

Jerry Pattengale appointed interim head of Religion News Foundation

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Scholar and author Jerry Pattengale has been appointed interim CEO and president of the Religion News Foundation and CEO and publisher of Religion News Service, a subsidiary of the foundation. Pattengale replaces Tom Gallagher, who was hired in 2016. A reason was not given for Gallagher's departure.

"During this season of rapid change in the media industry and nonprofit sector, RNF and RNS are well-positioned for continued growth," Pattengale said in a press release. "Our future looks bright, thanks to the remarkable expertise of our board,

staff and journalists.”

Pattengale was one of two founding scholars for the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C., and he was the museum’s executive director of education until his retirement in 2018. He is the associate publisher for *Christian Scholar’s Review*. — *Christian Century* staff