



A Chautauqua on Lake Michigan

National Historic Landmark est. 1875

## Bay View Association, Members Vote in Favor of Amended Membership Requirements

*Nearly 70 percent of members voted in favor of an amendment during the annual meeting*

**PETOSKEY, Mich., August 7, 2018** Bay View Association, a private seasonal association offering members and the surrounding community diverse religious, educational, cultural and recreational programs, announced today that its membership requirement bylaw was amended at its annual meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The amendment removed the requirement that members be of “Christian persuasion.” Nearly 70 percent of Bay View members voted in favor of the amendment, which will go into effect immediately.

Through an internal voting process, nearly 70% of members voted in favor of eliminating the requirement that members be of “Christian persuasion,” which was previously in place to align with the Association’s Christian heritage and the faith of its members. The membership has spoken through the internal voting process. Bay View Association respects the process and the collective decision of the members. Bay View looks forward to healing as a community, coming back together as friends and family, and working together for future generations.

“Change is often difficult, but Bay View members have a way of coming together over time and, ultimately, agreeing on changes that benefit the entire Association.” said Jon Chism, President. “We have a strong Christian heritage which values doing and giving with open hearts, open minds and open arms and we expect it to continue” said Chism.

### **About Bay View Association**

Founded in 1875 by Methodist ministers, Bay View Association of the United Methodist church is a non-profit summer association associated with the Chautauqua movement. The Association is a National Historic Landmark. Each summer the Association and our 900 plus members invite thousands of family members, guests, and visitors to visit our historic campus and experience our diverse program offerings in worship, recreation, education and performing arts.

### **Bay View’s Mission**

To be an institution in which Christian values and traditions are central; to enrich the human experience for individuals and families within Bay View and the surrounding community through a seasonal program of religious, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities; to provide a Christian perspective in a changing world.

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