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Dear Dr. Hovis and Members of CBFNC:

The Division of Faith and Health Ministries at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center is deeply honored and grateful to be partners with CBFNC in extending the ministry of Jesus Christ to those we are privileged to serve. God is at work, bringing hope and healing through what we do together. The Missional Collaboration Covenant continues to serve as a reliable guide.

In 2012, 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 (Fellowship on the Move) and the Annual Assembly.
- CCH helped develop and launch the CBF Fellows program, providing leadership training, coaching and peer learning support for Baptist clergy in the early years of their ministry. CBFNC identified and selected participants for the initial pilot program.
- The Young Leaders Program, sponsored by CBFNC and provided by CCH, continues to be an effective ministry for clergy development.
- CCH provided consultation ministries to more than 200 churches in FY 2012, including many in CBFNC. Churches torn by conflict were renewed and others revitalized in their mission to serve.
- CCH provided leadership training to more than 800 clergy and church leaders in FY 2012, including nearly 125 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.

CareNet Counseling of North Carolina, our department of pastoral counseling, provides another dynamic partnership. Our 25+ counseling centers across North Carolina provide trusted places for CBFNC ministers to refer church members for professional, faith-integrated counseling.

- In 2012, CareNet provided over 37,000 hours of counseling, a new record.
- One-half of our 6,000 clients are Baptists from over 1,000 North Carolina Baptist churches. Children and adults come to us suffering from depression, loss and grief, family conflicts, and spiritual distress. They seek and find help from our 55 professional counselors, who value faith as part of the healing process. Ministers are among the largest referral sources.
- 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.
- CareNet provided over \$550,000 in subsidized counseling to North Carolina Baptists in 2012.

Our department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education 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 center personnel.

- In 2012, we trained nearly 40 ministers in our programs of Clinical Pastoral Education, including 14 North Carolina Baptists.
- Our faculty regularly shepherd CPE students through the processes of CBF ordination or chaplaincy endorsement, including three in 2012.
- Two of our Chaplain Supervisors serve as faculty in the WFU Divinity School.
- The Mission Resource Plan provides important support for the department's ministries.

Exciting, new partnerships with CBFNC congregations will begin unfolding in 2013. We are launching **FaithHealthNC**, a network of dynamic, health-focused partnerships with faith communities across North Carolina. We will be investing major resources to help congregations care for their members and neighbors during times of illness – before, during and after hospitalization. By combining the strengths of congregations and Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, we believe God's Spirit will be released to relieve suffering and improve health at levels of significant scale. We anticipate partnering with many CBFNC churches and other hospitals in this sacred mission of healing.

We sincerely thank you for the profound privilege of partnership, and for the opportunities we have to work together to make life changing differences in the name of Jesus Christ.

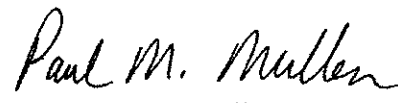
Sincerely,



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