

October 1, 2015

[Party leader's name]
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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[email address]

Dear [Mr./Ms./M. _____],

Coming out of the Interfaith Summit, which coincided with the G20 Conference held in Canada in 2010, the Canadian Interfaith Conversation gathers leaders of 40 faith communities and related organizations to:

- Advocate for religion in a pluralistic society and in Canadian public life;
- Promote harmony and spiritual insight among religions and religious communities in Canada; and
- Work for greater realization of the fundamental freedom of conscience and religion for the sake of the common good and an engaged citizenship.

Please see our Charter Vision and List of Participants attached (further information is available at www.interfaithconversation.ca).

At our gatherings on June 16 and September 17 of this year, we agreed that we would contact each of the leaders of the five political parties campaigning in the current federal election to ask,

If your party is elected on October 19 to form the Government of Canada, what do you plan to do in relation to the following six issues?

- *Eradication of poverty in Canada and globally, notably child poverty*
- *Global climate change*
- *Reconciliation with the indigenous peoples of Canada*
- *Religious freedom for people of all faiths in Canada and globally*
- *Global refugee crises*
- *Access to high-quality palliative care in all parts of Canada*

We would be pleased to distribute your response to all 40 participating member organizations, representing the faith traditions in Canada.

Sincerely, on behalf of the Canadian Interfaith Conversation,

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