy.” [Adapted for gender inclusion]

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or with designated members of your staff to discuss ways we might use our social media presence to amplify your voices. Please advise if that would be helpful.

My prayers and solidarity continue to be with you. If there is anything I can do through my own ministry to support you and our colleagues in leadership in the US, please never hesitate to ask.

In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Heath', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath
Moderator
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