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“Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise”

The Role of Faith-based Community in Stopping Violence against Women and Fighting AIDS

A World AIDS Day Luncheon Event – December 1, 2006

WHAT: The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), its Global Coalition on Women and AIDS (GCWA) and a broad constellation of other co-sponsoring organizations will host a high-profile Capitol Hill luncheon event in Washington, DC in recognition of World AIDS Day 2006. The event will provide an interactive forum for lively discussion and debate about how the faith-based community can expand its leadership role in the global response to AIDS, particularly in confronting the devastating link between violence against women and girls and HIV worldwide.

WHO: A diverse group of prominent religious and civil society leaders, women living with HIV from the United States and Africa and U.S. government representatives:

- **Ambassador Mark Dybul**, Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator
- **Reverend John McCullough**, Church World Service
- **Reverend William Sinkford**, Unitarian Universalists Association
- **Reverend Annie Kaseketi**, African Network of Religious Leaders living with or personally affected by HIV/AIDS (ANERELA+), Zambia
- **Dr. Pauline Muchina**, Senior Women and AIDS Advocacy Officer, UNAIDS
- **Imam Johari Abdul Malik**, Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center, InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington
- **Ambassador George Ward**, World Vision
- **Rabbi Steve Gutow**, Jewish Council for Public Affairs
- **Reverend Yvonne Best**, Lott Carey International
- **Charlotte Bunch**, Center for Women’s Global Leadership
- **Beri Hull**, International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS

WHEN: December 1, 2006
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

**Room 325 – Russell Senate Office Building
Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C**

CO-SPONSORS: American Jewish World Service, The Balm In Gilead, Center for Women's Global Leadership, Church World Service, Christian Connections for International Health, General Board of Church & Society of The United Methodist Church, International Center for Research on Women, Lott Carey International, Muslim Women’s Coalition, National Minority AIDS Council, World Vision.