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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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February 16, 2011

Dear Prime Minister:

I continue to be concerned about the process by which KAIROS was defunded by CIDA.

The work of KAIROS is very valuable and important to our church, our country and our world. For over 35 years, KAIROS has worked faithfully in partnership with the government of Canada to promote development and human rights. CIDA's own assessments indicate that this work has been effective, accountable and recommended. It remains unclear on what basis the government decided to end this partnership.

KAIROS has reapplied for funding. What is most important to us is that this new application receives fair consideration so that the gifts of KAIROS are seen in the light of their potential to promote a safe, well-fed and just world. Our church remains convinced that KAIROS has much to offer as a partner in promoting the values that Canadians cherish.

You, your ministers, and the whole of parliament are in our prayers as you seek to serve Canadians with good leadership.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Susan C. Johnson  
National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

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cc: National Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada  
The Hon. Bev Oda, Minister of International Cooperation  
The Hon. Michael Ignatieff, Leader of the official Opposition  
The Hon. Gilles Duceppe, Party Leader, Bloc Québécois  
The Hon. Jack Layton, Party Leader, NDP  
Mary Corkery, Executive Director, KAIROS