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SE MI Aging Services Executive Receives National Award for Visionary Leadership

United Methodist Retirement Communities CEO John Thorhauer Receives LeadingAge 2016 Public Trust Award

Chelsea, MI, DATE – A national association representing 6,000 nonprofit aging services organizations across the U.S. has honored a Southeast Michigan senior living executive.

John Thorhauer, President & CEO of United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC), was chosen by Washington, D.C.-based LeadingAge as recipient of its 2016 Public Trust Award. The award honors Thorhauer's commitment to quality, leadership excellence, innovations in care and service, and professional contributions.

“John's vision, compassion and entrepreneurial spirit are extraordinarily valuable as we prepare to serve a large and growing number of older adults,” said UMRC board chair John Nixon III. “Through his leadership, combined with our mission and 110-year-old commitment to Michigan's aging population, UMRC has dramatically expanded its services and facilities to meet the growing needs of seniors. Even better, we're moving toward a new vision for aging in the 21st century—a future where older adults are connected, dynamic, and ready to embrace all their senior years have to offer.”

Thorhauer has been with UMRC since 2005. Since that time the organization has expanded from three locations to nine, now serving more than 1,600 senior citizens annually across 12 Michigan counties. And Thorhauer's still not done.

“John's vision is to continue the accelerated growth of the organization, creating options to double the number of seniors we can serve,” Nixon said. “But more than that, he's all about serving people in the ways they want and need to be served. Today's seniors have different expectations than past generations did, and John's preparing our services and facilities not just to meet them, but to exceed them to an unheard-of degree.”

Under Thorhauer's leadership, UMRC has garnered numerous regional, state and national awards for innovation, excellence, business leadership and environmental awareness. These honors all reflect public trust in UMRC and Thorhauer as a leader.

Thorhauer will accept the award at the LeadingAge national conference taking place Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, 2016, in Indianapolis.

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