



## SUNNYSIDE VILLAGE

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### **Open Letters to Sunnyside Village from J. David Yoder, Executive Director and Wade Harris, Board Chair**

May 19, 2021

Dear Staff and Residents,

Life is full of transitions, and now it is time for another. The Sunnyside Village Board of Directors has been notified of my intent to retire as Executive Director at the end of 2021.

Sunnyside Village has a strong team in place as evidenced through our resident and staff feedback, and our operations throughout the challenges of the coronavirus events over the past year. Team Sunnyside, as we have designated our community, encompasses our professional and dedicated staff and our passionate and community-minded residents. Sunnyside is a unique community, operated with clear understandings of the importance of providing professional services within the context of a Christian community.

Nancy and I have been very blessed to be part of this unique community over the past 13 years. We feel privileged to enjoy supportive relationships with residents and staff. We are appreciative of the opportunity to journey with you over these years. We are grateful to the Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve at Sunnyside and are committed to work with the Board and staff for a smooth transition. Our personal plans are taking shape with the arrival of our first grandchild this past month.

I am confident God will continue to bless the mission of Sunnyside Village, that God will guide the work of the Search Committee and the Board, and that God is already preparing the heart of the next person to assume this role. Let us all pray toward that end ... to the honor and glory of God!

Grateful to serve,

J. David Yoder, Ed.D.  
Executive Director

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Dear Residents, Staff and Friends,

The Board has been well served and Sunnyside Village has advanced its mission by the leadership J. David Yoder. J. David has positioned Sunnyside very well to continue our important mission *"to honor God by enriching the lives of residents, staff and the community by providing homes, services and programs in a Christian environment."* We wish J. David and Nancy well in the next part of their journey. Nearer to the time of transition there will be opportunities to recognize and celebrate J. David's excellent leadership as Executive Director.

We appreciate J. David's working with the Board to give plenty of notice and to make the transition as smooth as possible. The Board has appointed a Search Committee chaired by current board member Curtis Ross and has also engaged MHS Consulting to conduct a nationwide search for the next Executive Director. The current plan is to have a new person appointed and hopefully in place by January 2022. More information will be shared as the plans for this transition unfold.

We ask for your prayers, goodwill and support during this time. God has been faithful to Sunnyside Village in the past and we trust in that same confidence as we move forward to appoint the next Executive Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wade Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wade Harris, Board Chair  
Sunnyside Village

Over, please