

Dear Manon, Debbie

How are you? Hope this email finds you well!

The pandemic has really caused lots of difficulties in our lives. We do hope that together, we can overcome this adversity in a better shape.

We do appreciate our Mayor and Council's great support during the past years, which looks more precious for us while we are facing today's challenges. We decide to organize our annual celebrations virtually more through the online format these years.

Here is our request for this year's proclamation. Would you please help to handle it again for us?

Thank you very much for your great work! Wish you and your family stay healthy and safe!

sincerely yours

Pixing Zhang

The request is attached and as follows

Dear Her Worship Bernadette Clement

We hope you and your loved one have been safe and well. We respectfully request a proclamation/greeting letter/video in recognition of Falun Dafa Day for this year (May 13, 2021). This is our annual celebration of 29 years spreading of Falun Dafa to the public, the contributions of the Falun Dafa community in Canada and to honor the values of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance. We truly appreciate for your Proclamations over the past few years.

Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong) is a spiritual practice for mind and body, rooted in the ancient schools of cultivation in China. It consists of meditative exercises, and a moral philosophy aimed at the promotion of virtue. At the core of Falun Dafa's teachings are the tenets of "Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance." Tens of millions of people from diverse cultural backgrounds in over 100 countries, including Canada, benefit from practicing Falun Gong, where the free teachings help people improve their mental, moral, and physical wellbeing and contribute to a more healthy and harmonious society.

Falun Dafa practitioners have also helped Canadians during these difficult times, by offering free meditation exercise instruction in communities and online classes. As traditional Chinese culture believes, and scientific studies, as well as survey results, are now proving, the connection between mind and body is key for a healthy immune system and to combat illness and stress.

As you may be aware, for the past 22 years, major human rights organizations have documented the nation-wide campaign of hatred, torture, mass imprisonment, and killing of

people who practice Falun Gong in China, including evidence of practitioners being murdered for their vital organs that are being sold by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). International legal experts say that crimes against humanity, and genocide, have occurred.

Facing two decades of unspeakable atrocities, the Falun Dafa community, both within China and abroad, have endured with resolute non-violence and persistence to uphold freedom and universal values. This has garnered worldwide recognition, including thousands of greetings and proclamations from governments and officials.

By sending a greeting to mark Falun Dafa Day, you help affirm Canada's commitment to human rights, freedom of conscience, and to the values of Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance and its benefits to Canadians.

We would truly appreciate if you could please send it to us by May 10th, 2021. Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Pixing Zhang, on behalf of Falun Dafa Association Canada

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Reference:

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<https://scholarcommons.usf.edu/gsp/vol12/iss1/6/>

Greetings, proclamations for Falun Dafa Month Celebration 2020 (excerpt, 100+ greetings):

This wonderful celebration is an opportunity to recognize the enduring teachings of Falun Dafa. Through the promotion of the universal principles of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance, this traditional Chinese practice has attracted a loyal following around the world. On behalf of Canada's Official Opposition, I am proud to salute the Falun Dafa Association of Canada for their diligent efforts to share this beneficial practice with Canadians.

—Hon. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition, Greetings for Falun Dafa Celebration 2020

As peaceful practitioners in more than 100 nations mark the occasion, I am honoured to add my endorsement to your efforts, as you strive to help advance the values of openness, tolerance and freedom of conscience and religion here in Canada and globally. Today as we raise our voices in a united call for openness, tolerance and freedom of conscience and religion, please know there are those of us within the Liberal Party, who stand with you as friends

—Hon. Judy Sgro, MP, Co-Chair of Parl Friends for Falun Gong, Greetings for Falun Dafa Celebration 2020

Regret we can't celebrate World Falun Dafa Day/Month on the Hill or Toronto City Hall this year...but millions around world reflecting on founding principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, Tolerance. I along the millions of Canadians dream a day...after all, when the tenet of Falun Dafa can be spoken out aloud in TianAnMen Square, Zhen, Shan, Ren.

—Hon. Peter Kent, MP, Co-Chair of Parl Friends for Falun Gong, twitter and video on May 13th Falun Dafa Day celebration, 2020

It is my sincere pleasure to extend greetings on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II,

Queen of Canada,... , the world is facing the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic,... The beautiful tenants of your practice – truthfulness, compassion and forbearance – are more relevant than ever. Thank you for promoting peace and harmony in the world.

–Hon. W. Russell Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor, Saskatchewan, Greetings for 2020

As Parliamentary Leader of the Green Party of Canada and Member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands, I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations to the Falun Dafa community as you gather to celebrate Falun Dafa Day. I have great respect for the principles of Truth, Benevolence and Forbearance.

–Elizabeth May, MP, Parliamentary Leader of the Green Party, greetings for 2020

Due to the unprecedented and exceptional circumstances brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic this year, we are unable to come together to mark this occasion on the Hill. Nevertheless, I would like to convey my continued and wholehearted support for the Falun Dafa Association of Canada and their positive contributions to our society.

