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Water Mission Names Chris Holdorf Executive Director of the Global Water Center
Holdorf to lead effort focused on uniting organizations and advocates to end the global water crisis

N. Charleston, S.C. – November 6, 2019 – Water Mission, a nonprofit Christian engineering organization, today announced the appointment of Chris Holdorf as Executive Director of the Global Water Center effective January 1, 2020. Holdorf currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Christian Foundation (NCF), the eighth largest charity in the U.S. and the largest Christian grantmaking foundation in the world.

“We have been seeking the right person to take the helm of this global, life-changing enterprise that will bring safe water and hope to the 2.1 billion people who currently lack access to this basic resource,” said Water Mission Co-Founder and CEO George Greene III, PE, Ph.D. “After prayerful consideration, Chris has responded to God’s call and we are delighted to have him step into this key leadership role.”

As Executive Director of the Global Water Center, Holdorf will be responsible for providing visionary leadership, strategic direction, and functional management for the development and operations of the Global Water Center, which is currently co-located at Water Mission’s corporate headquarters in North Charleston, SC. Holdorf will also serve as a member of Water Mission’s executive leadership team.

“I am excited to join a team of people who are so committed to relieving human suffering, serving with excellence and open hands, and reaching people with the gospel of Jesus,” said Holdorf. “The vision of Water Mission and the Global Water Center is to see 2,100,000,000, the number of people who lack access to sustainable safe water, become zero. In the process, access to physical water becomes the means to living water, for God’s glory. I look forward to being part of the team moving this vision toward reality.”

The Global Water Center is centered on three strategic initiatives:

• Serve as a catalyst to develop a global consortium of organizations, individuals, and government agencies engaged in safe water projects around the world;
• Provide an inspiring interactive learning experience that will increase the number of organizations implementing safe water solutions from hundreds to thousands; and
• Equip those organizations with best-in-class systems, processes, procedures, and technologies required to implement sustainable safe water projects.

Prior to serving as CEO of NCF, Holdorf held senior executive positions with several Fortune 100 companies, including certified public accountant with Arthur Andersen & Co.; vice president of taxes at Contel Corporation; director of taxes at GTE; and director of taxes and international business development at Southern Electric International, a former subsidiary of The Southern Company.

Holdorf holds a Doctor of Strategic Leadership from Regent University and an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Emmanuel Theological Seminary in Kota, India. He received a Master of Arts in Theology from Liberty Theological Seminary and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Accountancy from the University of Georgia.

About Water Mission

Water Mission™ is a Christian engineering nonprofit that designs, builds, and implements safe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas. Since 2001, Water Mission has used innovative technology and engineering expertise to provide access to safe water for nearly four million people in 56 countries. Water Mission has 350 staff members working around the world in permanent country programs located in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. To learn more, visit watermission.org.