

Dear Beloved Broadway Community,

The Board of Directors met January 31, 2023, and voted to approve the SPIRIT of the *Unified* vision proposal and specifically, the development of one weekly worship service. The Executive Committee, Elders, Worship Committee and Past Board Chairs uniformly endorsed acceptance.

The Elders facilitating round table discussions reported member excitement outweighed recorded challenges. While a number of people attended multiple meetings over the past five months, nearly 500 voices participated in the discussions of the *Unified* proposal. I give thanks for this level of engagement and love of BCC.

The *Unified* document is a vision, not a blueprint. The vision invites us to lead with love into a more focused, intentional way of being church. Our mission challenges us to embody Christ in an ever changing society. Our core values (*Broad Hearts, Broad Minds and Broad Reach*) offer direction as we discern priorities and possibilities. There are many details to flesh out and will be reflected in the work of our Ministry Areas, Board, and Staff.

Our plan is to provide updates in the Weekly Enews, Broadway Life, and, at times, Sunday mornings. Throughout this process, your input is valued. In the event you are uncertain where to direct your concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at 573-356-9403.

I admit my dependence on the guidance of our Lord; having prayed that we would prayerfully discern God's desire for BCC. The Holy Spirit filled the Fellowship Hall as the Board did its work on behalf of our church. The meeting opened with the following prayer:

*Gracious and loving God,
We give thanks for this sanctuary and each other. I give thanks for your dedicated servants in this room, willing to serve you by sharing their hearts and talents.
Give us courage to step out into an uncertain future. We know it would be much easier to stay with what we know, to take only well-marked paths. Give us the ears to hear YOUR invitation.
May we be emboldened by YOUR unwavering love, the example of Jesus challenging the status quo and the presence of YOUR HOLY SPIRIT.
Strengthen our resolve to love one another, to listen to one another, to trust one another.
May we share in the quest for wholeness.
You are our HOPE.
Take our hands, guide our steps, give courage to our hearts.
We pray all this in the name of our precious savior, Jesus. Amen*

The Board meeting and our faith-filled representatives reflected answered prayer. Thank you, GOD!

Mary Cunningham
BCC Board Chair