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Avera Selects Mary Hill as Executive Vice President of Mission for Avera

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (May 23, 2018) – Avera has selected Mary L. Hill, BSN, MA, JD, to serve as the Executive Vice President of Mission for Avera.

She has been at Avera since 2015, serving as the Vice President of Ethics, and she will continue to be responsible for ethics leadership in addition to the responsibilities of her new position.

In her new role as Executive Vice President of Mission, she will provide executive leadership supporting the vital Catholic identity of Avera by fostering commitment to the mission, vision and values. In collaboration with members of the Avera community, Hill will promote and integrate Catholic social tradition, the history of Avera’s religious and community sponsors, and Church teaching throughout the organization. “Mary brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position,” said John Porter, Avera President and CEO. “Her proven leadership in mission, ethics, theology, governance and sponsorship will guide Avera into the future.”

As Executive Vice President of Mission, Hill will integrate the mission, vision, values, beliefs and history of the Presentation Sisters and Benedictine Sisters into Avera’s Catholic health ministry. She will oversee the ethics, mission and clinical pastoral education departments, as well as serve as a member of Avera’s Executive Councils. She will support the Avera Medical Group Service Lines, Strategic Business Units and Avera Health boards with mission education and guidance.

Hill’s background working as a health care attorney, nursing executive, and psychiatric nurse will inform her leadership of Avera’s health care ministry. She has previously served as a mission executive, leadership formation facilitator, and compliance officer within Catholic health care ministries. From 2006-2009, Hill was the Indiana Deputy Health Commissioner serving in the Administration of Governor Mitch Daniels.

Hill earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Cincinnati, a Master of Arts in Health Care Mission from Aquinas Institute of Theology, and a Juris Doctorate from Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis.

She currently serves as an Adjunct Professor with Aquinas Institute of Theology teaching Health Care Ethics, and is a member of Catholic Health Association's Theologian/Ethicist Committee.

Hill is proud to continue her experiences at Avera, citing one reason being that it is the largest women-owned organization and employer in South Dakota. "I look forward to continuing the promotion of Avera's mission and Catholic identity at all levels of the organization by influencing policy and strategic decision-making," she said. "I am honored to serve in a ministry that embodies Christ's healing compassion in our world."

About Avera Health

The Avera Health system has over 17,500 employees and physicians, serving more than 300 locations and 100 communities in a five-state region. Our ministry, our people and our superior value distinguish Avera. We carry on the health care legacy of the Benedictine and Presentation Sisters, delivering care in an environment guided by our values of compassion, hospitality and stewardship. For more information about Avera, see our website at Avera.org.