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**KEITH R. KNAPP NAMED CEO OF  
CHRISTIAN CARE COMMUNITIES**

**LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY (January 20, 2009)** – Christian Care

Communities has named **Keith R. Knapp, Ph.D.** as its new Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Knapp succeeds Dr. Kirk Alliman, who is retiring from Christian Care after seven years of service.

A recognized expert and advocate for Older Adults, Dr. Knapp has served as Christian Care's Chief Operating Officer since 2006. Previously, he served as Chief Executive Officer of the Episcopal Church Home Inc., in Louisville. From June 1989 to June 1999, he was a member of Christian Care Communities' staff, serving six of these years as Executive Director of Christian Care's downtown Louisville campus.

"As Christian Care works to serve and respond to the growing needs of Older Adults and families throughout the state, we believe Keith is exceptionally qualified for this leadership position," said Charlotte Tharp, Chairperson of Christian Care Communities' Board of Directors. "His wealth of experience makes him the ideal candidate, and we anticipate a smooth transition as he moves into his new role."

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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.

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, Jefferson County Adult Education Advisory Board and the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators. He also is a sought after guest lecturer and presenter, with articles published in numerous national journals.

Headquartered in Louisville, Christian Care Communities is Kentucky's largest provider of affordable housing and long-term care for Older Adults, with an extensive network of retirement communities and services in Louisville, Lexington, Bowling Green, Corbin, Hopkinsville, Owensboro, Taylorsville and Grayson. Christian Care employs 750 individuals throughout the Kentucky.

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