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Dear Friends of Geneva Point Center,

I am delighted to write to you today, and share the exciting news that we have called a new Executive Director. His name is Peter Claypoole, and we are fortunate that he is already in immersion mode to learn quickly about GPC and our hopes and needs. By March 1, he will be ensconced full time, living on site part of the week, and working from his home in Portland, Maine the rest of the time. We hope you will have a chance to meet him in the near future. Peter can be reached at pclaypoole@genevapoint.org or at 603-253-4366. Please feel free to be in touch to welcome him and introduce yourself.

Peter comes with a wealth of experience in settings similar to GPC. He has more than 20 years working in comparable organizations, including 13 years spent as Executive Director at a Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in Minnesota. Peter has worked in many capacities in the life of camps and is enthusiastic about embracing this new venture with its many challenges and opportunities. From his application material, the following quote shares some of what Peter believes about GPC and our ability to make a difference in the lives of people:

A place like Geneva Point can do amazing and powerful things for people just by being there ready to receive and care for all those who come. It is the spiritual gift of hospitality. The key to maintaining a sense of spirituality and Christian heritage while insuring that "welcome to people of all backgrounds" is to concentrate primarily on hospitality and leave the rest to God.

The selection of Peter as our next Executive Director comes after a great deal of hard work and discernment by our Search Committee. We received more than 80 resumes, from around the country, and were pleased with the strengths of our candidates in terms of experience, gifts and skills, and their enthusiasm for this special place. From among these, after a thorough process, Peter was selected and endorsed unanimously by both the Search Committee and the Board of Directors. We believe that he is the ideal person for this time in our history, and we hope that you will welcome him enthusiastically. We see this as a time to strengthen Geneva Point, and Peter has the skills and talents to guide us into making necessary changes while holding onto our core values and the essence of GPC. Thank you all for all your support in the past. We hope you will journey with us into an exciting future.

Blessings, Robin Thomas Soller

President, Board of Directors

From this place, go build a better world