

The Impact of Horizontal and Vertical Dimensions of Faith on Health and Health Care

Debate continues among health-care professionals and faith leaders about factors influencing health and health care decision-making: the role of faith, spirituality, and religion on health outcomes; the impact of beliefs on disease prevention; the use of mind/body connections and other domains of complimentary and alternative medicine to complement current health-delivery system modalities; and the cost and risks of depending on technology and bio-medical science as the only constructs determining health outcomes. Increased attention for leadership opportunities is directed to the faith community to improve individual and group well-being...

-Dr. Rueben C. Warren, Director



A group of Faith-Leaders in prayer.

The Institute for Faith-Health Leadership in a further attempt to promote minority health both now and in the future conducts a Regional Research Assistant Trainee program that educates future health professionals through its program. The program recruits high school, undergraduate, and graduate students to participate in public health research and provides a forum for educational and career development and opportunities for networking with accomplished researchers in minority health. The Regional Research Assistant Trainee Program has greatly expanded the research and leadership power of public health agencies/institutions such as the Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) while providing hands on experience and education in issues of public health. In addition, the Regional Research Assistant Trainee Program has been an important factor in advancing the careers of past trainees. Many trainees have gone on to complete masters, doctoral, or medical degrees and are now working in public health in a number of different private and public agencies.



Pyramids of Power!

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Program Overview



The Institute for Faith-Health Leadership (IFHL) is an initiative providing practical programs of research, technical assistance and collaboration for Faith-Health Leaders and their communities as they address the many health issues impacting urban and rural communities.

Dr. Rueben C. Warren,
Director of IFHL

The Institute is an affiliate of the Interdenominational Theo-

logical Center (ITC) and comprises many interrelated and interdisciplinary components such as: (1) Leadership Development, (2) Training and Technical Assistance, (3) Think Tank, (4) Research Center, and (5) Clearinghouse.

Mission Statement

The Institute for Faith-Health Leadership strives to create a paradigm shift that recognizes faith as the foundation for reaching one's best possible state of aliveness: Optimal Health.

Vision Statement

Faith as the foundation for individual, group and community well-Being.

Program Components

Leadership Development

The Leadership Development component focuses on three basic areas: vision, action, and tenacity. Vision requires the spiritual insight to envision what ought to be-Optimal Health. Action requires the specific knowledge, skills and ability to translate the vision into measurable programs and policy. Tenacity requires the commitment to engage in the process of justice in spite of any barriers.

Think Tank

The Think Tank component ensures that Black institutions and faith-based organizations are engaged in research, policy analyses and development. The Think Tank will provide opportunities for faith-based, university, government and foundation leaders to analyze the foundational nature of faith in achieving Optimal Health.

Research Center

This component develops researchable global databases for faith leaders who are engaged in health and health-care activities. The Research Center engages experts/researchers from throughout the world who are willing to examine the synergy between faith-health and seek achieving Optimal Health.



Audience of community leaders during a presentation.

Clearinghouse

The Institute for Faith-Health Leadership Clearinghouse serves as a global repository of communication on transformation projects, insightful analysis of faith-health issues and best practical models of successful programs for achieving Optimal Health. These clearinghouse projects all have been conducted by the Institute for Faith-Health Leadership. Through multi-media communications, publications, distant learning opportunities, the Clearinghouse offers cost-effective options for leaders undertaking Optimal Health programs.

Training and Technical Assistance

This component provides general and individualized curricula to faith-based, health institutions, and leaders. Assistance is available through a variety of training modalities including on-site sessions, workshops, and distant learning. Many of these training sessions are held at the Institute for Faith-Health Leadership on the campus of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC).

Instructors of these training modalities include the staff of the Institute for Faith-Health Leadership, ITC faculty and/or experienced faith-health practitioners in specified areas of expertise.

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