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Greetings, CBC Family & Friends,

Grace, mercy, and peace be unto you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

One year ago, the Lord blessed us with the opportunity to walk into the new worship facility we refer to as CBC-West Campus. Our hearts are filled with overwhelming gratitude, profound appreciation, and genuine love for each of you.

CBC-West Campus was the vision of my predecessor, Apostle Richard Avant, and it became my mission to finish it. What once only existed as a vision became visible. What had been discussed in meetings, carried in prayer, supported through giving, and pursued in faith became a place where generations can gather to worship, grow, serve, and experience the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

There are two things this missive intends. First, thank you. You did not give up hope. Even when it looked like it might not happen, you did not give up. We got it done by the grace of God.

Secondly, as meaningful as this is, God did not give us a new building merely so that we could admire what has been built. Truthfully, the building was never the final vision. It is a tool for the vision. Buildings do not change lives. Ministry does. Buildings do not disciple people. People disciple people. Buildings do not feed the hungry, mentor children, strengthen families, develop leaders, comfort the grieving, teach the Word, advocate for the vulnerable, or carry the gospel into the community. The Church does. Therefore, as we celebrate what God has done, we must also prepare ourselves for what God is calling us to do next.

We MUST continue to become a church where people discover their God-given identity, find purpose, are strengthened, valued, leaders are developed, those who are hurting find healing, and those who feel forgotten discover that they matter to God and to us. We must remain committed to our mission: To REACH, RELATE, and RENEW people for the Kingdom. That mission must shape everything we do. People still need hope. There are still people who need to know Jesus.

One year in the new building is not the conclusion of the story. It is just another chapter. There is still more vision ahead of us. So let us move forward—together...in Jesus' name!

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