A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

FROM YOUR VOICES TO A PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE

Dear friends,

Last spring, many of you took part in shaping Broad View United's Strategic Direction for 2026–2029. Through congregational sessions in March, survey responses, and input from staff and the Board, you told us what matters most to this community. On April 26, the congregation received and endorsed that plan, built on three pillars: **Belonging & Care, Community Presence & Storytelling,** and **Sustainability & Responsibility**.

You were clear about your priorities. You told us that pastoral care matters deeply and needs to rest on a model that is sustainable. You told us you were excited about ministry with children, families, youth and young adults, and that you wanted it clearly supported so it could grow. The plan also named the first step in putting it into action: looking at how BVU is structured and resourced for ministry, so that we can deliver on what you asked for.

The Board began that work early in the year and has stayed with it since. Over the summer, three Discernment Groups took up the practical groundwork of better defining what Transparency, Pastoral Care and Welcoming & Belonging should look like in our community. Throughout all of this work, we kept coming back to two questions:

Does this answer the needs and priorities the congregation named? And will it serve Broad View United well for years to come?

We are now ready to bring that work back to you, in three stages. We have planned it this way on purpose, so you have real time to take it in, ask questions, and have your voice heard before we make this decision together as a community of faith.

- **Sunday, October 18, 10:30am** – Congregational Information Session, in place of Sunday service. We will share where this work comes from, what we are proposing, and why.
- **October ~20-22** (date/time/location to be confirmed) – Midweek table discussions: smaller conversations to ask questions and share reactions.
- **Sunday, October 25, 10:30am** – Congregational Meeting and vote, in place of Sunday service.

Full materials will be shared on October 16, in advance of the first meeting.

What we will bring to you is the next step in a plan you helped shape, and it arrives as that plan intended. We know change asks something of all of us, and that some of what we share may be hard to hear. We hope you will come, bring your questions, and help us take this step together.

With gratitude,
Sarah Gustin, Board Chair & Barry Cameron, Past Chair
On behalf of the Board of Broad View United