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## REVEREND BART DAY ACCEPTS POSITION AS LCEF PRESIDENT AND CEO

Reverend Bart Day, Executive Director of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) Office of National Mission, has accepted the call to become the next President and CEO of Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF).

Following much prayer and diligence, the LCEF Board of Directors extended the call to Reverend Day on July 14. He succeeds Rich Robertson, who announced in November 2016 that he would retire from the position on October 1, 2017. Day's official start date is September 1, 2017.

In his new position, Day will oversee LCEF's investments, loans and ministry support activities, communicate to and with LCEF's partner organizations and assist the LCEF Board of Directors in establishing the overall course and direction of the organization.

"I am completely humbled by the call to serve as President and CEO of LCEF," Day said upon his acceptance of the position. "LCEF has faithfully served the church for the last 39 years and the work of providing funds and services for the sharing of the Gospel will extend long into the future. The opportunity to serve such a wonderful organization along with such committed people is overwhelming. The Lord has certainly led me on an unusual path in the church these past twenty years; giving me the opportunity to serve in ways I never imagined when leaving the seminary. Each new open door has been a blessing and a delight. Together with our investors and borrowers I look forward to a bold future at LCEF."

In his six years of directing The Office of National Mission, Day's primary responsibility was the implementation of the policies of the Board for National Mission. This work included overseeing 20 ministries that supported districts, congregations, schools and workers of the Synod in their witness, mercy and life together.

Day served as the interim Chief Mission Officer from 2014 to 2015, reporting directly to the President of the Synod. From 2015 to 2016 he served as interim Executive Director of Pastoral Education, overseeing the coordination of pre-seminary, seminary and post-seminary education programs and projects of the Synod.

He began his career as an associate pastor at Memorial Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas—a position to which he was called in 1997. From 2005 to 2011 he served concurrently as headmaster at Memorial Lutheran School.

Day's service to the church also includes leading or participating in numerous mission trips to such countries as the United Kingdom, Mexico, Nicaragua and Kenya.



Since 2002 he has served in a number of volunteer professional service positions, including board member for The Friends of Westfield House (Houston, Texas), Lutheran Services in America, Lutheran Hour Ministries and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.

A graduate of Concordia Teachers College (Concordia University), Seward, Nebraska, he also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Day and his wife, Julie, have six children and reside in Sunset Hills, Missouri. They are members of Hope Lutheran Church in St. Louis.

“The LCEF board and staff is excited to have Reverend Day come aboard,” LCEF Board of Directors Chairperson Rev. Max Phillips said, “as we endeavor to serve the Lord Jesus and His church how we do it best; with stable practice and innovative design. We invite our brothers and sisters in Christ to join us in praying for the mission of LCEF and for Bart as he begins this new phase of his ministry to and with God’s people.”

LCEF is grateful Day accepted the call to succeed Rich Robertson as their new President and CEO. LCEF thanks Rich Robertson for his vision, focus and leadership for the past eight years. The organization has been blessed to have a servant-leader such as Rich commit so much to the service of both LCEF and the LCMS.

LCEF, a nonprofit organization, provides loans and facility-planning services to LCMS churches, schools and rostered church workers through investment support of church members.

The mission of LCEF is to support the Church in fulfilling its mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being a Christ-centered servant partner of the LCMS, ensuring that funds and services are available now and in the future.

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