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Mick: I ask all of you now, people of Frazer Mennonite Church, will you receive Pastor Leslie, to continue the work of God's emerging kingdom among you? Will you regard her as a fellow servant of the gospel and work with her in the ministry of this congregation?

Congregation: We will, by God's grace and strength.

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Mick: By your statements of commitment and the affirmation of this congregation, we welcome you Pastor Leslie as interim minister of Frazer Mennonite Church in the name of the Creating, Redeeming, and Sustaining God. May God bless and keep you and this congregation throughout the time ahead.

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