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Dear Pastor(s) and Church Leaders,

We invite your congregation to renew your financial partnership with **Mennonite Church Canada** and **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**. Together we extend the peace of Jesus Christ across the street and around the world. As a denomination, we enrich the church in ways that individual congregations cannot – we support pastors and congregational leaders, engage in church planting and disciple-making at home and abroad, help provide access to schools and camp plus retreat opportunities for youth, and offer resource and worship materials to help you in your mission. Thank you for annual support!

The October 13-15 Assembly in Winnipeg approved a new structure for Mennonite Church Canada. MCEC will send financial support to Winnipeg similar to previous years as well as taking over some of the responsibilities formally belonging to MC Canada. Therefore, we are hopeful that you will contribute **\$600** which is approximately what your congregation sent last year. In this time of structural transition, it is even more important that you provide us with your best estimation of your giving plan for the new year. We recognize that your projection may need to change but having a rough sense of expected giving from congregations is especially important this year as we project budgets at the regional and national level. Please contact us if you have any questions about MCEC ministries or the new giving plan that will be supporting the ministry of MC Canada as shared among the five Regional Churches.

Please distribute the enclosed five copies of the Renew brochure to your congregational board/council. Within the next week, you will receive an email with a link to the online Congregational Giving Plan form. Your response would be greatly appreciated.

As your congregation considers its spending plan for the coming year, our prayer is that you will discover more than enough resources to carry out God's mission in your community as well as in the wider church.

Sincerely,

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David Martin, Executive Minister Mennonite Church Eastern Canada

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