

FAITH COMMUNITY
RESEARCH
NETWORK



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Coordinated by the
Faith-Based Genetics
Research Institute,
Wayne State University
& Karmanos Cancer Institute

*Prosper and
Be in Good
Health*

Health Ministry Workshop

Part 1: Building Your Health Ministry from the Ground Up

December 7, 2023

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Hybrid Event:

Zoom

or

In-person at Second Ebenezer Church

14601 Dequindre St, Detroit, MI 48212

Faith Community Research Network Introduction

What is the Faith Community Research Network

The Faith Community Research Network (FCRN) is a partnership between the Faith-Based Genetic Research Institute, Wayne State University, and Karmanos Cancer Institute. This partnership supports a network of churches in the Detroit metropolitan area that meet monthly and work together to support health and well-being among the area's residents. The FCRN is funded by the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) at Wayne State University.

Faith Community Research Network Mission

To educate, empower and elevate populations primarily composed of people of color, on the benefits of being engaged with medical research.

Faith Community Research Network Goals

- Create and champion strategies to advance health research aligned with the most urgent needs of Detroit populations
- Prepare Detroit's faith community to participate meaningfully in research design and implementation
- Increase community member access to clinical trials and health research
- Develop channels for dissemination of research discoveries, especially interventions designed to eliminate health disparities and promote equity

Community-Academic Partnership

Academic research usually has a top-down approach and community stakeholders are often excluded in selecting research ideas and research development and design.

The Faith Community Research Network partners with community churches to champion community access to health care clinical trials and health research in Detroit.

Health Ministry Workshop Introduction

What is a Health Ministry?

A health ministry promotes whole-person health and healing – body, mind and spirit...A health ministry can be organized in whatever way best meets the health and wellness needs of the congregation and neighborhood it serves. (Norton Faith & Health Ministries)

A congregation has a health ministry or health program when it recognizes and claims the dynamic healing potential at the intersection of faith and health and builds an organized, intentional response rooted in the scriptures and practices of its faith tradition. (The Center for Faith and Community Health Transformation)

It is the promotion of health and healing as part of the mission and ministry of a congregation to its members (adults, youth, and children) and the community it serves. (Southern New England Conference United Church of Christ)

Prosper and Be in Good Health: Health Ministry Workshop Part 1: Building Your Health Ministry from the Ground Up

This program is a vital component of CHECK-UP's Faith Community Research Network, aimed at empowering faith community members to develop essential skillsets for a vibrant health ministry. As we gather on this day, our shared goal is to equip attendees with the knowledge and tools needed to promote holistic well-being within their communities. Through a dynamic combination of informative sessions and hands-on workshops, we will explore ways to enhance physical, mental, and spiritual health, fostering a more resilient and vibrant congregation. Don't miss this opportunity to take a step toward a healthier, more prosperous future for your faith community.

Agenda

"Prosper and Be in Good Health"

Faith Community Research Network: Health Ministry Workshop Part 1: Building Your Health Ministry from the Ground UP

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- 5:30 PM Buffet Dinner & Registration Check-in**
Dinner & Networking
- 6:00 PM Welcome & Opening Prayer**
Pastor Rochelle Chapman, New Beginnings Bible Church
Co-director, Faith Community Research Network, WSU
Community Engagement Coordinator, Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Center for Urban Responses to Environmental Stressors, WSU
- Wayne State University Welcome**
Stacie Clayton, Director of Community Affairs, Government and Community Affairs, WSU
- 6:05 PM Faith Community Research Network Mission & Health Ministry Initiative**
Hayley S. Thompson, PhD, Professor, Department of Oncology, WSU
Director, Center for Health Equity & Community Knowledge in Urban Populations (CHECK-UP), WSU
Associate Center Director, Community Outreach & Engagement, Faculty Supervisor, Office of Cancer Health Equity & Community Engagement (OCHECE), Karmanos Cancer Institute
- Bertram L. Marks, Esq, DMin**, Chief Legal Counsel of the Faith-Based Genetic Research Institute
- 6:20 PM Panel Discussion & Testimonials**
Elder Tabitha L. Goodner, Health & Wellness Director, Second Ebenezer Church Community Health & Wellness Hub
Voncile Brown-Miller, Health Ministry Leader, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
- 6:30 PM Process to Establish a Health Ministry**
Voncile Brown-Miller
Hayley S. Thompson, PhD
- 7:55 PM Post-test & Evaluation**
- 8:00 PM End**

Speakers & Panelists



Stacie Clayton, Director of Community Affairs, Office of Government & Community Affairs, Wayne State University



Elder Tabitha L. Goodner, Health & Wellness Director, Second Ebenezer Church Community Health & Wellness Hub



Voncile Brown-Miller, Health Ministry Leader, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

