



# Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter

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The Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter is a publication of the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL) providing Fairfax County faith communities and faith- and community-based organizations with current news about human services and community strengthening resources, workshops, events, and community coordinated initiatives that support the mission of Fairfax County Government.

If you have questions about an upcoming event, wish to submit information for possible inclusion, or would like to receive more information regarding an event that has already taken place, please send an e-mail to [ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov). If you would like to be removed from the Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter, please send an e-mail with the word "Unsubscribe" in the subject line. For more information on the Community Interfaith Liaison Office, please visit our Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/cil/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/cil/).

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## Faith Communities in Action ... 10 Years ...

On June 7, 1995, the late Pastor Thomas Casey of St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church in Fairfax hosted the first meeting of the then called "Braddock District Religious/Human Services Coalition." At that time, the County was struggling to recover from a serious recession. Supervisor Bulova said that the following spring the Board would be laboring over what came to be known as the "Doomsday Budget of Fiscal Year (FY) 1997" as the Board tried to close a projected budget deficit of \$121.5 million. The County's human services agencies were trying to figure out how to adjust the State and Federal Welfare Reform policies while at the same time undergoing a major human services redesign.

Supervisor Bulova noted that often a silver lining results from difficult times, and the "Religious/Human Services Coalition" eventually became an effective Countywide partnership between County agencies, places of worship, and faith-based organizations called "Faith Communities in Action." In FY 2001, a small County office, the Community Interfaith Liaison Office, was created to provide formal support for this partnership, which helped the County and the faith community to leverage limited resources and meet the needs of the community in a collaborative fashion.

Supervisor Bulova stated at a Board of Supervisors meeting this year that Faith Communities in Action has been out front throughout the past 10 years finding ways to address major community challenges such as Welfare to Work, affordable housing, end of life issues, and tolerance for people of all races and religions.

This year has marked the tenth anniversary of Faith Communities in Action. The Board of Supervisors, on January 10, 2005, thanked Faith Communities in Action for its valuable work and applauded its impassioned commitment to the community which it so willingly serves.

Reverend Ronald F. Christian has served as Chairman of FCIA during the last seven years. We thank him for fostering and strengthening interfaith relationships which have successfully addressed community concerns and needs and for guiding the development of strong communications and partnerships between the County's faith community, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

His steadfast commitment to the professional and inclusive growth of FCIA has resulted in a well-respected and trusted organization in both the public and private sector. As a result of his leadership, FCIA will continue to stand ready to work in partnership with government and nonprofits to build a healthier community for all.

We welcome Imam Mohamed Magid of the ADAMS Center as the incoming FCIA Chairman. His term will begin January 11, 2006, with Rabbi David Kalender of Congregation Olam Tikvah and Reverend Ronald Christian as VCIA Vice Chairmen.

If you already attend our bi-monthly meetings, we look forward to many more successful meetings. If you haven't joined us in the past, please do so.

2006 Meeting Schedule

2 – 4 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Rooms 2 & 3

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

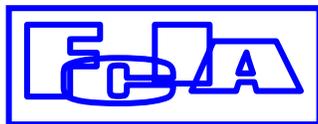
Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

## Faith Communities in Action



Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) is a network of faith communities, community-based organizations, and government agencies that fosters interfaith communications and cooperation to build and strengthen human services resources throughout Fairfax County.

### Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) Meeting Wednesday, January 11, 2006 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Government Center Conference Center  
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA  
Conference Rooms 2 & 3

Please RSVP via email to [ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-324-3453

### MEDICARE PART D

#### Is Your Faith Community Asking.....

- What is Medicare Part D?
- How does the application process work?
- How difficult is it to complete the paperwork? Who can help me?
- Are there different plans or options? How do I decide?
- Does Medicare Part D cover all medications?
- Do different plans cover different prescriptions? Which should I choose?

A number of faith leaders are being asked these Medicare Part D questions by members and congregants. If that is you, come to the January 11, 2006, Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meeting to learn more about Medicare Part D and get your questions answered.

The featured speaker will be Howard Houghton, Fairfax County Coordinator of Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance (VICAP). Mr. Houghton's staff and volunteers provides counseling and training about Medicare, Medicare supplemental health insurance, HMO's, Medicaid, long-term care insurance, prescription assistance, and medical billing issues to Fairfax County residents. Mr. Houghton is a member of the Medicare Part B Beneficiary Advisory Council and the Fairfax County Long Term Care Task Force; and an instructor at the Learning in Retirement Institute at George Mason University and at the Lifetime Learning Institute at Northern Virginia Community College.

