

## Get to Know William Murray: New SVP and General Manager

You'll notice there's a different signature at the bottom of *The Good Steward's* welcome letter this month with the retirement of Rod Webster. There's new leadership at The Church Insurance Companies (CIC).

William "Bill" Murray, the new Senior Vice President and General Manager, is excited to take on the challenges that will accompany his new position. He looks forward to serving the people CIC protects and helping it to become a more robust part of the Church Pension Group.

### **Bill's career in insurance and the military**

Bill has spent the majority of his career in insurance and in the U.S. military. He began his insurance career at General Star Insurance Company, which is now owned by Berkshire Hathaway. He was there for more than 16 years. He has held senior management positions at many other insurance companies as well.

Prior to working in insurance, Bill served in the U.S. Navy. He had many interesting experiences related to that: "I was on a destroyer for a couple of years where we deployed to the Persian Gulf in the early '80s, worked in Antarctica for a couple of years, and finished active service at a Naval air station where we hunted Russian submarines." After active duty he remained in the Naval Reserve for many years and retired as a Lieutenant Commander.

Prior to joining CIC, Bill was Chief Underwriting Officer, Casualty/Public Risk for Houston Casualty Company, which, among other things, insures municipalities. He says that he sees the parallels between insuring municipalities and churches: "They share similarities. They're not businesses, but they're large and complex with a lot of moving parts. The way I see it, our job is to protect churches from financial ruin. When the bad thing happens, we can make the transition out of that problem as painless as possible for them."

### **Bill's life outside of work**

Bill enjoys spending time with his family outside of work. He has been married for 31 years, and he and his wife have three grown children. He and his wife moved to Vermont from Detroit in the fall of 2016. "We've only been here a few months, but we love it," he says.

He also enjoys woodworking and crafts furniture and cabinets. He learned to fly in the Navy and pilots a single-engine aircraft in his spare time. "I grew up in Chicago and have been a long-suffering Cubs fan—until recently," he says. Now he's just a Cubs fan without the suffering.

"I've lived all around the country. I've been to every continent on Earth except for South America, and I hope to get there someday, so I can say I've been to every one," he says.

**Good luck, Rod, and welcome, Bill!**

Rod Webster, who formerly held the position of Senior Vice President and General Manager at CIC, retired at the end of 2016. He says he will miss receiving *The Good Steward* reader comments about which articles they enjoyed most and seeing the cartoon each issue. He says, "It has been a joy to see the constant growth in the number of subscribers."

Welcome, Bill — and best of luck to you, Rod, in your retirement!