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**Yolanda Foster Smith joins Church Extension Board of Directors**  
*Linda Gardner and Barbara Albert return for second term*

Indianapolis, December 18, 2008 — Church Extension announces the addition of one member to the board of directors and the return of two directors for a second term.

Yolanda Foster Smith has joined the Church Extension board of directors. She is the chief financial officer for New Direction Christian Church in Memphis, Tenn.

Smith has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from LeMoyne-Owen College and a Master of Business Administration degree from University of Phoenix.

Both Barbara Albert and Linda Gardner have agreed to serve a second term on Church Extension's board. Albert of Fort Collins, Colorado, is a small business owner. She is a member of Heart of the Rockies Christian Church. Linda Gardner, Fullerton, Calif. is chief innovation officer for Experian and a member of Delhaven Christian Church in La Puente, Calif.

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