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Nancy Paris Invested as Member of Venerable Order of St. John

Nancy Paris, President and CEO of the Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education, was recently invested as a member of the Venerable Order of St. John in the Priory in the USA. The honor was bestowed in a ceremony at the National Cathedral in Washington DC. The Order of St John is a Christian, chivalric, ecumenical and international community of members who continue more than 900 years' tradition of helping the sick and the poor of all nationalities, races and creeds.

The tribute recognizes Ms. Paris' extensive experience creating, directing and raising funds to support community-based health programs. Her leadership at Georgia CORE has helped to improve the quality of cancer care in Georgia and expanded statewide access to clinical research. Prior to Georgia CORE, she served as vice-president and interim president of the Georgia Cancer Coalition, president of Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services, and vice-president of the Georgia Baptist Health Care System. Under her leadership, both Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services and the Georgia Baptist Health Care System received numerous foundation and government grants, and many national awards for excellence and innovation. Ms. Paris also served as director of Hospice Atlanta, vice-president of the Visiting Nurse Foundation and president of AID Atlanta.

She is a member of the Board of Directors of MedShare International and the International AIDS Trust; the Atlanta Rotary Club, where she chairs the International Committee; the Dean's Council of the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, and the Board of Visitors of the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing at Mercer University.

A native of Atlanta with four generations of family in the city, she is married to Paul Prebble, has two children, and is an active member of Central Presbyterian Church, where she has served as both Elder and Deacon.

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