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Dear Mr. Luginbill,

Agora Christian Fellowship, Inc. began a very slow and deliberate process of withdrawing from Mennonite Church USA and becoming a part of the EVANA network of churches. On November 7, 2021, it was determined by unanimous decision by the members of Agora Christian Fellowship that we begin this process, completing it at "the discretion of Pastor Richard C Bartholomew, Jr." On March 17, 2022, we received acknowledgement of our membership in the EVANA Network of churches.

Please accept this as our formal request to no longer be considered part of the Central District of Mennonite Church USA.

Thank you for your patience with us. It was our wish here at Agora Christian Fellowship to determine carefully where it is that we belong regarding fellowship with the larger body of Christ, due to our commitment to Anabaptist theology. We appreciate the patience of the Central District, the Ohio Conference, the EVANA Network of churches, and those who serve together with us here in Columbus, Ohio who are not affiliated with any of those church bodies.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Bartholomew,
Pastor, Agora Christian Fellowship, Inc.