Faith-based organizations represent unique and powerful tools for addressing community health needs. The purpose of this conference is to enhance understanding of relationships among health services research, faith-based organizations, spirituality, and health outcomes. Understanding can foster meaningful and sustained relationships that help to effectively address health disparities affecting racial/ethnic minority populations. Audience participation will be encouraged and orchestrated throughout the conference.

Target Audience:
The conference targets faith-based health ministries and leaders, health care providers, and researchers and students from the social and biomedical sciences.

Objectives:
At the conclusion of this conference, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the current status of health focused research and practice.
2. Discuss ethical issues that arise at the interface between faith-based health ministries and public health interventions and research.
3. Identify ways that faith-based ministries and health programs can enhance culturally relevant health services and patient outcomes.
4. Discuss relevant collaboration strategies used to initiate and strengthen partnerships among faith-based ministries, health care providers, students, and researchers.
5. Explore evidenced-based and culturally sensitive strategies to engage racial/ethnic minority faith-based ministries in health disparities research and interventions.

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Research on Health Disparities and Training

AGENDA - Friday, September 15, 2006

8:30 a.m. Registration
8:45 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
   Dr. Lynette M. Gibson, EXPORT Center Training Core Director, Clemson University
   Bell South Auditorium
9:00 a.m. Greetings
   Dr. Lawrence Allen, Dean, College of Health, Education, and Human Development, Clemson University
9:10 a.m. Opening Address: Clothed in our right minds: Religion, spirituality and paths to wellness
   Dr. Jacqueline S. Mattis, New York University
10:00 a.m. Reaching minorities with health messages
   Ms. Jeanette Jordan, J & J Health Consultants
10:45 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. Audience Response: Questions/Answers
11:30 a.m. Lunch and Group Discussions
12:45 p.m. Group Discussions Summation
   Moderator: Dr. Leroy Davis, EXPORT Center Co-Principal Investigator, Voorhees College
1:00 p.m. Panel: Faith-based Healthcare to Reduce Health Disparities
   Moderator: Ms. Joyce Winkler, Faith and Health Consultant,
   SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC)
   The temple of care: The role of spirituality in the self-management of chronic illness among older women
   Dr. I. Shevon Harvey, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
   Ethics and spirituality
   Dr. Joseph Dancy, Jr., Norfolk State University
   Faith and health matters: Engaging faith-based ministries in health disparities research and interventions
   Dr. Covia Stanley, SC DHEC
2:00 p.m. Utilization of parish nurses to reduce health disparities: Strategies for collaboration
   Dr. Thelma P. Walker-Brown, Macon County (Alabama)
   Parish Nursing/Health Ministry Coalition
2:45 p.m. Break
3:00 p.m. Faith seeking understanding and wholeness: Ethical issues for research involving public health and faith community collaborations
   Dr. Robert McKeown, University of South Carolina
3:45 p.m. Conference Summation: Where do we go from here?
   Dr. Barbara Logan, EXPORT Center Principal Investigator, Clemson University
4:15 p.m. Evaluation
4:30 p.m. Adjournment

Conference Location:
The Madren Conference Center
100 Madren Center Drive
Clemson, SC
888.654.9020 or 864.654.9020

Directions:
From the North: Take I-85 south to exit #19B (Hwy.76/28 west). Exit toward Clemson university (tigre paws mark the way). Follow Hwy. 76/28 west for approximately 12 miles. At the traffic light by the Army Reserve Center, turn left onto Perimeter Road (Pearman Blvd). Go approximately one mile to the first traffic light and turn left onto Cherry Road. Go 1/2 mile and take the first right onto Old Stadium Road. Go 1/3 mile and turn left onto Madren Center Drive which leads to the Center.

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Accommodations:
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Participants will not be registered until fee is paid.

Registration Deadline: To ensure your space, pre-registration and payment must be received by August 31, 2006. The conference is limited to the first 100 participants, so please register early.

Fee: $10.00
Fee includes refreshments, lunch, and a certificate of attendance.

Participants may register in the following ways:
Fax: (864) 349-1179
Online: www.upstateahec.org (with check or credit card)
Mail: Upstate AHEC, 14 Progress Road, Greenville, SC 29607

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