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**CHRISTIAN CARE COMMUNITIES NAMES NEW
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**



LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY (August 29, 2006) – Christian Care Communities has named **Keith R. Knapp, Ph.D.** as its new Chief Operating Officer. Dr. Knapp begins his duties on October 2 and replaces Dan Prather, who served as Christian Care’s COO for 10 years before retiring in early 2006.

A recognized expert and advocate for older adults, Dr. Knapp has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Episcopal Church Home in Louisville since 1999. He has overseen the daily operations of the not-for-profit retirement community and its nursing and personal care facility, memory care center and independent living patio homes.

From June 1989 to June 1999, he was a member of Christian Care Communities’ staff. For six of these years, he served as Executive Director of Christian Care’s downtown Louisville campus.

“Keith brings a wealth of experience and expertise to Christian Care, so we’re delighted that he has accepted this leadership position,” said Dr. Kirk Alliman, president

and CEO of Christian Care. “His knowledge, experience and personal values made him the ideal candidate and our first choice. We are confident that Keith will provide very valuable and effective leadership as Christian Care responds to the changing needs of a growing population of older adults.”

Dr. Knapp holds a doctorate in gerontology from the University of Kentucky and a master’s degree in hospital and health administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati. In addition, he is a Certified Fellow of the American College of Health Care Administrators and an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Family and Geriatric Medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Most recently, Dr. Knapp was named as “Administrator of the Year” by the American College of Health Care Administrators. Actively involved in community and professional organizations, Dr. Knapp is a member of the Kentucky Association for Gerontology, American Society on Aging, Council on Older Minority Adults, Kentucky Citizens for Quality Long-Term Care and the Southern Gerontological Society.

He also is a member of the Project One Board of Directors, Bunbury Theatre Advisory Board, Jefferson County Adult Education Advisory Board and the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators. In addition, he is a sought after guest lecturer and presenter, with articles published in numerous national journals.

Christian Care Communities is the largest, not-for-profit provider of social services in Kentucky, primarily serving older adults through its network of retirement communities located across the state. Christian Care also serves children and families, individuals with developmental disabilities via the Pathways Program, and individuals with acquired brain injuries via the Stepping Stones Program. Headquartered in Louisville, Christian Care employs 900 associates who support programs in 20 locations throughout Kentucky.