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FAITH-BASED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM CONSECRATES SEVEN GRADUATES

CLEVELAND—The Council for Health and Human Service Ministries of the United Church of Christ (CHHSM) announces the recent consecration of seven new graduates of its faith-based leadership program for executives and senior managers of health and human service ministries affiliated with the United Church of Christ. The program confers the Diakonal Minister credential; the term refers to the service ministry of deacons in the church.

The new graduates, all from CHHSM member organizations, are:

Mike Readinger, Vice President for Business Services, CHHSM

Brian Magnone, Director of Treasury, Retirement Housing Foundation

Mona Price-Huffman, Executive Assistant, United Church Homes and Services, Newton, North Carolina

John Garrett, Executive Director, Peppermint Ridge, Corona, California

Judy Alexander, President and Chief Executive Officer, Emmaus Homes, Inc., St. Charles, Missouri

John Zinn, Director of Educational Services, Hoffman Homes for Youth, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Gayle Klopp, Co-Executive Director, Charles Hall Youth Services, Bismarck, North Dakota..

The year-long Diakonal Minister course of study augments managers' professional and subject-area job skills with study in eight areas that research has identified as essential to successful leadership of faith-based organizations: passion for justice, spiritual integrity, leadership for change, sense of vocation (call), ethical reflection and action, covenant building skills, faith-values foundations, and organizational skills.

The Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM) is a council of nearly 80 corporate members, all affiliated with the United Church of Christ, that operate 357 facilities and programs providing health care, services to children, services to people with disabilities, and services to the aging. To find a CHHSM ministry near you, please visit www.chhsm.org.

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