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Dear MIC workers and friends,

We often look at the changing of calendar years as marking endings and new beginnings in our personal lives. That's true for missions as well. MIC marked such a transition recently.

This involved the unit in Sioux Lookout, Ontario. Believers Fellowship, under the direction of MIC, first moved into that community in 1971. Men and women invested much prayer, labor and resources. A group of believers developed into a locally functioning church.



In 2010 the local church and the Believers Fellowship administration proposed to the MIC Board that the church become independent of MIC's oversight. Since that time we have been working together to bring this to reality. In accordance with our agreement, a new organization was developed and in 2015 became a legal Canadian charity and recognized church. A leadership team of elders from the church has assumed the responsibility of giving direction and oversight to this local body. As of January 1, 2016 the Sioux Lookout Believers Fellowship church has become independent of MIC and will function as a self-governing body named Cornerstone Christian Fellowship. The church has chosen to affiliate with the Northern Lights Association of Churches.

Three members of the MIC Board were at a service to recognize this transition of leadership. Long-term missionaries for the area, Wayne & Edna Schrock, were not able to be present, but sent a letter which was read at the service:

"Seeing that Believer's Fellowship of Sioux Lookout has now become Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, Edna and I recognize and honor your decision to be an autonomous self-governing church body. We release you to determine how you as a church body will follow Christ according to the dictates of your own conscience before the Lord, seeing that all must give an account to God for themselves someday. [continued on other side]

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"Edna and I would encourage and admonish you to allow Christ to be the Head of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, so that you can truly be His body, 'the fullness of Him who filleth all in all!' (Ephesians 1:22-23) Which in essence means that you as individuals and as a body will be the full expression of who He is. May you represent Him well to the fallen culture in which you live!

"We will always hold you in our hearts. God's grace be with you!"

We pray the Lord's direction upon Cornerstone's future.

Marvin Weirich



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