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Dear Board of Directors of the Luther Stiftung,

I want to convey my deepest gratitude for being selected as 2016 Luther Rose laureate. It is a great honour and I am so very sorry that I could not be there to thank you all in person. Unfortunately, my health did not allow me to do so, but I thank you warmly for taking so good care of my wife and family. They truly had a memorable day. Thank you so much.

Being honoured for basically doing what everybody should do - taking care of those people around you in need of your help and support – fill me with humility and gratitude for the faith given to me by my parents and life itself.

Knowing that we never have anything to do with another human being, without holding some portion of his or her life in our hands, I will continue doing my utmost to help directly or via my influence, ensuring focus on social responsibility and inclusion stays on the business agenda.

I do believe that our relationship with God is not settled anywhere else than in our relationship with the people around us in need of our help and support. The Luther Rose will always remind me of that.

Thank you once again for the honour and for the memorable day for my family.

All the best wishes for you and your families.

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