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To: All Mennonite, Brethren in Christ, and Anabaptist related churches in the world

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from Colombia!

It is with great joy that we share the materials for **World Fellowship Sunday (WFS)** with all of you. Each year, we encourage Anabaptist-related churches across the globe to use a common theme in a worship service, in order to connect with our global Anabaptist family. Many churches choose to celebrate on the Sunday closest to 21 January. On this date in 1525, the first baptism took place in Zurich, Switzerland.

WFS is an opportunity to remind our communities of faith that we are all part of one body made up of many tribes, languages and nations (Revelation 7:9). It is an invitation to visibly proclaim that now there is no discrimination among us on the basis of race, social status or gender (Galatians 3:28). It is a special day on which to show that we are living a new life in a new society where we mutually support one another, carry those who suffer, serve the world and interdependently learn from one another what it means to follow Jesus. On this day, we celebrate that, in Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, the cultural and national boundaries that separate us have been overcome by the cross.

Each year, different churches that are part of our global community prepare guiding material that can be used for WFS. The theme for WFS 2019 is "Justice on the Journey: Migration and the Anabaptist Story", prepared out of the experience of our Latin American churches. In 2019 World Fellowship Sunday will be on Sunday 20 January, or any Sunday that is convenient for your congregation. The Anabaptist story is frequently one of migration and mission, experiencing the grace of God in leaving one place for another, and in welcoming the foreigner. The materials contain biblical texts, prayers, song suggestions, sermon ideas, stories and other resources. We hope that these materials enable the preparations for WFS in each local congregation.

We encourage each national church to choose and adapt these materials in a way that will be useful to your context, and translate them where necessary. Please share and distribute this resource to all your local congregations, encouraging them to celebrate World Fellowship Sunday at some time in 2019. Additional resources for celebrating WFS are available at www.mwc-cmm.org/wfs.

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At MWC we welcome your comments, photos and reflections about WFS so that we can share these with other members of our global faith family. Photos and stories can be shared via the email address photos@mw-cmm.org. Offerings received on this day and shared with MWC contribute toward each member church's Fair Share contributions, and help our global community to continue as a foreshadowing of the Kingdom of God in the midst of our society.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "César García", written over a horizontal line.

César García
General Secretary