*ALL FAITH COMMUNITIES INVITED TO ATTEND*

## Events...Workshops...Conferences

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

### Volunteers Active in Disaster (VOAD) Meeting

December 7, 2005  
10 a.m.

Jubilee Center  
4650 Shirley Gate Road  
Fairfax, VA

Faith communities are encouraged to participate with the Northern Virginia Volunteers Active in Disaster (VOAD). Come to their next meeting, Wednesday, December 7 and learn about VOAD. For more information, call Sandy Chisholm at 703-324-5185.

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Interfaith Communities for Dialogue presents ...

### Building Relationships Across Religious Lines

December 7, 2005  
7 p.m.

ADAMS Center  
46903 Sugarland Road  
Sterling, VA

(Near the intersection of Dranesville and Sugarland off of Rt. 7)

Interfaith Communities for Dialogue presents the third in its Fall 2005 Dialogue Series. "Building Relationships Across Religious Lines." For more information, please call 703-941-4113.

December 9-11, 2005

Dominican Retreat presents ...

Retreat for Those Facing Serious Illness

Friday, December 9 - Sunday, December 11, 2005

Dominican Retreat  
7103 Old Dominion Dr., McLean, VA

The Dominican Retreat offers a retreat to those who might not be able to attend other retreats. A team of volunteer doctors, nurses, and helpers will be on hand all weekend. The weekend is fully sponsored. Application deadline is December 2. The retreat begins Friday afternoon and ends at 4 p.m. Sunday. Registration is required. For information on this retreat, please call 703-356-4243.

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

Medical Equipment Recycling Strategy Meeting

December 13, 2005  
12 Noon - 2 p.m.

Fairfax County Pennino Building, Room 206B  
12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA

Join this strategy meeting to explore possibilities for establishing a medical equipment recycling program. Bring a brown bag lunch. Questions? Need special accommodations, contact John Hudson at 703-324-5874 or TTY 703-449-1186 or email [john.hudson@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:john.hudson@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Sunday, December 11, 2005

*Fería de la Familia*

December 11, 2005  
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

D.C. Armory  
Washington, DC

One of the Hispanic Committee of Virginia's valued partner organizations, Telemundo, will soon be holding one of the DC area's best and biggest Hispanic festivals! Telemundo's *Fería de la Familia* will take place on Sunday, December 11, 11am-6pm at the DC Armory. This event includes free services, health, finance, beauty, music, dance performances, prizes, children's games, and much more.

For more information or to be a part of this special event, please contact Nicole Quiroga directly at [nquiroga@zgsgroup.com](mailto:nquiroga@zgsgroup.com) or 703-820-8333 x101.

Monday, December 12, 2005

Campbell Hoffman Foundation & the Northern Virginia Perinatal Council present ...

"Maternal Depression: The Silent Epidemic"

Monday, December 12, 2005  
10 a.m. – 12 Noon

Inova Fairfax Hospital Physicians Conference Center  
Cyrus Vesuna Auditorium, Second Floor  
3300 Galls Road, Falls Church, VA

More than 12 million women each year are affected by depression, most commonly among women of child-bearing and child rearing ages. In fact, after childbirth, depression is the 2<sup>nd</sup> major reason for hospitalizations in women. And low-income women and women of color are twice as likely to experience depression and have fewer resources available to access care.

Dr. Patrick Chaulk of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Dr. Mareasa Isaacs from Howard University School of Social Work will present on their work with cross-cultural focus groups and promising intervention models. Please RSVP to JoAnn Pearson Knox at [jknox@campbellhoffman.org](mailto:jknox@campbellhoffman.org) or call 703-757-7772.

Saturday, December 18, 2005

Dominican Retreat presents ...

Holiday Open House

Dominican Retreat

Sunday, December 18, 2005

2 – 4 p.m

7103 Old Dominion Dr., McLean, VA

Please join us for refreshments, entertainment, and a visit from Santa (for the children). We will also have gift baskets, decorations, and home baked goodies for sale. For more information, please call 703-356-4243.

## News, Announcements, & Updates

### Hypothermia Prevention Program ...

The Hypothermia Prevention Program, coordinated by FACETS, is beginning December 1 and will run through March 31. Except for start-up, a church will be open each week to provide overnight shelter for persons who are living outside. Shelter will be provided regardless of temperature. Persons will be transported from the Lamb Center, located at Fairfax Circle, at 4:30 p.m. and returned to the Lamb Center the next morning.

