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Barato L. Britt named President of EMCC Holdings LLC and Chief Executive Officer of Edna Martin Christian Center Inc.

INDIANAPOLIS— The Edna Martin Christian Center Board of Directors has named Barato L. Britt, current VP of EMCC and Executive Director of its Leadership & Legacy Campus, the new President of Edna Martin Christian Center Holdings LLC and Chief Executive Officer of Edna Martin Christian Center Inc. The transition will be effective January 1, 2020.

Barato succeeds Tysha Hardy-Sellers who after more than 11 years of service to EMCC will join the Lilly Endowment Inc. on January 6.

Barato will be the 5th leader of EMCC after Edna Barnes Martin over the agency's 80-year history.

Having an extensive community service and community development background, Barato brings 11 years of experience from his executive positions at EMCC; Executive Director experience from the Indiana chapter of Black Alliance for Educational Options Inc.; and more than 25 years of experience in community engagement, partnership development, advocacy, grant writing, politics, strategic planning, staff support, and journalism.

Most recently, as Executive Director of the Leadership and Legacy Campus (a property under EMCC Holdings, LLC), Barato helped lead efforts to revitalize 13 acres of property. Through a unique partnership with KIPP Indy Public Schools and Shepherd Community Inc., the EMCC leadership team, board, and local and federal funding sources, he helped secure nearly \$15 million in combined investments for the campus within a 2-year period, while also working with the EMCC team to maintain programming and service delivery.

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“Barato is the right choice for the organization which has significantly grown in scope of services while also deepening its human service and community development work in the Martindale-Brightwood community,” said Natalie Weir, EMCC Board President and CFO of Major Tool and Machine Inc.

“Barato’s leadership will provide continuity in innovation and the community solutions-focused spirit of EMCC, while also ushering in new programs and projects to ensure we are living into our vision of a community where people have everything they need to live, work, learn and play in a peaceful, connected thriving environment.”

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About Edna Martin Christian Center:

The Edna Martin Christian Center is a faith-based, human services organizations that operates two multi-service centers in Indianapolis focused on continuing education for individuals and families; increased income for residents; and supporting quality of life for all which improves community health. Through an array of programs, services and community development, EMCC impacts nearly 3,000 each year. The mission was organized by Edna Barnes Martin in the late 1930s and incorporated in 1941.

Mission: The mission of the Edna Martin Christian Center is to bridge cultural, racial, and economic differences in order to support and nurture the people in the community by providing holistic programs that empower, encourage, and engender a vision of hope.