

## Interfaith Airport Chaplaincy Names Blair Walker to Executive Director Position

(Atlanta, Georgia) The Interfaith Airport Chaplaincy Board of Directors has named Blair Walker as Executive Director of the non-profit organization based at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The Chason Group was retained by the IAC to lead the executive search.

Walker most recently served as an executive at Point University, a four-year liberal arts college based in West Point, Georgia. He began his new role at the world's busiest airport on June 1.

"Our team focused on four key areas when identifying candidates for this position," according to Rich Sanders, Chair of the board, an attorney with Southern Health Lawyers, LLC and Priest Associate at St. David's Episcopal Church in Roswell. "Proven leadership experience, understanding of religion, communication skills and development were the experiences we wanted in an Executive Director. Blair certainly meets and exceeds these qualities in many ways. Our board is excited about the opportunity to have him lead the IAC in our ministry of presence for the travelers and employees of the airport in this time of dramatic change."



*Blair Walker*

As a higher education specialist, Walker has a diverse background in educational leadership and management. His specialty areas include technology integration, staff development and customer service. He has been an ordained minister for thirty-seven years through the Christian Church Brotherhood.

Walker is a graduate of Georgia Southern University with a Master of Public Health degree and a BS in Biblical Studies from Point University. He has served as Associate Minister for Savannah Christian Church in Savannah, Georgia and Minister of Youth for First Christian Church of Roswell in the Atlanta area.

For the past 20 years, Walker has been in various roles at Point University including Associate Director of Online Student Services, Adult Education Site Director, Interim Director of Admissions and Director of Financial Aid. He continues to teach as an adjunct instructor for online programs at the school. Walker currently serves as a leader at Tri-Cities Church in East Point, Georgia and Chair of the Board for Adoptive Family Resources, a non-profit organization that provides counseling and support services for families experiencing post adoption issues.

"The Interfaith Airport Chaplaincy sits at the crossroads of the world," Walker said. "I have a passion for working with and serving people from all walks of life by comforting those who are hurting and helping those who are in need. Serving as Executive Director of the IAC will allow me to share my passion and experiences with others."

The IAC Executive Director is responsible for directing the ministry of pastoral care programs and oversight of chapel facilities at the airport. The professional is also accountable for providing ministry to those of all faiths. Additional key responsibilities include cultivating and maintaining an organization strategy, fiscal accountability and administration of the organization.

In addition to Sanders, others serving on the IAC Search Committee included Linda Dean, Vice President of Finance, Atlanta Airlines Terminal Company, LLC; Carmenlita Scott, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Airport Chamber of Commerce; and Melanie Tomlinson, Executive Vice President, STAXI Corporation Limited.

The search for the new Executive Director of the IAC was led by The Chason Group, an executive search firm with a specialty in assisting non-profit organizations.

**About the Interfaith Airport Chaplaincy.** The IAC is a 501-C-3 non-profit organization led by a volunteer Board of Directors. The organization has been providing pastoral care programs at the airport since 1980. Interfaith chaplains and volunteer associates offer a ministry of compassion and physical assistance to more airport employees and passengers daily.

**About The Chason Group.** The executive search for the IAC was conducted by The Chason Group, an executive search firm specializing in economic development, chambers of commerce, tourism, foundations and other non-profit organizations.