

Hon. Erin O'Toole, P.C., C.D.

Member of Parliament Durham

Friends and Special Guests,

I sincerely regret that prior commitments preclude me from joining you for this very special celebration to celebrate World Religion Day in Durham Region.

We are home to a wonderful diversity of cultures and ethnic groups, many of whom have come together today on this celebratory day in fellowship and prayer. My riding of Durham is blessed to have many faith communities and it has been my privilege as the Member of Parliament to get to know many of these religious and faith groups and their leadership over the last few years. As we go into 2016, it is my sincere hope that this union in celebration will foster a greater understanding of each other's diversity and secure peaceful relations between all members of our community. Ultimately, this is what makes Durham and Canada such a great place to live.

Once again, please accept my warmest wishes for a wonderful celebration and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2016.

Sincerely,

The Hon. Erin O'Toole

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