



**Association canadienne des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités
Canadian Association of Retired Teachers**

October 25, 2015

Dear ACER-CART Members:

It is a week since Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party swept into power in a most decisive way.

ACER-CART thanks all its Members and retired teachers who involved themselves in the democratic process, who became informed, shared materials, and joined the discussion; and who then exercised the great privilege and civic responsibility of voting.

ACER-CART congratulates all candidates who served our country by putting their names forward, engaging in a long campaign that surely took its toll on family and friends. We appreciate their courage and their sense of duty to better our society.

ACER-CART looks forward to meeting with the members of the new Parliament. We pledge to work with them as they address the needs of seniors across the land, to share the insights and the vision we have of dignity and compassion for all of our fellow Canadians as they age in this country.

In the months leading to the election, we ~~have~~ had the opportunity to link with many like-minded organizations. These coalitions gave us the opportunity to put forward our priorities as significant items to be discussed with all of the candidates regardless of their political party. We intend to pursue collaborating with organizations of similar aims so that together we can assist and influence the new government to adopt policies that are in the best interest of seniors and of all Canadians.

Much has been promised, and the way forward may not always be smooth. But we have hope that circumstances will align themselves so that the new Government may fulfill its mandate to address the needs of all citizens in accordance with the values we hold as Canadians, the perception we have about who we are, and the future we want for our children and our grandchildren.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JoAnn", written in a cursive style.

JoAnn Lauber
President