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THE REVEREND EDDIE E. JONES, JR. ELECTED TO LISC JACKSONVILLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jacksonville, FL (September 2, 2009) --- The Reverend Eddie E. Jones, Jr., retired Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Florida and Clerical Trustee of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, was named to the LISC Jacksonville Board of Directors on Tuesday, September 1 during the board's bi-monthly meeting. The Rev. Jones will take the place of Mary K. (Kitty) Phillips, an original LISC Jacksonville board member, who is retiring from the board. Ms. Phillips, along with others in the community, was instrumental in bringing LISC to Jacksonville to help build sustainable neighborhoods.

The Reverend Jones is a former department head with the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons and served as Chief Chaplain in the Federal Correctional Institution in Tallahassee for 18 years. Additionally, he is a retired Lieutenant Colonel with the U.S. Army. He has served on various boards in Florida including the Farmers and Merchants bank, Gerry Medical Center, Jefferson County Hospice, PRIDE Enterprises and Capital Rotary Club. A graduate of the University of West Alabama, he received his Master's of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

"We welcome Rev. Jones to the board and know that his experiences will be a valuable asset to LISC," said Joni Foster, Executive Director of LISC Jacksonville. "The Jessie Ball duPont Fund was one of the key catalysts in bringing LISC to Jacksonville over a decade ago. The help from the Fund and from Kitty Phillips were instrumental in setting us on the path that has created a successful community development environment. We will miss Kitty tremendously but look forward to working with Rev. Jones."

LISC Jacksonville and the community development corporations it supports have contributed over 200 affordable homes, over 500 units of affordable rental housing either completed or in the pipeline, and are now embarking on revitalizing commercial corridors in the urban core. The nonprofit specializes in training, advocacy, and funding for groups helping neighbors build sustainable communities and it is a core participant in the Jacksonville Journey. For more information, log on to www.liscjacksonville.org.