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*With God's grace, the mission of our ministries
is to enable people to know Jesus Christ,
to live and share the good news,
to grow in faith and to serve God's world.*

January 23, 2017

The Honourable Bill Morneau, PC, MP
Minister of Finance
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister:

As you prepare the upcoming Federal budget, I would encourage you and your Cabinet colleagues to place a high priority on the needs of the least amongst us.

The Anglican Church of Canada that adopted **Compassion, Justice, and Reason** as its banner during the last Federal election is committed to continue partnering with you and other levels of government in ensuring that Canada lives up to its potential as a caring and compassionate country, especially as we celebrate 150 years of Confederation.

The competition for funding is undoubtedly fierce. However, social spending should be seen as an investment in the quality of life for all Canadians. In particular, we all stand to gain from a robust and adequately funded **National Housing Strategy**, a rich and genuine new dialogue with **Indigenous Peoples**, continued open arms to welcome the stranger through our **immigration and refugee programmes** and generosity in our **international assistance**. These are key areas in which the Anglican Church of Canada has made formal submissions through the government's consultation processes and is active in providing valued services and sponsorships.

Please be assured of our continued prayers for you and all who hold authority in our country. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

The Rt. Rev. John H. Chapman
Bishop of Ottawa

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