–Thanh Hai Ngo, Senator, greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2020

2020 Municipal Proclamation of Falun Dafa Day

Mayor Mike Savage, Halifax, NS

Mayor Lisa Helps, Victoria, BC

Mayor Charlie Clark, Saskatoon, SK

Mayor Michael Fougere, Regina, SK

Mayor Gordon Krantz, Milton, ON

Mayor Steve Clarke, Orillia, ON

Mayor Aldo Dicarlo, Amherstburg, ON

Mayor Craig Copeland, Cold Lake, AB

Mayor Maja Tait, Sooke, BC

Mayor Leonard Krog, Nanaimo, BC

Mayor Rob Vagramov, Port Moody, BC

2020 Greetings from Mayors

Mayor Ray Ralph, Devon, AB

Mayor Bill Given, Grand Prairie, AB

Mayor Stuart Houston, Spruce Grove, AB

Mayor John Stewart, Beaumont, AB

Mayor Brian Bowman, Winnipeg, MB

Mayor Darren Ellis, George's Brook-Milton, NL

Mayor Daniel Conway, St. George's, NL

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Vaughan, ON

Mayor Ed Holder, London, ON

Mayor Dan Carter, Oshawa, ON

Mayor Walter Sendzik, St. Catharines, ON

Mayor Jeff Lehman, Barrie, ON

Mayor Mike Bradley, Sarnia, ON

Mayor Gary McNamara, Tecumseh, ON

Mayor Jamie McGarvey, Parry Sound, ON

Mayor Jonathan X. Côté, New Westminster, BC

Mayor Brad West, Port Coquitlam, BC

Mayor Jack Froese, Langley, BC

Mayor Rob Vagramov, Port Moody, BC

Mayor Don Scott, Wood Buffalo, AB

The history of the world would have been profoundly different in a more positive way had more people practiced Falun Gong. Knowing that and believing in the good will and leaders of the current members I am encouraged in how members of Falun Dafa will contribute to our

communities into the future

–Kevin Lamoureux, MP, greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2020

To celebrate what you stand for, for peace, for justice, for freedom and human rights.....To all those celebrating the 28th year of #FalunDafa I wish you a joyous anniversary! On this auspicious day, I reiterate my commitment to stand with you in your struggle against violence, tyranny, oppression, and dictatorship.

–James Bezan, MP, Twitter and Video for Falun Dafa Month 2020

As you celebrate another amazing year of work dedicated to promoting harmony and goodwill in society. Thank you for your continued commitment to peace around the world. This has been exemplified through your efforts in improving individual spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing

–Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, MP, greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2020

The Falun Dafa community promotes the practice of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance. I stand with you in emphasizing the importance of these universal human values and their benefit to individual practitioners and to the world

–Garnett Genuis, MP, greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2020

We also received greetings from: MP James Bezan, MP Jenica Atwin, MP Rachael Harder, MP Kyle Seeback, MP John Brassard, MP Eric Duncan, MP Ted Falk, MP Brad Vis, MP Tamara Jansen, MP Marc Dalton, MP David Sweet, MP Michael Barrett, MP Scott Reit, MP Colin Carrie, MP Stephanie Kusie, MP Pat Kelly, MP Tom Kmiec, MP Len Webber, MP Jag Sahota, MP Heather McPherson, MP Kerry Diotte, MP Mike Lake, MP Kelly McCauley, MP Ziad Aboultaif, MP Dane Lloyd, MP Michael Cooper, MP Chris Warkentin, MP Shannon Stubbs, Former Senator Con Di Nino, MP Tamara Jansen, MP Hon. Pierre Poilievre

Hon. Leela Aheer, MLA, AB, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP Mike Schreiner, MPP Lucille Collard, MPP France Gelinas, MPP Daisy Wai, MPP Chris Glover, MPP Sheref Sabawy, MPP Stephen Crawford, MPP Lindsey Park, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Bhutla Karpoche, MPP Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP Suze Morrison, MPP Amarjot Sandhu, MPP Kaleed Rasheed, MPP Christine Hogarth, MPP Amy Fee, MPP Robin Martin, Sarah Stoodley MHA

Richmond Hill Deputy Mayor Joe DiPaola, Richmond Hill Councillor Tom Muench, Toronto Councillor James Pasternak, London Councillor Arielle Kayabaga, Toronto Councillor Josh Matlow, Toronto Councillor Brad Bradford, Markham Councillor Andrew Keyes, Hamilton Councillor Jason Farr, Niagara Falls Councillor Wayne Campbell, New Market Councillor Bob Kwapis, Kingsville Councillor Laura Lucier, Calgary Councillor Jeromy Farkas, Calgary Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra, Richmond Hill Councillor Karen Cilevitz