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Executive Director Named for Vessel Christian Foundation

Grand Forks, N.D. -- Michelle Walters of Grand Forks has been named the Executive Director of Vessel Christian Foundation. Vessel is a new 501(c)3 non-profit organization with headquarters in Grand Forks and a mission to serve Christian ministries, organizations and churches in the region.

Walters is a Grand Forks native who graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1999. Her career includes roles as a reporter for WDAZ-Channel 8 News, media relations manager and writer with the United States Olympic Committee, marketing director for the UND Television Center, and director of marketing and alumni relations for the UND Alumni Association and Foundation. Most recently she served as the development director for Altru Health Foundation.

As Executive Director, Walters will be responsible for the growth and development of Vessel Christian Foundation locally and regionally. This will include building relationships with donors and partnering agencies who will benefit from community support.

A member of Hope Covenant Evangelical Church in Grand Forks for the past 10 years , Walters and her husband Derek have served in a variety of volunteer roles within the church and the community. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Grand Forks Women's Pregnancy Center and was recently elected Secretary.

She and Derek have one son, Bennett, and live in Grand Forks.