Benediction – Go in Peace

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace (Numbers 6:24–26).

In some Brethren in Christ congregations in southern Africa, at the end of the service, everyone greets everyone else with a handshake or hug. This is done by people lining up, and greeting the first person at the door. After you greet the person at the door, you join the line that is forming on the outside of the doorway, so that as more people come out the door, they shake hands with everyone already in line, and then join the end of the line on the outside to greet others coming out. In this way, everyone greets everyone on their way out of the church building, strengthening the experience of community for all.

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