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**A Joint Christmas Greeting**  
**From Anglican Primate Archbishop Fred Hiltz**  
**and ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson**

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Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It gives us great pleasure to write to you together as the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada and the National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada in order to send you our best wishes for a blessed Advent and a joyous celebration of Christmas.

In a world where there is much conflict, we give thanks for the birth of the Prince of Peace.

In a world where there is much division, we celebrate the unity we have in Christ.

In a world where many are in need, we ask to be given generous hearts and willing hands.

In a world where many are alone, we rejoice in the richness of our relationship of Full Communion.

Our hope and prayer for each one of you is that you will be able to join us in proclaiming with the hymnist:

*"Oh, join with me, in gladness sing, to keep our Christmas with our king, until our song, from loving souls, like rushing mighty water rolls."*

The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz  
Archbishop and Primate  
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National Bishop  
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