



## Visions United Church

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Dear Visions Family,

On December 7, 2025, Visions gathered for a congregational meeting to discuss, as advertised, the future of our community of faith post Collaborative February 28, 2026. Following discussion of possible options, a motion was put on the floor to disband Visions United Church effective June 1, 2026. The results of the vote were twenty-eight yes, five no with one abstention.

The reasoning behind this decision was explored in meetings this fall, where several crucial facts arose. A small group of Visions people have been carrying the load for some time, and are aging and weary. Our congregation, like many congregations, has few younger people to take over leadership roles. In addition, financially Visions does not have the funds necessary to continue on. In order to call a minister, whether alone or in a shared ministry with another congregation, a congregation is expected to have a minimum of three years of funds in reserve and Visions does not possess these funds.

The Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) will be reaching out to each of you some time after March 1, 2026 to inquire as to where you like your United Church membership transferred. In the final three months, we will be seeking ways to celebrate Visions' journey from 2011 to the present. We will keep you informed of any special events that are planned, with the closing service to be held on May 31, 2026.

In this season of Advent, we wait in expectation for the Christ child to be born amongst us once again. We make this journey in hope, peace, joy and love - hope that whatever the future holds for each of us, we will continue to find ways to reach out and be community to one another in peace, joy and love.

Wishing each of you the gifts of Christmas,

Anna Peters

Chair

Visions Congregational Leadership Team (Visions CLT)