Dear Khalsa Ji,

It is with great excitement that I invite you to submit a program proposal at the Parliament of the World’s Religions—the oldest, largest, and most inclusive interfaith event in the world—taking place in Toronto from November 1st through November 7th.

Our 2018 theme is “The Promise of Inclusion; The Power of Love: Pursuing Global Understanding, Reconciliation, and Change.” Under this theme, we will closely examine three critical issues:

- Climate Action: Care for the Earth—Responsibility for Our Future
- Justice: Advancing Concrete Change Toward a Peaceful, Just, and Sustainable World
- Countering Hate & Violence: Peace & Love, Not War, Hate, & Violence

and three critical constituencies:

- Indigenous Peoples: The Spiritual Evolution of Humanity and the Healing of Our Mother Earth
- Women: The Dignity of Women Across the World’s Wisdom Traditions and Society
- Next Generation: Interfaith Has No Age: Youth Voices for Change

A programmatic track will be devoted to each of these key areas of the Parliament, and we are currently seeking submissions that bring new perspectives, creative action plans, well-researched data, artistic performances, and other types of programs that will help to shape and define these tracks.

We will soon announce that we have recently gained access to additional rooms on a brand new beautiful floor of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (where the 2018 PoWR will be held), and are therefore extending the period for proposal submission to April 15th. We believe that your voice and expertise will greatly enrich this Parliament. It is our hope that—together—we can explore and celebrate the attributes and traditions that make us unique, unite over common ethical imperatives, and identify and strengthen those sources of power that compel us to make our world a holistically better place.

Based on years past, we expect the Toronto Parliament to be attended by 10,000 people from around the world, representing endlessly diverse religious traditions, spiritual paths and ethical convictions. These attendees will be heads of government, religious and spiritual leaders of diverse faiths, activists on an array of issues, and key members of local communities. Your program has the potential to make a global impact, and we would be honored if you would consider submitting a proposal. For your convenience, I am including the expanded Call for Programs so that you may explore the program at large as well our six subthemes. You can also review the information on our website at ParliamentOfReligions.org/RFP, and submit your ideas there.

I hope you will join me in Toronto!

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