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# The Rev. Alisha Damron Seruyange selected as the next Alabama CBF Associate Coordinator and CBF Young Baptist Event Specialist

Birmingham, Alabama – January 10, 2023, The Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) is delighted to announce the appointment of Rev. Alisha Damron Seruyange as the new Alabama CBF Associate Coordinator and CBF Young Baptist Event Specialist. A dynamic force in Christian ministry, Alisha brings a wealth of experience, including her role as the co-founder of Terra Nova Academy in Kampala, Uganda. This significant addition enhances the collaborative mission of Alabama CBF.



Alisha, a graduate of Samford University and Duke Divinity School, was ordained for Christian ministry in 2007 at an Alabama CBF partner congregation, Baptist Church of the Covenant in Birmingham, Alabama. Her impactful journey in education and ministry is marked by a commitment to holistic learning and emotional intelligence.

Alisha began her role as Alabama CBF Associate Coordinator and CBF Young Baptist Event Specialist at the beginning of the New Year filling a vacancy that was left when the former associate coordinator, Reverend Dixie Ford, left to become the senior pastor at another Alabama partner congregation, Crosscreek Baptist Church. In her new role, Alisha will provide leadership to the ongoing mission and ministry of Alabama CBF as well as to the larger CBF ecosystem as she guides the planning and development of gathering opportunities for young Baptists in our fellowship.

Alabama CBF Coordinator, Lucas Dorion, has known Alisha for many years and expressed his enthusiasm about Alisha stepping into the role saying, "I first met Alisha when she was a student at Samford nearly 20 years ago when I invited her to serve as a Disciple Now group leader at Riverchase Baptist, where I was the minister to students. What I remember of Alisha then is still true of her today. She is a passionate Christ-follower who not only loves people but also knows how to be with people. Whether it is

high school students or veteran ministers, she puts people at ease with the depth of trust she naturally engenders. The opportunity to collaborate with her as the new Alabama CBF Associate Coordinator and CBF Young Baptist Event Specialist feels like a gift. Alisha will amplify our already good work, and through her contributions, we will see the kingdom of God come more fully into our world. Please join me in welcoming Alisha to our Alabama CBF Coordinator team!"

Voices from around the fellowship echo Dorion's sentiments.

"We could not be more excited by the gifts and passion that Alisha will bring to CBF's work with Young Baptists. She is highly collaborative. She is an includer. She will be an amazing person to give leadership and vision within the Young Baptist Ecosystem, building on the strong history of events and imagining new ones," stated Brian Foreman, Coordinator of Congregational Ministries at CBF.

"We are so excited to have Alisha join Alabama CBF! She brings a wealth of experience, unbridled enthusiasm, and most of all a passion to share the message of Christ. She will be an incredible asset to the team and our organization," according to Kristin Prasad, Minister to Children and Families, First Baptist Church Huntsville, and Alabama CBF Moderator.

In addition to her notable achievements, Rev. Alisha Damron-Seruyange's vision extends to Terra Nova Academy in Kampala, Uganda, a school she co-founded. From providing quality education to fostering emotional intelligence, the academy has grown from serving thirty-two preschool students in 2013 to over 250 students in preschool through seventh grade today. Alisha continues to contribute to Terra Nova Academy, stating, "Yes, I am still working with Terra Nova and will get to be there each year, continuing to support leadership and program development."

Alisha's dedication to walking side by side with students aligns seamlessly with the values of Alabama CBF. Her role as Alabama CBF Associate Coordinator and CBF Young Baptist Event Specialist will further strengthen the organization's commitment to collaboration, partnership, and holistic ministry.

"The momentum I feel in joining the work of Alabama CBF and CBF is centered on the joy I find in a team approach to Christian ministry. I get to wake up every day, bring people together for meaningful connection as we encounter God, and give God's good news to a world that could use it. It does not get much better than that for me," shared Alisha herself.

The official installation of Rev. Alisha Damron Seruyange as the new Alabama CBF Associate Coordinator and CBF Young Baptist Event Specialist will take place this spring. The Coordinating Council expresses its excitement about the new appointment,

emphasizing the positive impact Alisha will bring to the ministry and mission of Alabama CBF.

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