



To the Imam Ibrahim Abdelhalim of Linwood Masjid and Imam Gamal Fouada of the Masjid Al Noor

Thursday 28 March 2019

Our dear friends

We, the Christian Churches from Ōtautahi Christchurch and Āotearoa New Zealand, wish to reiterate our love and sympathy again in your suffering in these challenging times.

As leaders of church communities, we empathise with what it is like to lead people through trauma and would like to offer you fellowship and understanding. More than that, if there is anything that that is helpful to you practically and emotionally, we are more than willing to join you. Please talk to us about what we can do.

With this in our hearts, we would like to gift \$40,000 to the Linwood Masjid and \$115,000 to the Muslim Association of Canterbury. We know that others from the Christian community have already given money and yet others may still do so, and indeed there are larger funds that will become available in time. Nevertheless, we appreciate that there are often immediate needs and we give you this money so that the families and the communities affected by this recent terrible violence might be assisted. These gifts come from many Christian churches in the city and nation who have asked us to pass them on to you.

We want to express our long-term commitment to you.

Please accept these sentiments and gifts with our sincerest love and our ongoing commitment to build a city on the foundation of love and respect for all.

Yours

The Christians Ministers and Leaders in Christchurch

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(For transparency we will also be making a media release of this gifting.)