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Montreat Conference Center Hires New Vice President for Hospitality (for immediate release)



MONTREAT, NC - Montreat Conference Center is pleased to announce that Emily Causey has been appointed as the new vice president for hospitality. Causey will oversee all hospitality operations for the conference center and lead a team committed to delivering excellent customer service to Montreat guests. The conference center has ten housing facilities, including the historic Assembly Inn, forty meeting spaces, several recreation areas, and dining facilities.

"Emily has excelled as a member of our staff over the past fourteen years," says Richard DuBose, president of the conference center. "She understands the great progress made by her predecessors in hospitality and what it takes to build on that improvement. Simply put, she knows what it takes, and she is well prepared for leadership."

Causey, a native of Greensboro, NC, began working on Montreat's collegiate summer staff in 2004. She served as a mission volunteer for Montreat before joining the staff full-time in 2007, where she worked as youth conference registrar and director of conference services before being promoted to director of events in 2014. In this position she developed systems to increase the coordination and delivery of hospitality services and to increase interdepartmental communication. She will assume her new responsibilities on January 1st.

Causey's tenure at Montreat Conference Center has helped her to gain the experience and the relationships needed to continue the transformation started by her predecessors. "During my time at Montreat I've witnessed facilities transformed and the importance of hospitality services elevated to the forefront. I'm looking forward to supporting this trend in my new role."

Causey lives in Marion with her husband, Jason Snyder, where they own and operate Mica Town Brewing. She currently serves on the board of the Marion Business Association.

Montreat Conference Center hosts thousands of people each year who come for retreats, to participate in conferences or events, and to enjoy the many recreational opportunities that Western North Carolina has to offer. The conference center is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and it is routinely a host for people from many backgrounds and religious affiliations. All are welcome here. Find out more at <u>www.montreat.org</u>.