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CFFO Announces New Leadership

Results of 2020 Annual Meeting

March 25, 2020 (Guelph, ON) – Provincial delegates have acclaimed a new president for the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO). This year's annual business meeting was held March 24, 2020, via remote communications.

Having formerly served as vice-president, Ed Scharringa will now lead the CFFO as president. Scharringa has served on the CFFO Board of Directors for eleven years; in that time, he has also served on the boards of Farm & Food Care Ontario and the Agricultural Adaptation Council. Scharringa has worked in food and farming for over forty years, running businesses in vegetable and flower wholesale, farm market retail and the restaurant industry.

"It's an honour to serve as President," says Scharringa. "CFFO brings a distinct voice to Ontario agriculture, and I look forward to advocating on behalf of our members."

Appointed to positions as vice-president are Richard Blyleven of Cayuga (incumbent) and Frank Hoftyzer of Hastings. Returning to the Board in the role of director are Simon de Boer of Tara (incumbent) and Peter Peeters, from Omemee, who has served on the CFFO Board in previous years.

"I am very pleased to see Ed at the helm," remarks Clarence Nywening, who has served as CFFO's president since 2016. "Especially given challenges posed by the current pandemic, we are encouraged by the committed leadership of the entire board."

Nywening has been appointed by the Board of Directors to the role of Interim General Manager. He will lead the organization in strategy development and will guide the Board as they search for a permanent general manager.

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About the CFFO:

The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) is an Accredited Farm Organization representing the interests of over 4,000 farm families in Ontario who are called to the vocation of farming. CFFO policy promotes economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable farming, advocating that farmers receive fair return for their production and stewardship efforts.

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