

# Pilgrims Mennonite Church

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Greetings,

On behalf of Pilgrims Mennonite Church we wish to send a note of blessing to your congregation. We have heard that you are moving toward finding a home within a new conference, one that will encourage the full use of women's gifts in leadership.

The issue of women in leadership has been an important one in our congregation and one that has caused us a great deal of distress, as we know it has for you. We long for the day when this is no longer an issue in our conference. For a variety of reasons Pilgrims has chosen to stay with LMC for another period of time, but the issue is still a very alive one for us.

We know this has been a long journey for you, and we want to assure you of our deep support of the decision you have made, and our ongoing prayers as you take the next steps in this process. We will very much miss your voice and presence in LMC, but we are also certain that your congregation will bring valued gifts to whichever conference becomes your new conference home. May God richly bless you, as you use your energy and your gifts toward the building of God's kingdom. We know that God has been wonderfully at work among you and for that we give thanks. May God continue to bless you, strengthen you, and give you gifts of wisdom and love.

Yours sincerely,

for Pilgrims Mennonite Church Committee on LMC Issues

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