



**Dr. Laverne Joseph**  
**President & CEO**  
**Retirement Housing Foundation**

Dr. Joseph became President and Chief Executive Officer of Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF) in July of 1987. Dr. Joseph also serves as CEO of Foundation Property Management and RHF Management which are the managing agents for RHF properties and other third party owners. RHF is recognized as a ministry of the United Church of Christ.

He frequently addresses professional and service organizations and churches regarding various housing and social service programs and issues. He has testified twelve times before Senate and House Committees concerning national housing and services legislation.

**Awards Received:**

- In May 2010 ASC presented him with the Award of Honor.
- *LeadingAge* (formerly known as the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging - AAHSA) selected him for the 2008 Award of Honor. This award, *LeadingAge*'s highest honor, was given in recognition of his exemplary national leadership and commitment to creating the future of aging services and reinforcing *LeadingAge*'s fundamental values.
- In 2006 Aging Services of California gave him their Meritorious Service Award.
- In 2003, Lancaster Seminary presented him with the Robert Moss award for excellence in ministry beyond the local parish.
- He received CHHSM's first and only Advocacy Award in 2002.
- In 1993, *LeadingAge* presented him with the Meritorious Service Award for his work and advocacy in providing safe, secure, affordable housing for thousands of seniors.

**Current leadership positions:**

- serves as Board Chair for the National Affordable Housing Trust,
- is a founding board member of Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future.
- is a founding member and serves on the Board, Strategic Planning Committee and is Vice Chair of the Underwriting Committee of Caring Communities Risk Retention Group, a liability insurance captive registered in the District of Columbia.
- serves on ASC's Affordable Housing Committee,
- serves on the *LeadingAge* Housing with Services Task Force.



Past leadership positions held:

- served on *LeadingAge*'s Leadership Circle and Future Membership Committee,
- served on the House of Delegates for 10 years, the Board for six years, and for seven years served as Chair of the Housing Committee of *LeadingAge*.
- chaired the 2001 Convention Planning Committee of *LeadingAge*.
- former member of the Board of Collaborative Innovations, a *LeadingAge* subsidiary, which was formed to develop prototype assisted living,
- chaired the Building Task Force to construct *LeadingAge*'s corporate headquarters building in Washington, DC.
- From 2000 to 2002, he served as Board Chair of the California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (now Aging Services of California [ASC]),
- formerly served as Chair of ASC's Housing Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee and Public Policy Committee.
- Dr. Joseph served for 11 years on the Board of Evangelical Health Systems (now Advocate), a Chicago-based organization which is the largest provider of health care in Northeastern Illinois. At various times, he held the positions of Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, and chaired the Strategic Planning, Audit, Medical Affairs and Executive Committees. The system was launched during his tenure.
- From 1984 to 1987, Dr. Joseph was a member of the Board, Treasurer and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM) related to the UCC.
- In 1993 and 1996, he was re-elected to the CHHSM Board and chaired the Stewardship Directorate until 2001.
- He is former Chairperson of the Coordinating Council of the Protestant Health and Human Services Assembly, the Board of the American Protestant Health Association, and the President's Council of Elmhurst College.
- He formerly was a member of the Boards of the Chicago Community Renewal Society, the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the UCC, and the Kobe (Japan) College Corporation.

The Rev. Laverne R. Joseph, D.D., is a graduate of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania, and Lancaster Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He has done additional graduate work at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago and was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri in 1975. He is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ (UCC), with standing in the Central Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference.

In the Chicago suburb of Palos Park, Illinois, Dr. Joseph was Senior Pastor of Peace Memorial United Church of Christ (UCC), from August 1966 until June 1987. He also served as Executive Director of the church's housing and health care ministries, which included a nursing home, a home health agency, and three senior housing facilities. He was a founder of the home health program and the housing ministries.