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Dear Dr Idowu-Fearon,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our crucified and risen Lord!

I write to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on your appointment as the new Secretary General of the Anglican Communion. This is a role demanding great responsibility and leadership as you impart a vision for unity in the midst of the diversity of Anglican provinces. Please know that the World Council of Churches will support you in your efforts to make visible the unity of the churches of the Anglican Communion and the broader Christian family. You are called to serve the communion's needs, lifting up causes for hope and celebration, and discerning strong responses for its challenges. This ministry you are taking up is valuable and sacred. It holds the potential for deepening relationships within the communion and beyond it, and for witnessing to the spirit of reconciliation through your own faithfulness and vision.

Your exceptional record of devoted work on Christian-Muslim relations is a specific gift you bring to your new role. Developing the role of churches as peace-builders and dialogue partners in a time when religiously motivated violence is causing devastation to so many is an urgent demand for us all as faithful Christians. I pray that your wisdom and experience will inform not only the activities of the Anglican Communion in this regard, but the wider ecumenical family as well. We seek to work with you in this and many other areas of our common Christian life.

I hope that you will be able to visit us here in Geneva. I look forward to meeting you and hope that we can find a mutually convenient time to do so in the near future. I am pleased that through the meetings of General Secretaries of Christian World Communions, of which the World Council of Churches is a part, we will have opportunity to share in the potentials for relationship building and collaboration throughout this one ecumenical movement. The churches of the Anglican Communion are dynamic leaders in the life of our fellowship of churches, for which we give great thanks to God.

I offer my prayers to you in this time of transition to your new position. Be assured of the support you have from the World Council of Churches' fellowship of churches around the globe.

Yours in our Common Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Olav Fykse Tveit". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'O'.

Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit
General Secretary