

**TO THE VENERABLE 146TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,
C/O CLERKS OF ASSEMBLY**

**FROM THE HUNGARIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN CANADA IN
VANCOUVER, CALGARY, EDMONTON, TORONTO, OTTAWA AND MONTREAL**

Since lately we have heard the voices of minority ethnic church groups within the PCC (Korean, Chinese, Arabic, African etc.), we Hungarian ethnic congregations would like to state the following:

We remember with a grateful heart that Calvinist Reformed Hungarian immigrants arriving to Canada in different period of times in the last more than 100 years were received graciously, lovingly by The Presbyterian Church in Canada. We joyfully joined this denomination because of our confessions and traditions were very similar to the Canadian Presbyterians.

We also have been experiencing lots of support spiritually and financially always from PCC. We were welcomed to form congregations from coast to coast and the newcomers to Canada of Hungarian origins would hear the Word of God on their mother tongue. Many of these congregations disappeared according to the natural process of assimilation and integration, but the generous actions of the PCC will not be forgotten.

We were able to grow practicing and sustaining our ethnic Hungarian theological, liturgical and cultural heritage in the bond of the PCC, participating fully into the work and mission of this denomination in Canada and in the World being one in Christ and giving another vivid colour of the Church.

In the last decades in The Presbyterian Church in Canada started a movement which has been culminated to the Remits B and C of this 146th General Assembly. This caused a lot of controversy and disturbance among congregations in the denomination. We sadly observe and experience that our beloved Church we have belonged to for decades as Hungarian Calvinists goes into a direction that may exclude us.

We believe that guidance in every manner of our life is by the Holy Scripture.

We understand the pressure on the Church by different movements in the Canadian society but from our point of view and conviction we are unable to be in unity with this direction, because it would give a mixed message. The duty of the church is to give a clear and uncompromised interpretation of the meaning and understanding of the Scripture. We are overly concerned to fall victim to the attempts and efforts of changing this under the pressure of any movement from society. In this regard our faith, hope and love is non negotiable to Jesus Christ.

We are full of hope to find understanding and favor in the venerable 146th General Assembly to save and carry on the colorful ethnic appearance without endangering the unity of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

21st of May, 2021

On behalf the Sessions of the above Hungarian Churches as Moderators,
Rev. M. Szigeti, Rev. B. Bocskoras, Rev. J. Paizs, Rev. Z. Vass, Rev. L. Peter and Rev. P.M. Szabo