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Dear Naeem,

Ramadan Mubarak!

On behalf of all of your friends at the National Council of Churches, we wish you a peaceful Ramadan. The fast is a time to reflect on your faith, to grow spiritually, and to remember God's love in the world. It is also a time to focus more intently on the Qur'an, and thereby an opportunity to live your daily life more intentionally in submission to God, which is, of course, the meaning of Islam. We therefore extend to you our thoughts and good wishes as you proceed through this fast.

As you begin the fast, please know that your friends at the NCC continue to express our gratitude for our partnership in so many endeavors in our national life here in the United States. These endeavors include theological dialogue, collaboration on issues to better our society, and, perhaps most importantly at this time in our history, working against the anti-Muslim sentiment that has arisen in our midst and likewise against the extremism that has wrongly identified itself with Islam. You know we are committed to these endeavors, and to the friendship they represent.

Please extend our Ramadan greetings to all of our Muslim colleagues who, through our partnership, are part of this network of solidarity.

In peace,



Jim Winkler  
President and General Secretary



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Associate General Secretary