



Church Extension appoints Nancy Brink as chair of the board of directors

Gary Straub and Donald Houk leave the board after serving six years

INDIANAPOLIS, December 19, 2008 — Nancy Brink recently was appointed chair of the board of directors for Church Extension for 2009.

Brink joined Church Extension's board of directors in 2005. She is currently pastor of North Side Christian Church in Omaha, Neb., where she has served for 20 years. In January she will become director of Church Relations for Chapman University in Orange, Calif.

"I am pleased that Nancy has accepted the position as chair of the board of directors," said James Powell, president of Church Extension. "Along with dedication and a heart to serve, she has excellent leadership qualities needed for the role of chairperson. I know that I speak on behalf of the entire Church Extension staff in welcoming her with open arms."

Brink has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Christian University and a Masters of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tenn.

Leaving the board following six years of service are Donald (Don) Houk, Fort Worth, Texas, and Gary Straub, Louisville, Ky. Straub served as chair of the Church Extension Board in 2007.

"I am grateful for the many years of service that Don Houk and Gary Straub have devoted to Church Extension," said Powell. "Don and Gary have set an excellent standard for leadership."

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