

January 4, 2013

Dr. David Stratton
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Dear Dave,

I write you as the liaison between the CBFNC Partnership Development Committee and Baptist Center for Ethics. I'm more than pleased to highlight the energetic and positive relationship between our two collaborating organizations.

Mutually synergistic partners begin with shared values and dedicated staffs. From my vantage point, CBFNC and BCE have a number of shared values, one of which is to advance the common good based on our reading of the Bible and commitment to speaking up for the vulnerable. From my vantage point, CBFNC's staff members--Larry Hovis and Laura Barclay--are terrific partners.

CBFNC provided a special gift in 2011 to help underwrite our documentary on faith and immigration. That documentary included a story about CBFNC bi-vocational pastor Hector Villanueva. Upon the release of the documentary, CBFNC and BCE co-sponsored screenings at First Baptist Church of Greensboro, First Baptist Church of Raleigh, and Providence Baptist Church of Charlotte. CBFNC also distributed the DVD to its churches and held its own screenings in churches and universities.

Since the release of *Gospel Without Borders*, over 7,000 copies have been distributed.

In 2012, CBFNC and BCE collaborated to screen the documentary with an ecumenical panel of bishops at St. Peter's Catholic Church during the Democratic National Convention, giving witness, during a partisan event, to what faith says about treatment of the undocumented. A screening was also held at Park Road Baptist Church. The event received good media coverage in North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas--despite the many other events.

Also in 2012, several North Carolina pastors attended a BCE-led briefing at the White House. Attending ministers included Larry Hovis, Guy Sayles, Amy Jacks Dean and Tim Marsh.

Other efforts to advance the common interests of both organizations included a Skype interview with Laura Barclay; posting regular columns by Guy Sayles and Tony Cartledge; and posting sermon manuscripts by David Hughes.

A number of North Carolina congregations frequently use our online, undated curriculum units and documentaries.

Moving into the future, CBFNC is again supporting the production of one of our documentaries, one that focuses on prison ministry. Scheduled for release in 2014, we anticipate widespread usage of the documentary in North Carolina churches.

We are grateful for the fruitful partnership with CBFNC.

Cordially,

Robert