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Dear Shannon McCarthy, Adam Hall, and members of United Church communities of faith across the Northern Spirit Regional Council,

On behalf of myself and the members of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you congratulations on your 100th anniversary.

Since your formative union in June 1925, you have done good work to bear faithful witness to the glorious hope we have in God through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Your ministry in a multitude of places across Canada has brought faith, hope, and the love of Christ to so many people. For much of this time we have worked side by side in this common mission, learning from one another and sharing much. Even in the mutual responsibility we share today to seek justice and healing for the wrongs of our colonial history, we find ourselves drawn together and given grace to repair relationships and make amends.

It is a great gift that in recent decades we have seen this work grow into an even more active partnership in many places. We have witnessed a deep sharing of faith and ministry, which has strengthened the bonds of our kinship as siblings in Christ. We are thankful that this mutual sharing of gifts and resources has borne fruit in many different contexts.

As we continue together to live out the good news of the Gospel and bear witness to the liberating justice of God, we take this moment to give thanks for our deepening friendship. I hope that we will see continued opportunities for us to grow together, serve together, and love one another.

May God's grace be with you at this joy filled time.

Blessings,

Bishop Stephen London Anglican

Diocese of Edmonton