



Dear Friends,

Warm greetings on behalf of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni! This year, Grand View celebrates its quasiquicentennial anniversary. During these past 125 years, Grand View has evolved from a Danish folk-school into a diverse university. With each transition has come new opportunities to advance our mission. In the spirit, I am pleased to announce Dr. Rachelle Keck as the University's 14th president. I will retire June 30, having been blessed with the opportunity to serve Grand View for more than 22 years. An Iowa native, Dr. Keck is proud to be a first-generation college student, graduating from Wartburg College, after which she earned her juris doctorate from the University of Iowa and her doctor of philosophy from Drake University. Dr. Keck brings extensive strategic budgeting, organizational leadership experience, and innovative expertise to Grand View. She also is Lutheran and is fully committed to the tenets of Lutheran higher education. This is an exciting next chapter in Grand View's history. In addition to this exciting news, here are some highlights from the past year:

Project: Student Ready - Grand View University received a Federal Department of Education Title III grant entitled, "*Project Student Ready: Transforming Grand View University.*" This five-year grant totaling \$2,242,894 allows Grand View to expand work in several areas which will enhance students' experiences, improve academic achievement, and remove barriers to students' success. The program expands the university's capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability.

Campus Ministry – The Campus Ministry department continues to bless the students at Grand View as well as the larger church. Multiple Bible study groups, prayer groups, evening worship, and weekly chapel are offered. PEER Ministry continues to be a major program on our campus along with Alpha.

The Moses Project— The mission of the project is to give rural pastors a vision of ministry that will help them thrive in congregational leadership. With 20 pastors from nine Midwestern states, the pastors build community in mini-cohorts, receive mentoring, attend three in-person events, and participate in monthly exemplar meetings. In August, pastors travelled to Des Moines for a Kick Off Event, which featured Rev. Dr. Yolanda Pierce, the Dean at Howard Divinity School. Check out our resource page <https://www.mosesproject.org>.

The NEXUS Institute – Gvu offered its fifth summer of NEXUS, a theological institute that focuses on ministry vocation exploration for high school students. Currently, we are recruiting for summer 2022, which plans to be on campus June 12-18. For more information, to nominate students, or to request brochures, check out our website at www.grandview.edu/NEXUS

Theology Department – Grand View University offers a variety of scholarships for ELCA students such as the EPIC Scholarship and the Bishop Hougen Scholarship. In addition, there are additional scholarships for students interested in ministry: The NEXUS Scholarship and the Muedeking Scholarship. For more information, contact Department Chair: Rev. Dr. Mark Mattes at mmattes@grandview.edu.

In a moment of transition, I am thankful to God who is with us every step of the way

God's Peace and Joy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Henning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Kent Henning, Grand View President