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## **PA Dutch CVB staffers earn coveted industry professional designation**

*Thomas and Goodley pass stringent exam to become official CMPs*

(Lancaster, Pa.) The Pennsylvania Dutch Convention & Visitors Bureau (PA Dutch CVB) is pleased and proud to announce that two members of its staff – Monica Thomas and Lena Goodley – have recently earned the prestigious Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation from the Convention Industry Council.

“The PA Dutch CVB, its members, and the entire Lancaster County destination are lucky to have two professionals like Monica and Lena working on our behalf every day,” said Chris Barrett, the bureau’s president and CEO. “Their new CMP accreditation will provide them, and us, with additional credibility as they strive to bring a growing share of the meetings and conventions market to the Lancaster area. We’re grateful for their efforts, and excited at the prospects.”

Thomas, of Lancaster, is Director of Meeting & Convention Sales at the bureau, and Goodley, of Hellam, is Meeting & Convention Sales Manager.

The CMP credential is recognized throughout the global meetings, conventions, and exhibitions industry, and demonstrates the recipient’s expertise in meeting management. Obtaining the designation is a two-part process consisting of a detailed application – to determine eligibility – and then an independently-administered, comprehensive written examination.

*Lancaster County is a wonderful blend of urban style and rural splendor, and the PA Dutch Convention & Visitors Bureau is dedicated to promoting its many rich cultures, from the Amish to the arts. Travelers can take in our vibrant downtown city life – featuring galleries, great dining, specialty shops, and live music – or explore some of the surrounding towns and villages to get a sampling of the heritage, food, craftsmanship, and hands-on activities for which Lancaster is famous. Visit us at [www.discoverlancasterpa.com](http://www.discoverlancasterpa.com). Lancaster is also part of Pennsylvania’s [Dutch Country Roads](#) region, a true vacation destination where country meets city and the past lives side-by-side with the present.*