

Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, M.P.
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Dear Mr. Harper,

We are writing on behalf of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Canada to thank you for your decade of work as Prime Minister of Canada. Recognizing this Office holds many challenges and responsibilities, MCC thanks you for your leadership as well as your previous decade of public service as a Member of Parliament.

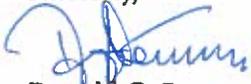
MCC is a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. MCC Canada currently supports programs in 60 countries through the efforts of over 1,000 workers, 14,000 volunteers, and 122,000 members of supporting churches.

Some of MCC's work has been—and continues to be—generously supported by the former Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development. A grant from the Office of Religious Freedom, for instance, has enabled us to enhance our peacebuilding work in Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. We are truly grateful for the support provided by the Government of Canada during your tenure.

As we have with all Canadian governments over the past five decades, MCC will continue to offer our perspective and expertise—guided by the voices of our partners and the people we serve in Canada and abroad—in order to contribute to policies and programs that are better able to address the profound challenges of our world.

We wish you well and assure you of our prayers as you work to hold the government accountable as part of the Official Opposition. We look forward to engaging with your party in constructive discussions on important public policy issues in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,



Donald G. Peters
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CC: Rona Ambrose, Interim Leader, Conservative Party of Canada