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Presiding Officer

Chair of the General Council

Representatives of Stakeholders

Representatives of the University of Edinburgh

Distinguished guests

Delegates at the Edinburgh 2010 Mission Conference

It is a great honour and privilege for me to speak on behalf of the international delegates, you, my friends who have travelled from far and wide to Edinburgh in order to witness to Christ today and beyond as we celebrate the centenary of the 1910 Mission Conference and press ahead into the missionary journey.

This is indeed a momentous time for Christian mission, ten years into the new millennium and looking forward to what is to come next.

The Delegates who are here today at this Conference come from over 60 countries from the five continents and represent all major Christian denominations. Here, we reflect the world gathered in Edinburgh for this wonderful occasion. Just look around.

As proud as I am to speak to you all today, it is an even greater honour to speak to representatives of Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Pentecostal, and Evangelical Christian bodies all under one roof with a truly global agenda. This is what makes this conference so important because all of the major Christian denominations are working together to witness to Christ today.

My friends and guests this collective spirit is what makes our hard work and perseverance worthwhile as we witness to Christ today.

A century ago, the first mission conference was organised to shape the future of the missionary movement in order to bring the Christian gospel to the whole world. Being myself from Cameroon, it is wonderful to stand here in Edinburgh, Scotland to speak a century later at the centenary conference. So may I take this opportunity to thank the Presiding officer and the Scottish Parliament for recognising the significance of this event and for welcoming us in this magnificent building.

In closing, fellow delegates, let us remind ourselves that we are friends in mission to witness to Christ today for Jesus himself said:

I call you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. (John 15: 15-16).

Thank you for your attention.