The church for December 1 through December 4 is Bethlehem Lutheran, located at 8922 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Please remember that Bailey's Crossroads, Eleanor Kennedy, and Embry Rucker shelters have winter overflow beds that are available from November 1 through March 31. The shelters are the first choice for winter overflow.

### ⌘ Holiday Volunteer Opportunities ...

Thanks to all the nonprofits who submitted their holiday volunteer opportunities. They have been posted in a [flyer](#) on the Volunteer Fairfax Web site and sent to public agencies such as libraries and government offices. It is our understanding that day of volunteer opportunities are full; however, if you have other individual and group projects, please feel free to email them to [Emily Swenson](#) so that we can continue to meet your volunteer recruitment needs.

### ⌘ Medicare Part D

Tune in to Fairfax County Cable TV Channel 16 and watch *Senior Times*. Discover major changes taking place within the Medicare Prescription Drug program and how they may affect you.

*Senior Times* runs on

Sundays at 6 and 9 p.m.

Mondays at 5 p.m.

Wednesdays at 12 p.m.

Thursdays at 10 p.m.

Fridays at 9 p.m.

Saturdays at 7 p.m.

### ⌘ Housing Needed for College Students ...

New Hope Housing is looking for a neighborhood church that will house 12 college students (two rooms at the church, plus kitchen access) during the week of January 8 – 13. Students from Dennison College in Ohio will be working with New Hope Housing while on semester break. If your church can help, please contact Chris Bramante at [cbramante@newhopehousing.org](mailto:cbramante@newhopehousing.org).

## ⌘ Volunteers Needed to Help Low-Income Residents File Income Taxes ...

The Fairfax County CASH (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) program is now recruiting volunteers to help meet the goal of getting \$2 million back into the hands of low-income county residents by helping them claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (worth up to \$4,000 per family).

Volunteer tax preparers, screeners and translators help neighbors who make less than \$37,000 per year claim tax refunds that can help pay current bills, reduce debt, or pay education expenses. Residents who participate in the program also save on tax preparation expenses, which typically cost more than \$150. The tax preparation is done online and submitted electronically to the IRS.

Volunteers will also help participants open bank accounts if needed to receive their refund by direct deposit in 11 – 14 days. The quick turnaround eliminates the temptation to take out Refund Anticipation loans at very high interest rates.

Volunteers are required to pass a IRS certification test which qualifies them to prepare basic 1040, 1040EZ and 1040A returns. Free training is provided online or in classroom sessions. On average, volunteers spend 8 hours learning the material and passing the 40 question web based test.

According to Tom Meagher, who is managing the program in Fairfax County this year, "Volunteering for CASH, is very rewarding. We have volunteers who return year after year because they can see that their volunteer service makes a big difference in their communities."

Fairfax CASH is a collaborative effort to leverage existing resources to provide financial literacy education and services to residents of Fairfax County with low incomes. The campaign recruits volunteers to prepare federal and state tax returns for free to ensure that taxpayers reap the benefits for often underutilized tax credits like the Earned Income Tax Credit. Partners will include Fairfax County government, the Internal Revenue Service, nonprofits, non-governmental organizations, Credit Unions, Banks, Fairfax County Public Schools, and representatives from county businesses.

*For more information call Tom Meagher at 703-324-5319, TTY 711, [tom.meagher@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:tom.meagher@fairfaxcounty.gov) or visit the Office of Partnerships Web site at <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/partnerships>*

## Resource & Grant Opportunities

### *Digest of Federal Grants with Faith-Based and Community Organization Eligibility - 11/22/2005*

#### **The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy**

**By: Lisa Montiel, Roundtable Research Scientist**

**First published: November 22, 2005**

The grant opportunities this week for community and faith-based organizations are through programs administered by the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Justice and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

It should be noted that some grant programs require specific expertise in medicine or scientific research, or knowledge of particular foreign countries.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

##### **Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

Faith-based and other organizations may apply for the grant entitled Evaluation of Community-based Approaches to Increasing Seat Belt Use Among Adolescent Drivers and Their Passengers. The successful applicant will implement and evaluate a multi-component community-based intervention to increase seat belt use among adolescent drivers and their passengers and obtain information regarding barriers to implementation of such interventions and the means to overcome them.

A total of \$1.5 million will be awarded to a single successful applicant. Letters of intent are due January 3, 2006 and applications are due February 1, 2006. The program announcement is at:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/CE06007.htm>.

