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Members of the Superiorland Emmaus Community;

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Camp Michigamme, I share my deepest gratitude and joy for the efforts of the Emmaus Community in the completion of the Agape-Wigwam building at Camp Michigamme.

For many years the Wigwam, filled with fond memories of summer days past, was a welcome part of Camp Michigamme. Its loss has been grieved. In its absence a new structure that would serve both the camp's summer program as well as offer space more conducive to small groups and retreats has been yearned for. While a wonderful dream, the passion and focus to see it become a reality was lacking.

Then, in the fall of 2017, during the men's Walk to Emmaus, God spoke to you!, bringing the words Joel recorded long ago to life: *"I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."* Discerning the impact an on-going home for the walks would have, the Emmaus community "dreamed dreams" and responded in a huge way! Your Board of Directors voted to enter into a partnership with Camp Michigamme to raise a new building, ensuring a beautiful and functional facility for the men's and women's walks for many years to come.

From out of that dream you have brought a Spirit-led passion for the "Agape Wigwam". Beginning with assistance given during planning and design, to expertise shared in coordinating and executing construction, the countless hours of prayer and hands-on labor given by so many within the Emmaus community enabled it to happen. You have been generous with your time, skills, and finances, and yet the greatest witness to "who" has enabled this has been seen through the spirit which has prevailed. Christ is alive in you, and agape-love is real. "Have you seen Jesus, my Lord?" The answer is, yes, in the patience and forbearance of those who gave so much of themselves.

The Board of Trustees wish to extend their deep appreciation for the ways the Board of the Superiorland Emmaus Community guided this God-given dream to reality, and we rejoice, with you, that the 2019 Men's Fall Walk was the first to use what so many had worked so hard to see realized! We celebrate what has been accomplished this summer and the on-going relationship shared between Camp Michigamme and the Emmaus Community. May God richly bless the Superiorland Emmaus Community, and its ministry, for many years to come!

At our coming "Camp Michigamme Day" (Saturday, June 13th, 2020) the Agape-Wigwam will be formally dedicated to the mission to which Jesus calls us all. We warmly invite and genuinely hope the Emmaus Community will join us in this celebration.

Many blessings,