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Rev. Dr. Suzanne Matala
General Secretary, The Christian Council of Zambia (CCZ)
And
Rev. Peggy Kabonde
General Secretary, The United Church of Zambia (UCZ)
Lusaka, Zambia

Dear Suzanne and Peggy:

Warm greetings in Christ from The United Church of Canada.

The United Church of Canada offers prayers for and solidarity with you and partners in Zambia in the wake of the violence in the run-up to the August 11, 2016 Zambian General Elections.

The United Church echoes the churches' appeal for calm as Zambians prepare to head to the polls. Throughout its history, Zambia has stood out as a haven of peace and calm, offering refuge and security to those in neighbouring countries that have experienced violent conflict. It has been a role-model for countries around the world on how to live with genuine respect for diversity and difference.

In these final days of campaigning, we pray that all will continue to live out the values that Zambians have long upheld of peaceful dialogue and respect for the rights and lives of all people.

Be assured of our prayers; you are not alone.

Sincerely,

Nora Sanders
General Secretary
The United Church of Canada

c.c: Wendy Gichuru, Program Coordinator, Africa & Middle East Partnership Program, UCC

