



For the **Love** of **Creation**

The Honourable Minister Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

The Honourable Minister Carolyn Bennett
Minister of Crown–Indigenous Relations

The Honourable Minister David Lametti
Attorney General and Minister of Justice

The Honourable Minister Karina Gould
Minister of International Development

October 21, 2020

Dear Ministers,

Canadian churches and faith-based organizations have come together under the banner, **For the Love of Creation - A Faith-based Initiative for Climate Justice** in the hopes of making a meaningful contribution in the next decade towards a sustainable future for all life on the planet.

Over 90 days from July to October 2020, **For the Love of Creation** collected 2,500 signatures on an e-petition urging the federal government to increase climate ambition and invest in a just transition; legislate the implementation of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the right to free, prior and informed consent; commit equal support for climate change adaptation and mitigation measures in the Global South; and support pandemic responses through multilateral debt cancellation.

The petition was sponsored by your colleague MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith and garnered a response from people of faith across the country. Mr. Erskine-Smith will be presenting the petition in the House of Commons on Monday, October 26.

We know that some elements of our recommendations have been addressed in commitments from you and your government over the last year, including most recently in the September 23, Speech from the Throne. We would very much appreciate the opportunity to discuss these issues—and your plans to address them—at your earliest convenience.

Sincere thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Lorimer".

Beth Lorimer
Convenor, *For the Love of Creation*

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