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"For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding."
(Colossians 1.9)

Dear Moderator Elect,

Greetings in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

It was with great joy that we learned of your election as 44th moderator of the United Church of Canada. Your election is both historic and inspiring.

God's calling is upon you, the first Indigenous woman to lead the denomination, and God has blessed you with the gift of leadership for a time such as this. On behalf of the fellowship of member churches that is the World Council of Churches (WCC), please accept our heartfelt congratulations and be assured of our prayers.

We remember fondly your participation at the WCC Ninth Assembly in Port Alegre, where you gave a presentation on the theme, *"God, in you grace, transform the world"*. We remain grateful for your leadership from 2006 to 2013 as a member of the WCC executive and central committees. We remember also the faithful ecumenical service of your family in the life of the WCC.

The United Church of Canada has been a global leader in the pursuit of truth and reconciliation with First Nations and Indigenous communities. Your election inspires the church in all times and all places to profess boldly our faith that in Christ Jesus, God reconciled all things on earth and in heaven.

May you be blessed with spiritual wisdom and understanding to continue the journey of justice, peace, reconciliation and unity among God's people and all of creation.

We look forward to joining you online for your installation on 7 August at Canadian Memorial United Church in Vancouver.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Saucă
Acting General Secretary