***Leader of Worldwide Church Names Aide to Succeed Him***

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Herbert W. Armstrong, 93 years old, the ailing founder of the Worldwide Church of God, has named a successor to replace him as pastor general in the event of his death.

The proposed successor, Joseph Tkach, 59, director of church administration for the past six years, was named in a meeting of elders Jan. 7, Mr. Armstrong said in a letter announcing the decision Tuesday to the 80,000 members of the wealthy church.

''I am in a very weak, physically weakened state enduring severe pain and with virtually no strength whatsoever,'' Mr. Armstrong wrote.



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