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**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA  
PRESIDING BISHOP MARK HANSON VISITS NEBRASKA**

***To speak at Mosaic's President and Chief Executive Officer Installation and Leadership Convocation***

OMAHA, Neb. – Rev. Mark Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and president of the Lutheran World Federation, and Jill Schumann, president and chief executive officer of Lutheran Services in America will speak at Mosaic's Leadership Convocation on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at Marriott Regency in Omaha. Bishop Hanson will speak at a formal installation service for Mosaic's new president and chief executive officer, Linda Timmons, at 3 p.m. at Rejoice! Lutheran Church in Omaha. Schumann will be the featured guest speaker at a banquet that evening at Marriott Regency honoring Timmons. Timmons began her term July 1, 2008.

Previously Timmons was Mosaic's president and chief operating officer accountable for Mosaic's operational results for 40 programs providing services to more than 3,700 people throughout 250 communities. She led Mosaic in achieving the first Basic Assurances® Network Certification issued by The Council on Quality and Leadership, and successfully led the organization's largest team through the consolidation of two long-standing organizations in 2003, and into a significant re-design of operating structure and organizational culture in 2006.

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Over 22 years Timmons held numerous positions in Bethphage, including Senior Vice President of Program Services at Bethphage and President and CEO of Bethphage Mission West.

From 1998- 2004, Timmons served on the board as chairperson and vice chair of The Council on Quality and Leadership.

*About Mosaic:*

Mosaic provides individualized services, living options, work choices, spiritual nurture and advocacy to people with disabilities across 14 states and Great Britain through the work of 5,000 employees. Mosaic is an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and a member of Lutheran Services in America. Mosaic is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. For more information visit [www.mosaicinfo.org](http://www.mosaicinfo.org).

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