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The Mission Society Names Clark M. Pickett Vice President for Mission Advancement

Former Pastor to Propel Goals of Global Ministry to Reach the Least-Reached

NORCROSS, Ga. – The board of directors of The Mission Society (www.themissionsociety.org), a full-spectrum, global missions agency, has elected Clark M. Pickett vice president for mission advancement.

Pickett is filling the position previously held by Dennis E. Brown, who is retiring. According to the board, Pickett's heart for The Mission Society's vision and goals to reach the least-reached, and his experience as a pastor and work in sales management and communications, will help increase support to train and send Christians to minister in Jesus' name around the world."

"The Mission Society is blessed to have Clark Pickett advance our mission to bring more to Christ," said Max Wilkins, president and CEO of The Mission Society. "His dynamic experience will bring even more support to missionaries and outreach programs than ever before."

The Mission Society's advancement department mobilizes believers and churches for generous giving and personal participation in Jesus' work around the world. Pickett oversees the communications, events and committees that inspire, minister and show appreciation to those who give the resources God provided to them to advance his kingdom.

"I'm delighted to be a part of this ministry's mission and passion – to reach the least-reached," said Pickett. "I'm also grateful to be part of a ministry that provides excellent training for congregations and helps them to be more missionally focused. As a former pastor, I know how significant that is, and it is a great privilege to be a part of inviting others to join Jesus in his mission through The Mission Society."

Founded in 1984, The Mission Society recruits, trains and sends missionaries around the world to communicate the gospel through word and deed. The organization is involved in agricultural training, evangelism, church planting, literacy, medical work, arts ministries and numerous other pursuits. It supports nearly 200 missionaries in 35 countries.

Pickett and his team coordinate funding support for The Mission Society's ministries for missionaries, field projects, local church outreach and training for international leaders. The advancement department also provides opportunities for partners to participate in Jesus' mission through their gifts and prayers for The Mission Society's ministries.



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Pickett has served as senior pastor of St. James United Methodist Church in Tampa, Fla., and Trinity United Methodist Church in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Prior to his tenure as senior pastor, he served as associate pastor of Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church in Tampa. He is a gifted speaker, specializing in men's and couples' retreats and revivals. Pickett also has a strong background in sales management and communications.

He has a Master of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta; a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Communications from the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Fla.; and a Associate of Arts Degree from Seminole State College in Lake Mary, Fla.

Pickett and his wife Diane have two grown children, Mackenzie Claire and Andrew Clark.

Prior to his coming to The Mission Society in 2003, outgoing Vice President Dennis E. Brown served as chairman, president and CEO, vice president, executive director and board member for major for-profit and non-profit organizations and corporations. Positions he held include: co-founder and executive director of JobSeekers USA, chairman of the board of American Health Companies, president and CEO of Diet Centers, Inc., owner of a customer-service consulting business in Atlanta and national sales manager for the Avon Company.

Brown has a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a Master's Degree in personal and guidance counseling from Truman University. He also served as a business development specialist and coach to CEOs.

"The Mission Society is indebted to Dennis," says President Wilkins. "Because of his passion for connecting people to God's mission, this organization has advanced far beyond where it was when he came to us. It is untelling how many more are involved in missions today because of Dennis Brown. We will miss him."

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Incorporated on Jan. 6, 1984, The Mission Society (www.themissionsociety.org) exists to mobilize and deploy the body of Christ globally to join Jesus in his mission, especially among the least-reached peoples. The Mission Society recruits, trains and sends Christian cross-cultural witnesses to minister around the world. Its church ministry department provides seminars, workshops and mentoring for congregations in the United States and abroad, helping equip churches for outreach in their communities and worldwide. At present, The Mission Society has nearly 200 missionaries serving in more than 35 countries.

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