

**REVERSE THE CUTS TO KAIROS:
A letter of concern from church members to Members of Parliament**

KAIROS is the human rights and ecological justice organization of the Canadian churches. Since 1973, KAIROS and its predecessor coalitions have helped Canada act on its overseas aid obligations by channeling matched CIDA funds to human rights and women's groups in Africa, Latin America, Asia/Pacific and the Middle East.

On November 30 CIDA cut KAIROS' funding with no warning and no explanation, despite a very positive evaluation and approval of the new funding proposal at every previous stage of the process.

This cut will end funding to 21 citizens' groups who are on the front lines of human rights and sustainable development in their communities and nations. Many risk their lives to advocate for basic human rights for the most vulnerable. Through them, thousands of Canadian citizens have learned about and participated in the global struggle for justice, peace and the right to a dignified life for all God's peoples.

We, the undersigned church or religious community members, express our grave concern with this decision. We ask that you, our elected representative, ask International Cooperation Minister Bev Oda to reverse this decision, restore KAIROS' long-standing relationship with CIDA and reinstate its funding.

We continue to pray for wisdom and strength among those who govern, and for the continued work of partners around the world.

(Signed: the members of _____)

(Anyone is welcome to sign. KAIROS members are: Anglican Church of Canada, Christian Reformed Church in North America, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, United Church of Canada, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Canadian Religious Conference, Mennonite Central Committee of Canada, The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF))

Your printed name and signature

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