Faith-based and other organizations may also apply for a grant through the CDC to establish Sexually Transmitted Diseases/Human Immunodeficiency Virus Prevention Training Centers. The successful applicants will provide high-quality training for health care professionals and prevention specialists in the areas of diagnosis, treatment and prevention of STDs/HIV. This funding opportunity will support centers that provide STD medical and laboratory services training, training on behavioral interventions, and training on STD/HIV partner elicitation and referral.

A total of \$8,200,761 will be awarded for 18 grants. Letters of intent are due November 30, 2005 and applications are due January 13, 2006. The program announcement is at:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/PS06-606.htm>.

##### **Health Resources and Services Administration**

Grants under the Regional Genetic and Newborn Screening Services will support national and regional collaborative activities to address the infrastructure needs of state-based newborn screening programs. National collaborative activities include developing practice guidance materials for primary care professionals for the management and treatment of infants

identified through newborn screening programs (including pilot testing), and developing/implementing a national plan to address primary care professionals education about newborn screening and genetics.

Regional collaborative activities will focus on the follow-up component of newborn screening, utilizing the Integrated Child Health Information Systems, establishing educational initiatives for parents and primary health care providers, and establishing a regional/national project to assess newborn screening laboratory test performance.

A total of \$1.5 million will be awarded for eight grants with one-year project periods. Letters of intent are due December 7, 2005 and applications are due January 13, 2006. Complete details are in the program announcement at:

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/DisplayAttachment.asp?ID=7912C4EF-E1B1-4825-9B9D-16E02C60FFA5>.

### **National Institutes of Health**

The Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health grant will support research that investigates models for disseminating and implementing health behavior change interventions and prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment, and quality of life improvement services into public health and clinical practice settings.

The deadline for applications to be included in the next round of funding is January 24, 2006 with letters of intent due December 26, 2005. The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-071.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for Exploratory Grants for National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Quantum Projects. The successful applicant will be an interdisciplinary team that develops technological methods to address a specific health care problem with the result producing a practical solution for the targeted problem. The grant will support the first phase of a two-phase research program to develop the research and management components needed to make a quantum advance in human health care through biomedical technology.

A total of \$5 million will be awarded for five to seven grants. Letters of intent are due January 20, 2006 and applications are due February 21, 2006. The request for applications is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-EB-06-001.html>.

The National Institute of Mental Health's Research on Mental Health in Criminal Justice at NIDA CJ-DATS Sites will support research on services and interventions for mental disorders or for co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders that utilize the National Institute on Drug Abuse's (NIDA) Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Services Research System (CJ-DATS).

NIH encourages proposals on studies that develop and test the effectiveness of existing or innovative strategies; identify outcome-improving components of mental health/criminal justice collaboration or coordination at a variety of levels; delineate the nature and impact of routine clinical and/or organizational practice; and combine the science bases of mental health treatment and services with those of criminological rehabilitation.

A total of \$1.25 million will be awarded for five grants. Letters of intent are due December 27, 2005 and applications are due January 26, 2006. Further details are in the request for applications at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-06-005.html>.

The grant, Prescription Opioid Use and Abuse in the Treatment of Pain, will support research on all aspects of abuse of and addiction to opioids given in the context of the pain treatment. The successful applicant can propose research topics in the areas of epidemiology, basic research (both animal and human), intervention research, and education and curriculum development.

A total of \$5.7 million will be awarded for 12 to 18 grants. Letters of intent are due January 23, 2006 and applications are due February 23, 2006. The request for applications is at:  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-06-005.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the research grant entitled, Protein Interactions Governing Membrane Transport in Pulmonary Health and Disease. The grant will support investigations that delineate the protein interactions and pathways governing membrane trafficking pathways operative in pulmonary health and disease, and develop novel therapeutic interventions. Examples of research topics are provided in the program announcement.

The amount of individual awards is dependent on the scope and scale of the proposed projects. Applications are due February 1, 2006. Further details can be found in the program announcement at:  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-076.html>.

The Research on Clinical Decision Making in Life-Threatening Illness grant will support research on the decision-making process in illnesses that lead to death in a fairly short period of time if left untreated, or chronic illnesses (including those that may be cured if caught early, such as breast cancer). The focus of research will be how patients cope with the disease and their involvement in the clinical decision-making process.

The amount of individual awards is dependent on the scope and scale of the proposed research projects. Applications for the next cycle of funding are due February 1, 2006. Complete details on the funding opportunity, including examples of research topics, can be found in the program announcement at:  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-077.html>.

