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Dear Friends of the South Carolina Inn,

The South Carolina Inn is open once again to welcome you to Montreat!! We write this letter to you from the front porch of the Inn. Today a gentle rain is providing nourishment to the North Carolina mountains. Tomorrow the sunshine should return to enjoy another beautiful day to walk around Lake Susan. The wonder of God's creation seems to be made manifest clearly here in Montreat.

We write to update you on the Inn, local ordinances in place, and the adjustments that we are making so that you can continue to have wonderful experiences at "your home in the mountains." Currently, the Inn is making adjustments to abide by county statutes now in place and to provide a safe and comfortable place to stay. We encourage you to make and keep your reservations for June and the following months. Due to cancellations of Montreat conferences we have availability that we would not ordinarily have during the summer.

The Inn has not been able to welcome guests since mid-March. The staff of Emily, Jenny, and Gene have used this time to deep clean the house and the apartments. You will notice the difference when you arrive. Be sure to check out the patio kitchen that is available for all guests. We have also accomplished some much-needed repairs like new steps outside of the apartments and the main kitchen has new appliances.

We are in the process of making adjustments to our policies to make sure that you have a safe stay while you are here. These changes may mean that fewer rooms are available for rent in the house so that each room has its own private bathroom. The morning breakfast may not be an option right now. We are still in the process of determining what we can and cannot do concerning meals. With these small changes we will continue to meet and exceed your expectations for your stay here.

If you feel that you must cancel your reservation at this time, we ask that you consider two options. We ask that you keep your deposit at the Inn for your rescheduled stay or that you donate your deposit to the sustainability of the Inn. If you need to have your deposit refunded, we will send your refund to you by check 90 days after the date of your scheduled stay. This 90-day wait was approved by the board of trustees to assist in our cash on hand so that we can continue to maintain the needs of the Inn.

The Inn is facing financial challenges like we all are. We are making adjustments to adapt. We encourage you to consider staying at the Inn or making a donation to support this important ministry of the five presbyteries of South Carolina.

Please contact us if you have further questions.

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