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### **SEATTLE'S UNION GOSPEL MISSION NAMES ITS 4<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT IN 77 YEARS**

**Seattle – September 10, 2009** – Andy Toles, Chairman of the Mission's Board of Trustees, announced today the appointment of Jeff Lilley as the organizations 4th president in its 77 year history. Since 1932, just three CEOs have inspired the community to work alongside Seattle's Union Gospel Mission as it provides hope and healing to men, women and children.

"We're excited to announce Jeff Lilley as the Mission's next president," said Andy Toles, chairman of the board of trustees and a Seattle attorney. "Jeff is an experienced nonprofit executive with a God-given heart for hurting and homeless people. He will lead and inspire this community to get involved in the desperate lives of the people the Mission serves every day."

Lilley will take the leadership baton from Herb Pfiffner as of January 1, 2010. Pfiffner has served as President for 21 years and during his tenure, the Mission's budget has grown from \$3 million in 1989 to more than \$16 million this year—giving the Mission the privilege of offering hope to thousands of homeless individuals and urban youth. Last year the Mission served 422,328 meals to the hungry and provided the homeless with 127,894 overnight stays.

Lilley is no stranger to big numbers and long tenures either. He has served at Hume Lake Christian Camps in California for 26 years—the last nine as the executive director. Hume Lake is one of the largest camp and conference centers in the United States, which serves 45,000 guests a year, with over 200 buildings, a budget of \$18 million annually and a full-time staff of 125, plus 400 seasonal staff.

"Our doors have always been open and ready to offer hope to anyone in need—hope for a brighter future and hope in Jesus," said Herb Pfiffner. "It's my desire to leave the Mission with a faithful leader—faithful to the vision of the Mission, faithful to the call of Jesus, and faithful to the staff and people we will serve. I'm confident that Jeff Lilley is the right leader for this important time in our 77-year history."

Lilley is a graduate of Multnomah Bible College in Portland with a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies and a minor in journalism. Married for 28 years, Jeff and his wife, Eugenie, have five children.



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