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Dear Michael,

We would first like to congratulate you on your appointment as Vice President of the Methodist Conference 2012-13.

It is with your recent appointment in mind that we wanted to write and convey our heartfelt thanks for your expression of solidarity with Muslim communities who suffered a significant number of retaliatory attacks in the days following the murder of Drummer Lee Rigby in Woolwich.

Your statement noting the prayers offered in Methodist churches in support of Muslim communities and espousing the values of peace and respect entrenched within our respective faith traditions, is deeply encouraging.

It is our hope that your term in office is matched with a deepening resolve between Muslims and Methodists to work together better on joint social action projects in order to translate your words on mutual respect into concrete action advancing social harmony.

With our very best wishes,

Sir Iqbal Sacranie,  
Trustee, ENGAGE