

Litany of Installation and Mutual Commitment for Carmen Brubacher and Kendra Whitfield Ellis

Congregational Chair:

God has called all of us to ministry and service in the world – not as individuals alone, but as members of a loved and loving community, the church.

We believe God has led us in calling you, Carmen and Kendra, to pastoral leadership in our congregation. We have asked you to join us in our ministry so that together, as congregation and ministers, we may be a caring and supportive community, committed to serving God in the world. Today we wish to celebrate your commitment to ministry among us.

Congregation:

We ask you to join us in our life together: to help us learn and to learn from us, to help us grow together in our understanding of the Christian journey into faith and service.

Ministers:

As you have sought and known God's direction in calling me to serve as your pastor, so I have been aware that God has been preparing me to respond in faith to your call. I pray that I might use the gifts that God has given me to enrich, enable and support the life of this congregation. I commit myself to work, to listen, to celebrate, to struggle, to journey with you as we seek to grow into the fullness of Christ.

Ministry Team Members:

We welcome you, Kendra and Carmen, as sisters in Christ, and colleagues in the task of ministry to this congregation. We pledge to do what we can to make our team leadership effective and sensitive to the leading of the Spirit. We pray that you will experience freedom, grace and blessing in your work with us in all the areas of ministry that God will call us to do.

The Charge

MCEC Rep:

Carmen Brubacher and Kendra Whitfield Ellis, you have committed yourselves to leadership in the Waterloo North Mennonite Church congregation. In this leadership role, our charge to you is to endeavour to be faithful to God in Christ as revealed in scripture.

Congregational Chair:

To remain open to the leading of the Spirit in this community of faith.

MCEC Rep:

To be sensitive to the needs of people; and to serve in the spirit of love.

Congregational Chair:

May God grant you a faithful ministry in this congregation and in this community.

Acceptance of the Charge

Ministers:

I accept the charge to pastoral ministry here at Waterloo North and ask for your counsel, your prayers and your loving support.

Lead Minister's Response:

I affirm Kendra and Carmen in their roles and commit myself to support and encourage them in their task of ministry to this congregation.

Congregation's Response:

We are thankful that God has brought us together! We will support you as you lead us and work with us. We will pray for you and offer our gifts of friendship, counsel and encouragement.

The Installation

MCEC Rep:

And now Carmen and Kendra, on the basis of this mutual agreement between the Waterloo North Mennonite Church congregation and you, by the authority invested in me by MCEC, I install you as ministers in this congregation with all the joy and responsibility of this task. May God bless this new relationship between minister and congregation.

Signing of the Covenant of Ethics

Circle of Prayer of Dedication