Faith Community Research Network Team

Hayley S. Thompson, PhD

Hayley S. Thompson, PhD, is a professor in the Department of Oncology at Wayne State University and the Associate Center Director for Community Outreach and Engagement at the Karmanos Cancer Institute (KCI), an NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center. In this role, she established KCI's Office of Cancer Health Equity and Community Engagement (OCHECE) and serves as its faculty supervisor. She is also founding director of the emerging Wayne State University Center for Health Equity and Community Knowledge in Urban Populations (CHECK-UP). She is a clinical psychologist whose research addresses racial and ethnic disparities in cancer care and outcomes. Her primary focus is community-based intervention research, including investigations of cancer survivorship. She has received funding from the National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Patient-Centered Outcomes and Research Institute, and other agencies and foundations. She is currently a co-principal investigator on the NCI-funded African American Resilience in Surviving Cancer (ARISE) Study. Her research also addresses sociocultural assessment in diverse populations. She led the development of the Group-Based Medical Mistrust Scale (GBMMS), widely used in health disparities research, administered in over 100 published, peer-reviewed studies. She currently directs Michigan Cancer HealthLink, a community-academic partnership to build research capacity in diverse communities within Karmanos Cancer Institute's 46-county catchment area with 150 community members involved in contributing to Karmanos' research agenda. She is also Director of the Community Health Scholars Program within CHECK-UP, designed to support metro Detroit residents in building and applying research skills.



Rochelle Chapman

Rochelle Chapman is the co-director of the Faith Community Research Network and the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Center for Urban Responses to Environmental Stressors (CURES). Her role is to create bi-directional relationships with community members. To educate and disseminate research in a relatable way to the community. For the past 19 years she has been involved in grassroots organizing and community outreach which includes free resources (food, clothing, school supplies, etc.) for residents.



Faith Community Research Network Team

Bertram Marks, Esq, DMin

Dr. Bertram Marks Esq. D. Min. has been a practicing trial lawyer for 28 years. His practice includes product liability, medical malpractice, ecclesiastical, corporate law, civil rights, personal injury and white-collar criminal defense. He attended Michigan State University's James Madison School of Government, earned a political science degree from Wayne State University and a law degree from the University of Detroit. Dr. Marks has also earned a Masters' Degree in Divinity and a Doctorate Degree in Ministry from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. He serves as Chairman of the Litigation Associates Trial Law Firm. In his capacity as a trial attorney, he has litigated cases throughout the USA. He has practiced in Michigan, Kentucky, Texas, Ohio, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Bertram Marks serves as a senior-level consultant to major organizations, Fortune 1000 corporations, and educational institutions. He provides advice and counsel on issues ranging from social and economic justice to corporate citizenship and civic responsibility. Bertram Marks serves as Chief Legal Officer of the Faith-Based Genetic Research Institute. He is a former President of T.H.A.W. Board of Directors of Michigan and former CEO of the Community Energy Solutions Program which distributed millions of dollars in energy assistance to eligible families across Michigan. Atty. Marks is the former State of Michigan Civil Rights Commissioner, former General Legal Counsel to the Council of Baptist Pastors, and former legal analyst for WMXD-Detroit.



John High III, BS, BA

John High III is a Master of Public Health student at Michigan State University. John is also a two-time Michigan State University graduate, earning his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and a Bachelor of Art in Interdisciplinary Studies: Health and Society. During undergrad, John worked as a research assistant with the Department of Kinesiology at Michigan State University. John currently serves as a research assistant at Karmanos Cancer Institute, which is designated as a National Cancer Institute Comprehensive Cancer Center. Through his involvement, he speaks to grade school students in Detroit, encouraging them to further their education. John is a fierce advocate for health equity, striving to improve access to care and social determinants of health in underserved urban communities.



Faith Community Research Network Team

Alex Sass, MSW

Alex Sass is the manager of research and operations for Center for Health Equity and Community Knowledge in Urban Populations (CHECK-UP). In this position she supports the CEnR Symposium Planning Committees, CHECK-UP Research Networks, as well as the administrative side of CHECK-UP. While receiving her Master's of Social Work at the University of Michigan, her training focused on community-engaged research and health disparities. Alex also works as a research assistant under the NIA funded "Recruiting and Retaining Older African Americans into Research" funding the Healthier Black Elders of Flint program.



Afsana Rinky BS

Afsana Rinky, BS, is a Research Assistant for CHECK-UP where she supports the Faith Community Research Network, data management, and CHECK-UP events. Afsana is also a Research Assistant with the Office of Cancer Health Equity and Community Engagement (OCHECE) at Karmanos Cancer Institute. Afsana received her Bachelor of Science in Public Health with a minor in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's studies from Wayne State University and is currently working towards a Master of Public Health degree with a focus on public health strategies and practices at WSU. Afsana also volunteers with Hope Village Revitalization. With this organization, she helps residents strategize and implement pathways to increasing nutritious food intake and better physical health.



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