Transcription of Collier Berkshire's second statement to Sandy Ridge Mennonite Church, August 12, 2019

I want to share with each one of you that in the past few months, God has been showing me many things about myself.

And the week we spent at Grace Haven last week helped me to take ownership of those things.

I want to confess to you as a congregation that what I've seen is too often my ministry here was hindered by my pride, hindered by my lack of caring well for you in times that you were hurting. And I know I came across heavy handed.

As God has shown me that, it grieves me how much these things have hurt you. Along with the moral failure that I've shared and confessed. I know I've hurt you. I know I've let you down. I've brought tremendous shame to Sandy Ridge Church, Cornerstone Church, the ministry team, and I beg your forgiveness for all these things. And I hope and pray that the time will come when you can forgive me from your heart.

It's been almost six weeks since I stepped down from both the leadership team at Cornerstone Chapel and the leadership team here at Sandy Ridge. And I want to make sure that all of you are aware that I have stepped down from that.

It's been with a lot of prayer that [redacted] and I have come to the decision that in order for healing to happen here at Sandy Ridge, healing to happen at Cornerstone Chapel, and healing even for ourselves, it would be best if we worship somewhere else for a period of time. This has not been an easy or quick decision for us.

Our desire is not to burn any bridges, but we do feel that this is the best decision for all concerned. Again, I pray that you could forgive me and also ask that you pray for us as we continue in our journey. God bless each one of you.

One other thing. If anybody has any questions, we are open to share.