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**Summit County Children Services appoints faith-based leader to Citizens' Advisory Committee**

**AKRON, OHIO – March 2018** – Summit County Children Services (SCCS) Board of Trustees voted to appoint Pastor Herman Matherson from The House of the Lord to the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) during Tuesday's board meeting. Pastor Matherson will serve on the board for three terms beginning this month. As a member of the CAC, he will aid in fulfilling responsibilities established by the Ohio Revised Code including enhancing cooperation with SCCS and other child welfare agencies, researching and addressing the need for services in Summit County and advising Summit County Children Services executives on policies to enhance the safety, permanency and well-being of children.

Pastor Matherson has been a staff member at The House of the Lord since 1994 where he oversees day-to-day operations and works on administrative duties covering legal, Information Technology, physical operations and finances of the church. He received his Bachelor's Degree in chemistry and his Master's Degree in diplomacy. He also is a certified crisis first responder under the State of Ohio and the Summit County Department of Health, and he has been married for 40 years with two sons.

The CAC relies on diverse representation from the community and local organizations featured including the Akron Police Department, the Summit County Sheriff's Department, Akron/Summit Community Action and Akron Children's Hospital. As a member of the faith-based community, Pastor Matherson will be one of eleven members to serve on the CAC.

The CAC's next meeting will be on March 21 from 12:30pm-2p.m. The committee meets every other month on the third Wednesday. For more information about Summit County Children Services and the Citizens' Advisory Committee, please contact Ann Ream at 330-379-2070 or aream@summitkids.org.

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