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Dear Friends in Christ,

For many of us, Montreat is more than a place. It is where faith has been nurtured, friendships have been formed, callings have been discerned, and lives have been changed. It is a place where generations of Presbyterians have gathered to worship, learn, rest, and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

For more than a century, the South Carolina Inn at Montreat has been part of that story.

Since 1912, when McIver Williamson of Darlington gifted what became the William Brearley Home to South Carolina Presbyterians, the Inn has provided a welcoming place for pastors, church leaders, families, and church members. Through the years, the ministry expanded with the addition of the Kirk Apartments, enabling even more people to enjoy the blessings of Montreat.

Today, the South Carolina Inn continues to serve Presbyterians throughout Charleston-Atlantic, Foothills, New Harmony, Providence, and Trinity Presbyteries. Hundreds of guests stay at the Inn each year. Pastors continue to benefit from the vision of the original donor, whose generosity made it possible for clergy to find affordable lodging and renewal in Montreat. Families gather there. Church members attend conferences and retreats. Lifelong memories are made within its walls.

As trustees of this ministry, we are reminded that every generation receives gifts from those who came before and bears responsibility for those who will come after.

Recently, we faced a challenge that called us to exercise that responsibility. The retaining wall in front of the Kirk Apartments, constructed decades ago from railroad ties, had deteriorated significantly. Professional evaluations confirmed that failure of the wall could eventually threaten the foundations of the apartments themselves. Delaying action would only increase both the risk and the eventual cost.

After careful consultation with engineers, landscape professionals, and local officials, the Board authorized the replacement of the retaining wall. The project has now been completed successfully, protecting an important part of the Inn's property and ensuring that these facilities remain available for ministry in the years ahead.

To accomplish this work, the Board drew $135,000 from reserve funds. Those reserves existed for moments exactly like this. Yet now we have an opportunity - and we believe a calling - to restore them.

Over the next three years, we hope to raise $135,000 to replenish the funds used for this critical project.

We are inviting the congregations, members, and friends of the five South Carolina presbyteries to participate in this effort.

In many ways, this is about more than a retaining wall.

- It is about preserving a ministry that has faithfully served the church for more than one hundred years.
- It is about honoring the generosity of those who entrusted this place to South Carolina Presbyterians.
- It is about ensuring that future pastors will find rest and renewal, that future church members will gather for fellowship and learning, and that future generations will discover the same blessings that so many of us have experienced.

Scripture reminds us that "it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy" (1 Corinthians 4:2). We have inherited a remarkable gift. Now we are called to care for it faithfully.

We invite your congregation to prayerfully consider how you might participate in this effort. Whether through a special offering, a mission allocation, memorial gifts, individual contributions, or other expressions of generosity, every gift will help preserve this ministry for generations yet to come. Giving can be done either through one’s Presbytery office or directly with the South Carolina Inn.

Thank you for your prayers, your partnership, and your commitment to the ministries we share together in Christ.

May God continue to bless the work of the South Carolina Inn at Montreat and all those who find welcome within its doors.

Faithfully yours,

The Board of Trustees The South Carolina Inn at Montreat, Inc.