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As Minister of Finance, Minister Responsible for the Greater Toronto Area and Member of Parliament for Whitby-Oshawa, I extend greetings to those joined together to celebrate

## *World Religion Day*

Since it was established 61 years ago World Religion Day has successfully brought together people of faith from all denominations to share common beliefs and to promote interfaith understanding and harmony.

We are blessed in Canada, and in Durham Region, to have a tremendous breadth of cultures and faith groups who encourage us to embrace our diversity and allow us to appreciate the common values that we share.

On World Religion Day we can join together in celebration and enjoy a time of fellowship and prayer. The sharing of our values leads to an understanding that we are all equal and all working to create a culture of greater harmony and inclusiveness.

I commend the Durham Region Multifaith World Religion Day Committee for their dedication in organizing this important event that is now an established annual event. Best wishes for a successful and meaningful day.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James M. Flaherty".

Hon. James M. Flaherty, P.C., M.P.  
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