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The Honourable Marc Miller, MP
Minister of Crown–Indigenous Relations Canada
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Dear Minister Miller

On behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), I am writing to encourage the Government of Canada to resolve the Stoney Knoll First Nation land claim.

I recently heard that the Stoney Knoll First Nation's land claim was successful in overcoming its first step. This means that the government is beginning the process of resolving this issue. This is a good first step and needs to continue with the reinstatement of Stoney Knoll First Nation's rights and compensation for the wrong that was perpetrated upon the people of this nation.

For nearly 20 years, [St John Lutheran Church in Laird, SK](#) has been working with the Stoney Knoll First Nation seeking understanding and justice. In 2015, the ELCIC [repudiated the Doctrine of Discovery](#) and committed to walking with Indigenous peoples in their ongoing efforts to exercise their inherent sovereignty and fundamental human rights. The congregation of St. John is a member of the ELCIC and is modeling what it means for faith communities to work for reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

I urge you to continue the process of resolving the Stoney Knoll First Nation land claim, as one step in the long journey of healing, justice, and reconciliation.

Yours in Christ

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cc Gary Vidal, MP, Conservative Shadow Minister for Crown-Indigenous Relations
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cc Charlie Angus, MP, NDP Critic for Crown-Indigenous Relations
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