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**EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR**

**John Estrem brings 24 years of community service experience to new role**

MINNEAPOLIS (June 30, 2010)—The Board of Directors of Episcopal Community Services today announced that John Estrem will be the new Executive Director of the agency.

“John Estrem brings a strong commitment to serving the members of our community who are less fortunate coupled with a business acumen and passion for servant leadership,” says Walter Baker, President of the Board of Directors. He will take over as CEO on July 19.

Estrem brings more than 24 years of community service experience to the position. He succeeds Helen Lockhart, Interim Executive Director since September 2008.

“I am excited to be joining such a fine organization as ECS,” said Estrem. “It is a great time in our history and I am thrilled to be a part of it.”

He was most recently CEO of Carmen Pampa Fund, a nonprofit organization providing financial and human resources support for Unidad Académica Campesina, a rural college in Bolivia.

He previously served as CEO of Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, focusing on delivery of social service programs to help families in crisis. Between 1992 and 2004, he was rector of the Cathedral of St. Paul.

He has a bachelor’s and master’s degree from the University of St. Thomas and a Master’s Degree in Non Profit Business Management from the University of Notre Dame.

Episcopal Community Services has a 47 year mission of strengthening and supporting adults, youth, children and families at risk and in need in Minnesota.