



Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center

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Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center Announces Change of Leadership

The Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center Board of Directors regretfully accepted the resignation of The Reverend Kathy T. Heustess effective June 30, 2018. After fifteen years at Coastal Samaritan, Kathy will be moving to the Knoxville, TN area to become the Director of the Holston Conference Center for Wellbeing. The Holston Conference of The United Methodist Church offers pastoral counseling, consultation, advisory conversations, and continuing education for full-time ministry professionals as well as conference staff and their families. Kathy will be providing direct, confidential, clinical services of counseling and psychotherapy and ministry services of preventative emotional and spiritual health programs as well as continuing education events for pastors and their families and other conference and local church-related groups.

At the regularly scheduled Board meeting on May 8, 2018, the Coastal Samaritan Board of Directors appointed Philip R. Keilen as Interim Executive Director, effective immediately. Philip has been the Director of Development & Marketing at Coastal Samaritan since July of 2017. Philip has a background in non-profit management and development. Transition plans have already been underway. And the Board has chosen to embrace a new model, wherein the Executive Director position does not require a clinical background. A search committee will be formed in the coming months to secure a permanent Executive Director.

Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center, a 501(c) 3 non-profit was founded in 1980 by The Reverend Tom Brittain, as a ministry to the congregation of First United Methodist Church and the community at large. As an Advanced Special Ministry of the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, the Center provides team oriented, cost efficient, counseling, education, and consultation with a mind, body, spirit, and community philosophy. The Center undergoes an extensive accreditation process with the Samaritan Institute every four years. Centers are evaluated on nationally benchmarked standards of quality related to their: Organizational Structure, Board of Directors, Personnel, Services, Finances, Facilities, Administration and Program Accountability. For more information, contact the Center at 843-448-4820 or visit the website at www.coastalsamaritan.org.

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