

# Report to the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches From the Board of Valleyview Manor

**Date:** February 10, 2025

**Subject:** Confirmation of Charitable Objects, Strategic Focus, and Partnership with ONMB

Dear Members of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches,

On behalf of the Board of Valleyview Manor, we are writing to provide an update on our organization's focus, strategic direction, and relationship with the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (ONMB). This report affirms our charitable objects, outlines key changes in our operational mandate, and clarifies our ongoing commitment to our partnership with ONMB.

## **Clarification of Charitable Objects and Strategic Focus:**

As we move forward in fulfilling the mission of Valleyview Manor, our board has determined that Valleyview will focus exclusively on operating a Christian home for seniors of low or modest income. Considering this decision, we will work to amend our charitable objects to remove direct care services, such as medical or assisted care for residents. Rather, our focus will be on providing affordable accommodation in a Christian environment.

While we will not be providing care in the traditional sense, the board has received input from the Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC) and has confirmed that Valleyview Manor will be able to continue operating as a charitable organization under the relief of poverty provision, as defined by the Canada Revenue Agency.

## **Governance and Release of Controlling Interest:**

Our board also has determined that we are ready to request to be released from the controlling interest which the ONMB has exercised over Valleyview since its founding. We recognize and appreciate the support and oversight that ONMB has provided throughout the history of Valleyview, and we remain committed to our shared values and mission.

As we move towards this new phase, the Valleyview Board intends to maintain a partnership relationship with ONMB. We will continue to ensure that the governance of Valleyview includes a minimum number of directors from ONMB member churches, ensuring that the leadership of the organization remains connected to the broader Mennonite Brethren community.

## **Conclusion:**

We are grateful for the ongoing partnership and support of ONMB as we adapt to meet the needs of our residents and community. We believe that these changes will position Valleyview Manor to better fulfill its charitable mandate and serve those who need affordable housing in a Christian environment.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches as we move forward in this new chapter of service. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In Christ's service,

Cecil Hayes,  
Board Chair

**On behalf of the Board of Valleyview Manor**