

Lutheran Homes Names Dr. Thomas E. Brown President and CEO

April 13, 2005 (Irmo) - Dr. Thomas E. Brown, Dr PH, MBA has been named president and CEO of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina, Inc., a leading sponsor of continuing care retirement communities, and provider of licensed health care programs and hospice ministries in South Carolina. Lutheran Homes is a ministry of the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Dr. Brown's selection is the result of the coming retirement of The Rev. Dr. Boyd F. Cook, the first president and CEO of Lutheran Homes. Dr. Cook served the organization for the past 18 years.

With over 30 years in healthcare management, Dr. Brown comes to the organization from Palmetto Health where he currently serves as director of Health Services Research. He is also a faculty member of the USC School of Medicine and Arnold School of Public Health.

Dr. Brown's interest and commitment to the organization culminated two years ago with his appointment as chairman of Board of Trustees. Dr. Brown led the organization in the development of their strategic plan. "Tom's leadership and experience will enhance the delivery of our programs and services for older adults and hospice patients whom we serve daily," said Russ Burlison, the current Board Chair.

After serving in the U.S. Army, Dr. Brown has held management positions at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, NY, the SC Health and Human Services Finance Commission, and the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control. He has devoted his career to developing nationally recognized health and long term care programs, such as the SC Community Long Term Care and Richland Care programs.

Dr. Brown and his wife have 4 children and make their home in Columbia where he has given generously of his time to several local and national boards including The Free Medical Clinic, The Cooperative Ministries, Commu-I-Care, Palmetto SeniorCare, and has been the board chair for the National Council on the Aging in Washington, DC. His selection is the culmination of a seven-month, nationwide search.