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Dear Bishop Helga, dear Berit,

I have just returned from some extended travel and vacation to see receipt of your 2017 membership payment in full. I wanted to write to you personally to express my appreciation for the enormous effort that I know has gone in to securing this contribution.

We have been keenly aware how your government structures have placed budgetary constraints on your church's ability to reach the "fair share" amount. I do not underestimate what it has taken to negotiate this full payment on our behalf.

We are also grateful for your commitment to pay Church of Norway's Assembly contribution in full. With your contribution, I can tell you informally that the 12th Assembly will have broken even financially. This is a huge collective achievement of our global communion of churches. The figures also include a contribution from Norwegian Church Aid to support the "Fight Inequality, End Poverty" campaign during the Assembly. We are most grateful to Einar for his hand in securing this funding from NCA.

Beyond the finances, the Assembly was well-received. Starting soon, we will be using the outcomes to shape the direction of the LWF and its work for the years to come. I very much look forward to working with Kjetil Drangsholt as he joins the LWF Council.

With our warm wishes and our prayers for your work and for your church.

Yours Sincerely,

Rev. Dr Martin Junge
General Secretary

cc Einar Tjele
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