



Dear Pastor and Faith Leader:

Faith leaders have an important role in the lives of the congregation and community members they serve. Many times faith leaders and pastors are called upon when health issues arise in a family. One survey shows that the pastor is the first person called during times of stress related to health.

For this reason, representatives of healthcare and faith-based organizations have come together in the Roanoke-Chowan area to plan for ways to communicate with pastors and faith leaders about area health resources. Our goal is for faith and health and human service organizations to work together to improve the health of the communities we serve.

You are invited to attend and/or send up to two representatives to the **Community Health Resource Summit for Faith Leaders** to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in Marks Hall at Chowan University. Participants will be provided information on organizational services and an opportunity to speak to their representatives.

The Summit will begin with registration and visits to over 25 exhibitors from 3 pm to 4 pm. Keynote speaker and break-out sessions will begin at 4 pm and end no later than 6 pm. In addition to the general presentation, each attendee will be able to choose two breakout sessions on major community issues. Attendees will be provided a boxed "to go" meal immediately following the last session. Giveaways and door prizes will also be provided.

Although we are limited in the number of people we can accommodate, it is our hope that representatives will share information with other members of their congregation, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. We will also provide an opportunity for representatives to share how the healing communities of faith and health might better connect as we work to serve congregations and communities.

Please call 252.209.3248 to pre-register. Registration deadline is May 17th. Please provide the name(s) of the individuals who will represent your congregation and how best to contact them.

In our shared mission of healing, the first step is to know the health and human service resources that are available in the community. Plan now to attend the Community Health Resource Summit for Faith Leaders on May 21st on the campus of Chowan University. We look forward to seeing you there!

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