



WOODCLIFF
United Church

September 14, 2019

Erin Bird

Fair Trade Calgary

Dear Ms. Bird,

The congregation of Woodcliff United Church in Calgary, Alberta strongly supports the campaign to have our city recognized as a Fair Trade Town. We support and encourage the raising of awareness of the benefits and opportunities for fair trade in our community and for producers around the world.

The Outreach committee holds up the issues addressed by Fair Trade by inviting volunteers from the Fair Trade Calgary working group to share information with our children, youth and adults. In these opportunities we all learn more about how we can positively impact change for families in other parts of the world with our actions right here. Yearly we host an event we call the Global Festival. This is a Christmas Sale with a difference. Ten Thousand Villages, a not for profit Fair Trade organization, sets up a "shop" in our lower hall and for 3 days the wider community as well as the congregation shop and learn more about Fair Trade. The "Fair Trade Banana" from the Fair Trade working group attends and spends time educating all ages about the fair trade issues surrounding food.

We, as a congregation and individuals, will continue to work towards a world with more peace than conflict, to eliminate child labour, to guarantee safe working conditions and living wages for all. We feel achieving Fair Trade Town status for Calgary will only enhance our ability to work toward these goals.

Sincerely,

Charlene Baker

Charlene Baker, Chair of the Outreach Committee
Woodcliff United Church.