The last funding opportunity this week through NIH for qualified faith-based and other organizations is for Small Grants for Behavioral Research in Cancer Control. These grants will support behavioral research applications in cancer control for pilot projects, development and testing of new methodologies, secondary data analyses, and/or innovative studies that provide a basis for more extended research.

The amount of individual awards is dependent on the scope and scale of the proposed research. Applications for the next cycle of funding are due April 20, 2006. The program announcement is at:  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-073.html>.

## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

### **National Institute of Justice**

Faith-based and other organizations are invited to submit proposals for Crime and Justice Research grants. NIJ seeks applications for research topics relevant to state and/or local criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice. The successful applicants will conduct social and behavioral research and evaluation that addresses community crime prevention, policing, juvenile and criminal justice systems improvement, corrections, alcohol and drug-related crime, criminal behavior, and other related topics. Priority areas are outlined in the solicitation for applications.

The amount of individual awards is dependent on the scope and scale of the proposed research. Applications are due January 24, 2006. Complete details are in the solicitation for applications at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000731.pdf>.

### **Office on Violence Against Women**

Faith-based and community-based legal service providers may apply for the Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program. Successful applicants will increase the availability of legal assistance necessary to provide effective aid to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence. Grant funds may be used to provide direct legal services to victims and to provide enhanced training for lawyers representing these victims.

Individual award amounts are dependent on the number of counties and/or populations served. Letters of intent are due December 27, 2005 and applications are due January 24, 2006. The request for applications is at:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/ovwfy2006legalassistanceforvictimssolicitation.pdf>.

The Office on Violence Against Women is also accepting applications for the Education and Technical Assistance Grants to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities. The successful applicant will provide education and technical assistance on the following: the nature, definition and characteristics of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking experienced by women with disabilities; outreach activities; federal anti-discrimination laws; and cost-effective ways that shelters and victim service organizations may accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities.

The maximum individual award amount is \$750,000 for a three-year project period. Letters of intent are due January 3, 2006 and applications are due January 25, 2006. The call for concept papers can be found at:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/solicitationforapplicationfinal.pdf>.

### **U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for a grant entitled, Enterprise Development Implementation Grant Program: Linking Economic Growth to Poor Households. The successful applicant will conduct activities which improve the competitiveness of industries in which a large number of micro and small enterprises participate or could benefit; increase benefits at the industry, small enterprise level and household levels; and, test and document new and innovative approaches that promote economic growth and reduce poverty in the developing world.

A total of four to six cooperative agreements will be awarded with individual award amounts of \$250,000 to \$750,000 for three-year projects. Applications are due February 6, 2006. The request for applications is at:

<http://www.fedgrants.gov/EPSSData/AID/Synopses/93/M%26%23047%3BOAA%26%23047%3BEGAT%26%23047%3BEMD-06-081/FINAL%26%23032%3BFS%26%23032%3BED%26%23032%3BIGP%26%23032%3B11-18-2005.pdf>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations interested in applying for the HIV/AIDS & Tuberculosis, Treatment, Care and Support funding opportunity must apply as a consortium and include at least one Kenyan organization. Successful applicants for each of the seven cooperative agreements contained within this request for applications will conduct activities in Africa to improve and expand facility and

community-based HIV/AIDS, reproductive health/family planning and selected maternal and child health services.

Activities include expansion of comprehensive, quality HIV/AIDS services in the region served; expansion of family planning and reproductive health services with HIV/AIDS services; expansion of community and workplace prevention programs; and training and research to improved service delivery.

A total of seven awards will be made for seven geographic areas. The total amount awarded for five-year projects vary by geographic area: Nairobi and Central Provinces \$15-18 million; Western Province \$32-35 million; Nyanza Province \$19-21 million; Rift Valley Province \$34-37 million; Coast Province \$36-40 million; Eastern Province \$21-24 million; and Northeastern Province \$15-18 million. Applications are due January 25, 2006. The request for applications is at:

<http://www.fedgrants.gov/EPSTData/AID/Synopses/145/623-A-06-009/APHIA%26%23032%3BRFA%26%23032%3B11-16-05.DOC>.

## Accommodations

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services, and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats for Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meetings and Community Interfaith Liaison Office meetings, events, and workshops will be provided upon request. Please call 703-324-3453 or TTY 703-803-7914 to request special accommodations or if you have any questions or concerns. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

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