



Prairie View

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Prairie View Advancement Under New Leadership

Newton, Kan. – With great enthusiasm and fresh ideas, Newton native Kent Dove is ready to begin a new role: director of advancement at Prairie View. Dove will begin Monday, Sept. 28.

“I am excited about the opportunity to coordinate the development and advancement of Prairie View to continue the faith-based mission of service and refuge to those struggling with life’s issues,” he said.

Dove’s responsibilities will include annual giving, special events, corporate and foundation giving, and planned giving. Along with overseeing the communications and marketing departments, Dove will also be involved in public and church relations.

Jessie Kaye, Prairie View’s president and CEO, believes Dove’s past work experience in church-related human service organizations, as well as his understanding of the importance of Prairie View’s faith heritage and organizational values, will serve him well in his new role.

“He has many years of local fundraising experience, including the Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, Harvey County United Way, Lutheran Social Services, Northview, Friendly Acres [now Asbury Park] and Youthville,” said Kaye.

He also worked in psychiatry while in the Air Force from 1967 to 1972 – the only years Dove spent away from Newton.

“My professional work experience has been in serving others, from direct service, supervision and administration, in the position of a social worker or a development worker, all in an attempt to help others have a better quality of life,” said Dove.

Dove is married to Joquetta, an educator with Harvey County Special Education. They have two sons: Chad and wife Laurie, Valley Center, and Todd and wife Renea, Newton. They have seven grandchildren.

Dove earned his bachelor of sociology/anthropology degree from Wichita (Kan.) State University.

Prairie View is a faith-based, private behavioral and mental health services provider, offering a complete range of behavioral and psychiatric services for children, adolescents, adults and older adults, as well as consultation services to businesses and organizations. In addition to the main campus, including outpatient offices and a psychiatric hospital in Newton, Prairie View has outpatient locations in Hillsboro, Hutchinson, McPherson and Wichita.