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To:
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Dear Dr. Taylor,

Greetings from Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh [PCB]. The PCB family is grateful for our valuable partnership with your denominational mission's agency Mission To the World [Enterprise]. Because of your prayers, the work of church planting including other ministries among Muslims is growing. The PCB is a Scripture-based, specialized, contextualized and evangelical denomination of Reformed congregations working exclusively among the Muslims. In the more than ten years since its ministry started, PCB has earned a reputation in Christian society and has become a model and resource for ministry among Muslims.

I am the denominational moderator of the PCB and am from Muslim background. After completing my Masters of Divinity from Presbyterian Theological Seminary in the Philippines, God moved my wife and me to start a visible church planting ministry among the majority religious group in Bangladesh, running a Center for Religious Studies and publication ministry as well. Based on a proposal from the Board of Trustees of PCB and our Presbytery, we would like to make you aware of a current challenge in our churches and other churches, like ours which are Reformed and covenantal. This challenge comes from "Insider Movements" supported and organized by Western missionaries. We are writing to you because there are churches within the PCA supporting Insiders either knowingly or unknowingly. This is an urgent matter for us and we would appreciate your help.

The challenges are multi-fold – Missiological, Biblical, Theological and Ethical.

- The fathers, promoters and followers of the Insiders have been using Bangladesh as laboratory to experiment with their methodologies.
- The Insiders are identifying themselves as Muslims, performing Islamic religious rituals, believes in the prophet hood of Muhammad, so believe in the inspiration of the Quran, etc. So the church in Bangladesh has concluded that the Insiders are syncretistic.
- These groups are claiming and reporting vastly exaggerated numbers of conversion to support their methods whereas the reports have been proven false.
- The traditional and visible Bangladesh Church is afraid of possible attack from the Muslims because the subversive activity of the Insiders is considered by Muslims as a conspiracy from Christians or visible churches.

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- The greatest challenge is their publishing the Gospel of Mark under the name of "Masih" and four Gospels and Acts of the New Testament named as "Injil" [*I have the copies of their publications*]. In these publications, they omitted the phrases like "Son of God", "Father", "Abba", etc. or replaced with other words. We are convinced that they published a new Injil to justify their theology and missiology.
- The Insiders through these practices are destroying the image of Christians with their Muslim neighbors and the reputation of the Bible.

Reactions: The Bangladesh Bible Society (BBS), Isai Fellowship in Bangladesh - IFB [a national association of the Muslim Background Churches] and other national bodies in Bangladesh have strongly opposed the Insiders. Christian leaders recognize that this movement is not local or indigenous but imported by Western missionaries, and this work continues because of money flow. The BBS organized several seminars with the leaders, women and youths from major denominations, and circulated cautionary letters for Bangladesh churches. The IFB organized seminars, consultations and individual appointments and wrote and published several articles and booklets to stop this movement.

It has come to our attention that you are discussing this issue at your General Assembly in 2011. We ask for you to stand with us, to inform your churches and urge them to cease funding if they are involved and ask churches in other denominations in America to do the same and to join us in reaching people in need of the gospel.

We know that the Insiders movements would not last long, but the damage they have been creating is destructive and dangerous for the church. Christians from other major denominations in Bangladesh have been blaming us as Reformed Presbyterians since some congregations in PCA have been supporting, cooperating and investing in these activities.

We believe that there is no need of such "Insider Movements." We believe in partnership and are grateful for your involvement with us. We believe that our partnership will be extended to face and solve the above challenges of missiological and theological attacks like the first century church.

We prayerfully seek your cooperation for standing together in Jesus Christ. If you have questions for further clarification, I would be happy to answer.

Sincerely yours,

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