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Dear Dr. Hovis and Members of CBFNC:

The Division of Faith and Health Ministries at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center continues to be deeply honored and grateful to be partners with CBFNC as we extend the ministry of Jesus Christ to those we are privileged to serve. We see God at work, bringing hope and healing through what we do together.

In 2013, CareNet Counseling of North Carolina, our ministry of pastoral counseling, partnered with CBFNC to extend the caring ministry of Baptists to over 5,800 hurting individuals.

- Nearly 39,000 hours of counseling was provided to children and adults suffering from depression, loss and grief, family conflicts, and spiritual distress.
- One half of those served are from Baptist churches in North Carolina.
- 31 counseling centers across North Carolina provide trusted places for CBFNC ministers to refer church members for professional, faith-integrated counseling.
- CareNet's 60 professional counselors value faith as part of the healing process.
- Thanks to the support of the Mission Resource Plan, fees are held low and no one is turned away due to an inability to pay.

Our ministry of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provides another effective partnership. This ministry supports the mission of CBFNC by providing life-changing education for clergy in the art of spiritual care; and through the provision of ministry directly to our patients and their families, and to medical personnel.

- In 2013, we trained 34 ministers in our programs of Clinical Pastoral Education, including 12 North Carolina Baptists.
- There were 7 first year Chaplaincy/Pastoral Education residents and 3 second year residents.
- Six of our Chaplain Supervisors serve as faculty at WFU Divinity School.
- In FY 2013 61,524 ministry contacts were made to patients, their families and staff totaling 17,958 hours.
- Our faculty continues to shepherd CPE students through the process of CBF ordination or chaplaincy endorsement.
- The Mission Resource Plan provides vital support for these ministries.

In addition to the ministries identified in the Missional Collaboration Agreement, we are excited about the ministry of FaithHealthNC. We look forward to revising the Missional Collaborative Agreement to include FaithHealthNC and to reflect on the vitality of this new ministry. FaithHealthNC is a dynamic partnership between faith communities, health care providers and community organizations focused on improving health. Partnerships of trust connect the caring strengths of congregations, the clinical expertise of health care providers and a network of community resources. Members of the partnership sign a "Covenant of Caring Through Shared Commitments".

Dr. Ray Howell, Senior Minister of First Baptist Church of Lexington, NC, continues to be a vital advocate and partner of FaithHealthNC, having led his church to become the first Partner Congregation early in the FaithHealthNC movement. He has also been instrumental in enlisting other FaithHealthNC partners in the Lexington/Davidson County area.

Dr. Nelson Granade, Senior Minister of First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, NC, is another influential advocate and partner of FaithHealthNC. He became the "voice of FaithHealthNC" throughout Wilkes County and continues to encourage churches, health care providers and other agencies to be part of FaithHealthNC. His church is an active partner in this movement.

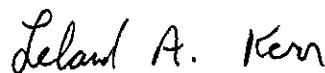
In 2013, our Center for Congregational Health (CCH) partnered with CBFNC to enhance the missional vitality of churches and clergy.

- CCH consultants provided numerous workshops at regional CBFNC gatherings and the Annual Assembly.
- CCH continued to work with the CBF Fellows program, providing leadership training, coaching and peer learning support for Baptist clergy in the early years of their ministry.
- The Young Leaders Program, sponsored by CBFNC and provided by CCH, continues to be an effective ministry for clergy development.
- CCH provided leadership ministries to 143 churches in FY 2013, including many in CBFNC. churches experiencing conflict were renewed and others revitalized in their mission to serve.
- CCH provided leadership training to 305 clergy and church leaders in FY 2013, including nearly 200 North Carolina Baptists.
- Over 25 NC Baptist congregations are strengthened and renewed by Intentional Interim Ministers (transition pastors) every year.
- Thanks to the Mission Resource Plan fees are very affordable, and no church is denied CCH ministries for financial reasons.

The ministries of CCH will be fully integrated into FaithHealthNC in 2014.

As we continue in partnership with CBFNC, we are genuinely grateful for this profound privilege, and for the opportunities we have to work together to make life changing differences in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,



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