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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JEN KARSTEN LEAVING PENDLE HILL MESSAGE FROM THE PENDLE HILL BOARD

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Dear friends of Pendle Hill near and far,

I write on behalf of the Pendle Hill Board to share the news that our beloved Executive Director, Jen Karsten, will be leaving as of July 31. For nine years, Jen has provided Pendle Hill with extraordinary leadership and we are very sorry to see her leave.

As Clerk of the Board, I have known for some time that Jen has been ready to explore other professional opportunities. This last week, the Board and staff learned that she will assume the role of Executive Director of The Hickman, a nearby Quaker retirement community, beginning in September. The Board unites in great appreciation for all that Jen has given to Pendle Hill and wishes her every future success.

As the Board, we are under the weight of a thoughtful leadership transition. In the near term we will name an Interim and then undertake a national search for a new Executive Director.

I'd like to share some excerpts from Jen's recent letter to me: "During the past nine years, Pendle Hill has fed my heart, mind, and soul...I've had the good fortune of being shaped and taught by everyone I've met...The "scaffolding" that holds any organization together is now in place at Pendle Hill. The incoming leader will find a welcoming base of talent, support, finances, and daily spiritual and operational routines that make long-term success possible. I believe that this small but mighty group will continue to have out-sized impact on individuals and society."

As we move into and through the transition that is now at hand, we welcome the support of the world-wide Pendle Hill community.

With gratitude, and in friendship,

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