

**MARYLAND FAITH COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative Education Fund, Inc., LifeBridge Health, Inc., and local faith communities have come together to create a Maryland Faith Community Health Network (the "Network") to address congregational and community health concerns and disparities. Each party is committed to full participation in the Network as stated in the following agreement:

**Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative Education Fund, Inc. agrees to:**

- Conduct outreach to local faith leaders, to engage their appointed representatives (Liaisons) fully in the design and implementation of the Network.
- Provide training to help build the capacity of new and active health ministries in congregations.
- Provide ongoing leadership to work with all partners to monitor, evaluate, improve and expand the Network.

**LifeBridge Health, Inc. agrees to:**

*Extend partnering designated faith representative(s) (Liaisons) the following:*

- Parking accommodations, as available.
- Health education programs as part of LifeBridge Health's existing population health initiative.

*Share in the work of aligning the mutual strengths of congregation and health system, LifeBridge Health will:*

- Respect the religious beliefs of all patients and provide high-quality, culturally competent care.
- Designate a Navigator to act as the point of contact for hospitalized congregants and Liaisons
- Provide meaningful reports on the impact of the program on local patient outcomes and successes.

**Faith Leaders/Clergy Agree to:**

- Support the partnership in prayer and worship to become God's instruments for health and wholeness in our community.
- Assign and oversee at least two Congregation Liaisons to complete necessary training and facilitate the program within the congregation.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date contact information for congregational liaison with hospital systems.
- Extend an opportunity for members to be informed of the program and benefits and to become active participants.

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Authorized Congregational Representative signature: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Partner Congregation:</b>	
<b>Congregational Contact Person: (print)</b>	
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<b>Mailing Address (if different)</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
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