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Dear Mr. Moore:

On September 11, CBC News posted the article *Conversion therapy for transgender students ignored by Alta. government says Lutheran school official*. (Andrea Huncar <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/conversion-therapy-success-ignored-by-alberta-government-says-lutheran-school-official-1.4818076>). Although the body of the article identified District President Glenn Schaeffer as an official of the Lutheran Church - Canada (LCC), the headline identified the official simply as Lutheran, suggesting that the opinions expressed were representative of all Alberta Lutheran Church bodies, including the Synod of Alberta and the Territories of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada recognizes the diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity in our world. We have heard and acknowledge the pain and discrimination endured by our LGBTQ2+ siblings. We welcome persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the community of Christ, and guided by the law of love, seek justice and mercy, while speaking against injustice and abuse.

The ELCIC Social Statement of Human Sexuality can be found at: <http://elcic.ca/Human-Sexuality/documents/APPROVEDELICISocialStatementonHumanSexuality.pdf>.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop
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