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JACINTA TEGMAN SELECTED AS THE NEXT PRESIDENT & CEO OF CRISTA MINISTRIES



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December 13, 2018 (SEATTLE) – The Board of Trustees for CRISTA Ministries has announced the selection of Jacinta Tegman as the next President and Chief Executive Officer for the organization, effective January 14, 2019. Tegman becomes the first woman and just the sixth individual to serve as President and CEO in the 69-year history of CRISTA, one of the largest nonprofit organizations in the Pacific Northwest.

CRISTA is comprised of seven unique ministries: Christian Veterinary Mission, CRISTA Camps, CRISTA Media, CRISTA Senior Living, King's Schools, Seattle Urban Academy and World Concern. It is World Concern that initially drew Tegman to CRISTA ten years ago as Donor Relations Director. After serving as Senior Director of International Operations, she was named President of the ministry in 2013. Earlier this year she was appointed as CRISTA's Chief International Ministries Officer before stepping into her current role as interim Chief Operating Officer for the entire CRISTA family of ministries.

Tegman's illustrious career over the last 30 years includes vast experience in both international missions and church leadership. She currently serves as the Chair of the Integral Alliance, a global coalition of 23 Christian relief and development agencies around the world. She holds both a master's degree from

Seattle University (Nonprofit leadership) and a bachelor's degree from Northwest University (Organizational management).

Tegman will be succeeding Bob Lonac, who has served as President & CEO of CRISTA since his appointment in 2006. Following his last day in that capacity on January 13, 2019, Lonac will move into a consultant role to serve as a resource to Tegman during her transition.

A diverse pool of 138 talented candidates from across the country were evaluated over a six month period by CarterBaldwin, with a Presidential search committee within the Board of Trustees identifying Tegman as the consensus selection among finalists. The full CRISTA Board of Trustees prayerfully considered the recommendation of the committee, and enthusiastically confirmed the selection of Tegman to step into the role to lead the CRISTA family moving forward. The ministries of CRISTA collectively reach and serve over 8 million people worldwide each year.

Stated **Kevin Gabelein**, Chair of the search committee within the CRISTA Board: "12 years ago I had the privilege of welcoming Bob Lonac to CRISTA. Now I have the unique honor of seeing the role transition to Jacinta Tegman. CRISTA has an amazing history of impacting those in need locally and all over the world, but there are many more new chapters to be written. With her faith-filled leadership, business acumen and innovative vision, Jacinta is the perfect individual to lead CRISTA into the future that lies ahead."

Stated CRISTA President and CEO, **Bob Lonac**: "As I prepare to depart the CRISTA family, I could not be more thrilled to see Jacinta Tegman as the Board's selection to succeed me. She is an outstanding leader revered by the teams she has led and individuals she has engaged with. Over the 10 years that I have had a chance to work with Jacinta I have seen a remarkable individual dedicated to serving the Lord and growing as a leader every day. She will achieve great things in her new role."

Stated CRISTA President and CEO-in-waiting, **Jacinta Tegman**: "I am humbled at the opportunity to serve the staff, donors, customers, constituents and beneficiaries of CRISTA as President & CEO. Nearly 70 years ago CRISTA Ministries began as a dream to serve those in need and demonstrate the love of Christ. I am greatly inspired by the challenges and opportunities to make a difference in the world we live in today. Together our family of ministries will work endlessly to grow the number of individuals and communities we serve."

Tegman and her husband Roger reside in Shoreline. For media inquiries, please contact Ben Wilson at 206.546.7487 or bwilson@crista.net.

Officially founded in 1949, CRISTA – which means "Christianity in Action" – is a family of seven unique ministries united by a shared mission: to love God by serving people, here and around the world. CRISTA's world headquarters are located on a 55-acre campus in Shoreline.

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