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AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLD FELLOWHIP SUNDAY - January 27, 2002

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Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. (I John 2:10)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In a world fragmented by darkness, followers of Jesus Christ are called to walk in unity in the light of God. Each year, the fourth Sunday of January is an occasion for our worldwide family of faith to join together in an expression of unity across national and cultural boundaries. I invite you to join with many others on January 27 in a day of thanksgiving and intercession for each other.

I hope that the enclosed materials will help you as you prepare World Fellowship Sunday in your own national conference and local churches. Mennonite World Conference encourages each conference to translate (if necessary), copy and distribute the materials to all local churches. The materials for this year have been prepared by Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Churches in North America who encourage us to gather around the theme of "Walking in unity in the light of God." While the materials reflect the specific churches from which they come, they are designed to be used in a wide variety of cultures and include many suggestions for the worship service. A drawing of a candle which can be copied and used on a bulletin cover, as well as information on Anabaptist-Mennonite churches in North America that you may wish to copy as a bulletin insert, are also included.

Once again, MWC would be grateful to hear from you after World Fellowship Sunday. Please let us know how you celebrate the day so that we can share your experiences and insights with others in the worldwide family of faith.

Grace and Peace,

Larry Miller

P.S. World Fellowship Sunday materials, as well as information about Mennonite World Conference, are available on MWC's home page (www.mwc-cmm.org).