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Your Holiness, Pope Leo XIV,

On behalf of the Mennonite World Conference, I congratulate you on your election and the commencement of your pontificate. Without a doubt, your ministry as the first North American—and the first Augustinian—Pope will inject new energy into our relationships.

We believe that our official dialogues with the Catholic Church have created essential opportunities for enhancing the connection between our Churches. As my Global Communion commemorates 500 years in a few days, I hope your pontificate will open new doors for healing memories and strengthening our relationship as followers of Christ.

Please be assured of our love and prayers for your Church during this momentous transition. On Thursday, from my office in Canada, I closely followed the first words you spoke to the multitude on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica: "Peace be with you all… God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! All of us are in God's hands. So, let us move forward, without fear, together, hand in hand with God and with one another!" As a Colombian, I was especially touched by your Spanish greetings; I praised our Lord for your emphasis on a synodal Church that walks closely with those who are suffering.

May God grant us a closer relationship in the years to come. In the presence of God's Spirit, may we move forward in healing the memories that separate our churches. May we confess Christ together. May we do this in a world that needs to see and experience the love and reconciliation that our Lord makes possible.

Respectfully yours,

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