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Dear Dr. Koh,

Congratulations on your 210th anniversary. It is a milestone that needs to be celebrated for so many reasons.

I write as the Executive Minister of the Maine Baptist Mission Society which was established in 1804 and was home to many of our American Baptist early foreign missionaries. In 2025, we will celebrate the ordination and sending of George Dana Boardman, missionary to Burma, who reached the Karen people with the Gospel.

It was with the conclusion of the War of 1812 that the world opened to American enterprises and our local churches felt the need for "reaching the world for Christ". Maine and several other Mission Societies recognized the need for a General Missionary Convention to do the work of Foreign Mission so that the Gospel could be spread further through combined efforts.

It was a good decision then and a good decision today. Working supportively with International Ministries has enabled American Baptists to invite people to be disciples of Jesus Christ, proclaim God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life, and to equip the body of Christ to engage in God's mission. The American Baptist Churches of Maine appreciate the commitment to serve Jesus Christ in serving others.

May God continue to bless the work of the International Ministries and may its commitment always be to engage God's mission in God's Way throughout the world.

In His Service,

Rev. Dr. Alfred J. Fletcher, Executive Minister
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