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September 7, 2017

Dear Colleague:

The New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute's Division of HIV/STD/HCV Prevention in collaboration with MidHudson Regional Hospital and other key partners, will convene the forum: INTERSECTION OF FAITH & HEALTH: The Role of Faith Communities in Ending the Epidemic (ETE) at the Sister M. Ann Elizabeth Conference Center in Poughkeepsie on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

The purpose of this gathering is to bring together leaders of faith and health to explore the role of faith communities in realizing Governor Cuomo's goal of ending the HIV Epidemic in New York State by the end of 2020. The forum will provide an overview New York State's "[Blueprint](#)" to end the epidemic; highlight strategies the health department has undertaken to realize this goal; discuss best practice models and collaborative opportunities; and develop a plan to ensure faith communities are actively engaged in ETE efforts.

The Rev. Edwin C. Sanders, II, Senior Servant and Founder of Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, and the forum's keynote speaker, will share his knowledge and experience providing faith-based HIV care and services and his commitment to ETE. The agenda will include an open dialogue with persons living with HIV/AIDS, faith leaders, and others on the role of faith community partnerships in ending the epidemic, and an update on regional ETE "Blueprint" activities.

Your participation is essential to the success of this forum. To register, please contact Elizabeth Greenwood at 1.800.692.8528 or via email at elizabeth.greenwood@health.ny.gov by October 10th.

If you have questions about the agenda, please contact Heather Scism, Regional Manager of Community Engagement for MidHudson Regional Hospital, at 845.483.5041 or via email at Heather.Scism@wmchealth.org, or Carol Tyrell, Coordinator of the Faith Communities Project, at 518.473.2300 or via email at carol.tyrell@health.ny.gov

Sincerely,

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Paul S. Hochenberg
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Westchester Medical Center
Health Network

Enclosures:

Intersection of

Faith Health

Role of Faith Communities in Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic

With The Rev. Edwin C. Sanders, II, Senior Servant and Founder of Metropolitan Interdenominational Church



Tuesday, October 17, 2017
9:30am – 3:30pm

MidHudson Regional Hospital

Sister M. Ann Elizabeth Conference Center
The Atrium, First Floor
241 North Road, Poughkeepsie, New York
845-483-5041

To pre-register by October 10, 2017:

Please contact Liz Greenwood at **1-800-692-8528** or e-mail: Elizabeth.Greenwood@health.ny.gov by October 10th, and provide your name, affiliation, telephone number, email, and if you require a Kosher meal.

A Faith Forum presented by _____



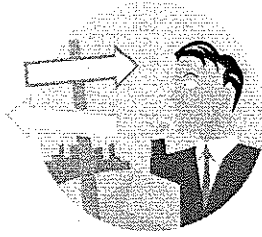
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Directions to
MidHudson Regional Hospital
Sister M. Ann Elizabeth Conference Center
The Atrium, First Floor
241 North Road, Poughkeepsie, New York
Phone 845-483-5041

Train:

Metro North or Amtrak to Poughkeepsie
Take Taxi to the MidHudson Regional Hospital

Bus:

Route CJ Northbound - North End (drop you at the hospital) **POUGHKEEPSIE** – get off at Stop 280 - Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital

Route CJ Southbound - North End (drop you at the hospital) – Hyde Park – get off at stop 280 - Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital

Bus C to the Diner, across the street from the hospital

For more specific information, contact Dutchess County Loop at (845) 473-8424

Car:

From North / South (West of the Hudson River)

Take NYS Thruway to Exit 18 (New Paltz Exit) to Route 229 East. Make right onto Route 299 from exit. Follow to Route 9W South (T-intersection, right turn at light). Look for signs for Mid-Hudson Bridge and cross bridge. Take first exit off bridge (Hyde Park, Wappingers Falls). Stay to left and look for signs to Route 9 North, Hyde Park. Take Route 9 to Marist Drive (extreme right from right turn lane just before first light, opposite Marist College). Pass first left turn; entrance to Hospital is several hundred feet on left.

From North / South (East of the Hospital)

Take Taconic State Parkway to Route 55 West, Poughkeepsie. Continue approximately 8 miles into Poughkeepsie. At Market Street light (corner with Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel/Civic Center on left and City Hall on right), take right to T-intersection (facing Poughkeepsie Post Office). Go left, then right at Mobil Station (Washington Street). Continue to Hospital entrance on right.