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I must say that I am very encouraged by the desire shared by many in our MB family to stay connected to one another. I do feel that there are plenty of lessons I've had to learn over the last year. However, the greatest lesson has been to value the voice of a community. Your voice as Mennonite Brethren Churches of Manitoba matters. Each church has its own unique voice, and as such, it's even more critical that we find ways to ensure that you all get to hear what your fellow family members have to say.

I look forward to being a part of unpacking what it looks like for us to share stories as well as communicating useful information that helps us all stay connected. I do believe we have the tools necessary to communicate well. We have the required mediums to deliver

clear and timely messages. Whether that ends up in the form of social media, print, or email, we are capable of building a strategy that works well for us. We can develop methods that serve us well.

As we step into this next year, I would like to thank you for your patience and your contribution towards this effort. I would also like to encourage you to continue voicing the ideas and initiatives that you may have. I desire to learn alongside you and to hear from you. I believe that if we remain intentional about learning together with a spirit of humility, then we will succeed at creating the sense of belonging that we all desire.

