

Sayre Christian Village Names Karen Venis as New CEO/Executive Director

Lexington, KY – (Oct. 31) – Sayre Christian Village announced today that its board of directors has unanimously chosen Karen Venis as the organization's next chief executive officer (CEO)/executive director. Venis, who currently serves as Sayre Christian Village's chief administrative officer, will succeed Bill English, the company's current CEO/executive director, who will be retiring after nearly 20 years of dedicated service to the organization.

"After thorough succession planning and a comprehensive search process, the board is pleased to have found the best individual to assume leadership of this organization," said Jerry Kelly, president of the board of directors. "Karen has a proven track record of strong leadership and a deep passion for the ministry at Sayre Christian Village. Her industry knowledge, tenure and commitment to the organization make Karen uniquely qualified to lead Sayre Christian Village successfully into the future."

"I'm honored, and I'm grateful to the board for the opportunity to lead this exceptional organization of dedicated and talented professionals," said Venis. "Sayre Christian Village is beyond blessed to provide hope, housing and healthcare for older adults in central Kentucky. This is a terrific opportunity that any leader would welcome."

Venis, 40, holds a bachelor's in business administration from the University of Kentucky and an associate's degree in nursing from Midway University. She joined Sayre Christian Village in 2010, and has held various management positions within the organization ever since. A resident of Versailles, Kentucky, Karen and her husband David have three sons and are members of Journey Church.

Bill English, who will exit the CEO post on December 31, 2018, expressed confidence in the board's choice. "Karen is a remarkable leader who has been responsible for a great portion of our success over the years," said English. "I'm very happy with the board's decision, and I'm confident Karen will ensure that Sayre Christian Village continues to lead the way in providing quality care and services to the residents on our campus."

Sayre Christian Village is a non-profit organization in Lexington, Kentucky that offers a continuum of care including independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing services, dementia care and short-term rehabilitation. For more information, please visit www.sayrechristianvillage.org.