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Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you!

I write with deep humility and gratitude following my election as President of **Methodists in World Mission**. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me. I accept this calling not because I have all the answers, but because I believe, with you, that God still has important work for us to do.

As we are all aware, the face of mission is changing. Mission is no longer understood simply as being from “the West to the rest”; it is now truly global and multi-directional, characterised by partnership, diaspora communities and holistic engagement.

The Church in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean is no longer on the margins of mission but is an active and vital partner in God’s mission. At the same time, the world has come to the United Kingdom, with people from almost every nation now living, working and worshipping among us.

In the past, we often thought of mission primarily in terms of “sending”. Today, we must also understand mission as staying, listening, learning and walking alongside one another. In the words of David Bosch, *“Mission is, quite simply, the participation of Christians in the liberating service of the ever-reigning God.”*

My vision for this season is to contribute to building a Movement that is firmly **Christ-centred**: one that strengthens partnerships between people of different cultures, generations from all parts of the world; listens and learns from one another; and courageously addresses social injustice — with all that we do rooted in the love of Christ.

I ask for your prayers as we move forward together, seeking God’s guidance and serving faithfully.

May God lead us, unite us and equip us for the work ahead.

Peace and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Olufemi Rose Cole-Njie'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Olufemi Rose Cole-Njie
President