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## Humanitarian Leader Appointed as CEO for Mercy Ships Canada

**Victoria Canada, December 17, 2018** - The Board of Directors for Mercy Ships Canada is pleased to announce the selection of Mr. Jamie McIntosh as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mercy Ships Canada. This appointment is effective December 19, 2018 and follows a comprehensive national search.

Chair of the Board, Mrs. Marilyn Collette said, "Jamie McIntosh's significant experience in international development, human rights and humanitarian assistance combined with his strong blend of leadership and entrepreneurship will bring Mercy Ships Canada to a new level of cooperation and contribution to Mercy Ships in its efforts to impact global surgery."

Donovan Palmer, CEO of Mercy Ships stated, "Mercy Ships is in a season of expansion and we are grateful to work with Mercy Ships Canada as we seek to follow the 2,000 year old model of Jesus. With the addition of the new CEO, Jamie McIntosh, it will be exciting to see their growth."

"Through two decades of humanitarian work, I have witnessed the alarming need for global surgery and healthcare," McIntosh remarked. "According to the Lancet Commission, a stunning 5 billion people lack access to surgery when needed. Experts advise that this lack accounts for more deaths each year than from HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis combined. Surgical interventions aboard our ships have saved mothers from life-threatening tumors, cured fathers of blindness, healed women suffering obstetric fistula, and restored children with severe burns, windswept legs, or cleft palates."

Mr. McIntosh explained, "As a Canadian, I have been overwhelmed with gratitude for life-saving medical interventions for my own family. As a profound matter of justice, dignity and faith, I believe everyone on the planet deserves equitable access to such vital surgery – while keeping them from being forced into poverty. I am deeply motivated to join and help Mercy Ships Canada to accelerate (and scale) its exemplary model of service and advocacy for access to global surgery and healthcare."

Jamie will take over the reins at Mercy Ships Canada from Darryl Anderson Interim National Director. He will build upon the work of former National Director Tim Maloney's ten years of faithful service developing an influential and respected organization. Mr. Anderson will serve as special advisor during the transition period before being welcomed back on the Board of Mercy Ships Canada.

McIntosh will work from Ontario, where he will fulfill a significant goal for Mercy Ships Canada in the establishment of a Central Canadian office, expanding the charity's national presence in addition to its vibrant regional roots in Victoria, BC.

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## **What Other Leaders Are Saying**

“Jamie McIntosh comes to Mercy Ships Canada with experience, enthusiasm, and vision. I have no doubt he will elevate the organization to new heights, and enable Canada to play an even bigger role in Mercy Ships International. Most importantly, Jamie is driven by a passion to deliver hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor. It is this passion that will guarantee his success and that of Mercy Ships Canada.”

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“I love Mercy Ships Canada’s work. I’m excited that they are getting a seasoned and principled humanitarian leader in Jamie McIntosh who will assist their ascent to the next level of healthcare in Africa. Jamie’s humble, thoughtful leadership will lift the contributions of all.”

Dr. Mesfin Teklu Tessama, Sr. Director, Health  
International Rescue Committee

"I am thrilled to see that Jamie McIntosh has been named as the incoming CEO of Mercy Ships Canada where he will be a catalyst to help expand surgical programming reach where it is most needed. Throughout his career Jamie has embodied service, caring and getting results; a truly worthy appointment and one which will add wind to Mercy Ships Canada`s sails."

Stephen Cornish, CEO David Suzuki Foundation,  
Past Executive Director, Doctors Without Borders

## **Jamie McIntosh Executive Bio**

McIntosh joins Mercy Ships following senior executive roles with World Vision Canada, where he has led philanthropy and impact investing as Vice President of Vision Partners. Before this he led World Vision Canada’s humanitarian relief, international development, public policy and grants work as Vice President of Programs and Policy, responsible for over \$1.5B of international and domestic programmatic commitments and \$1B in resources acquired during his tenure.

McIntosh successfully founded and grew International Justice Mission Canada (IJM Canada) and was its Executive Director for 12 years. Along with launching justice projects in Latin America, Asia and Africa, and influencing public policy in Canada, Jamie helped the organization secure awards in non-profit innovation, receiving the International Freedom Award for work countering human trafficking, as well as the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal presented by the Prime Minister of Canada, commending Jamie's contributions to international justice and human rights.

He has served on governance boards, and steering committees for human rights, financial inclusion, maternal and newborn health, and international development work in places like Honduras, China, Ethiopia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Additionally, McIntosh is a fellow of the Africa Board Fellowship and serves as Board Chair of VisionFund DRC. He earned a Master's degree in International Human Rights Law from Oxford University and is an ordained minister, having served as a pastor in two California churches.

## **About Mercy Ships Canada**

Mercy Ships Canada is one of 16 National Offices mandated to raise funds, awareness, identify and implement projects and recruit volunteers for the programs of Mercy Ships internationally. Mercy Ships is an international humanitarian organization committed to providing free quality health care for those who cannot afford it. Since 1978 our hospital ships have sailed to impoverished nations to perform free surgeries and provide training. On board, more than 400 volunteers give their time and skills to bring hope and healing to those in need, so communities have sustainable healthcare after Mercy Ships departs.

Information including images and additional third party testimonials regarding the new CEO Mr. Jamie McIntosh taking the helm of Mercy Ships Canada can be found at <https://mercyships.ca/about-us/press-and-media/>