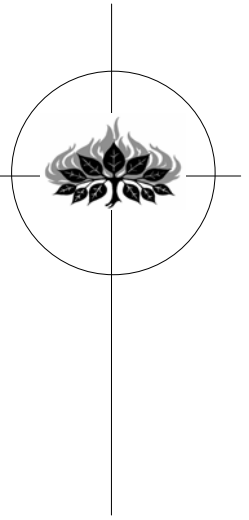


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MODERATOR OF THE 131ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Mr. Michael Decter,
Chairman,
The Health Council of Canada,
90 Eglinton Ave. East, Suite 900,
Toronto, ON M4P 2Y3

Dear Mr. Decter,

I am writing to you on behalf of the 131st General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Our denomination has had a long standing commitment to publicly funded health care. The Presbyterian Church in Canada supports the five principles of the Canada Health Act. As a member of the Canadian Council of Churches, our denomination participated in the submission to the Royal Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada.

We welcomed the recommendation in the Royal Commission's Final Report to establish a Health Council of Canada that would facilitate co-operation and provide national leadership in improving health outcomes. Our denomination welcomes effective and respectful cooperation between both levels of government.

Our General Assembly affirms opportunities for health care organizations, faith communities, interested organizations and citizens to meet with the Health Council of Canada. The Council schedules its meetings in communities across Canada so that these conversations can take place. This indicates a commitment on the Council's part, to engage with Canadians on health care policy issues. We would be most interested in learning how representatives from interested organizations can arrange to meet with the Council?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours respectfully,

The Rev. M. Jean Morris,
Moderator, 131st General Assembly,
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

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