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**Sept. 17 Health Summit Invites Faith and Community Leaders,  
Health Care Providers and Researchers**

LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas faith leaders, community leaders, students, educators, health care providers, social workers, and researchers are invited to the FAITH Network Summit on Sept. 14 to address health disparities in the state.

The conference, presented by the FAITH Network, is from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Centre at University Park in Little Rock. Registration for the conference is free, but limited to the first 150 attendees. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/arkansas-faith-network-2018-summit-registration-48130432419> to register.

The FAITH (Faith-Academic Initiatives for Transforming Health) Network is a collaboration of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and faith organizations in Arkansas. The theme of the summit is “Reimaging Wellness within the Faith Community.”

“The goal is for the faith community to have the opportunity to not only hear about what they can do as an individual, but also as organizations and a community to address health disparities,” said Keneshia Bryant-Moore, Ph.D., R.N., associate professor in the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education of the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health, and team lead for the FAITH Network.

The keynote speaker will be Krishna Young, Ph.D., who has many years of experience as a speaker, educator, professional trainer and advocate for the faith-based community. She will discuss broadly and holistically about a new image of health and wellness in the faith community.

The FAITH Network seeks to help support research with faith-based community collaborators. They aim to deliver health programs and health education to faith communities across the state.

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Sponsored by the UAMS Translational Research Institute and the Arkansas Minority Health Commission, this conference is funded through the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award. Collaborators on the conference are Baptist Health, the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, and the Arkansas Department of Health.

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