

Other Parts of Worship – Welcoming New Church to Conference

Leader: Words of Introduction

Speaker 1: Story of congregation

Leader: Words of Welcome into Membership

As brothers and sisters in the body of Christ and members of [Area Church], we welcome you, the [Congregation], as a member into our fellowship.

We witness to the work of the Holy Spirit who has led you to Jesus as Saviour and to God as the source of your life.

We promise

to encourage you in faith,

to rejoice with you in joy,

to support you in suffering,

to guide you when confused,

to listen to the word God speaks in you,

and to call out the gifts the Holy Spirit is creating in you.

We thank God for your presence in the body of Christ,

and we ask God's blessing on you as his people.

Arise, shine, for your light has come

and the glory of the Lord is upon you.

Stand up in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

and be steadfast in the path he has set you upon.

I give you the hand of fellowship:

welcome as brothers and sisters the church of Jesus Christ.

Response of the People – HWB #794

Signing of the [Area Church] Covenant

Leader: Welcome to Mennonite Church Canada

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