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**Howard University Hospital and College of Medicine
Continues to Explore Spirituality and Medicine
*10th Annual Seminar Series "It is Well With My Soul"***

Washington, D.C., April 20, 2007 -- Howard University Hospital (HUH) and College of Medicine continues to explore internationally debated links between health care and spirituality as it offers the 10th Annual Spirituality and Medicine Seminar Series Thursday April 26 - Saturday, April 28, 2007.

The Seminar Series, themed "It is Well With My Soul," will feature gospel recording artist and pastor, Rev. Marvin Sapp; Bishop Vinton R. Anderson, noted author of *My Soul Shouts* and retired bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; internationally renowned Bishop Noel Jones, senior pastor, City of Refuge Church in Gardena, California; Bishop Shelton Bady, community advocate, philanthropist, and pastor, Harvest Time Church, Houston. Texas.

In keeping with topics and courses regarding faith and healing and/or religion and science recognized across the country, including more than 70 medical colleges throughout the United States, the Series will continue to address the impact of the soul in the body, mind, spirit connection and will explore such topics as "Healing the Body to Reach the Soul," "And Man Became a Living Soul," "The Science of the Soul," and "Understanding Soul Stories."

"This milestone anniversary of our Seminar Series is significant because it represents a decade of dialogue between physicians and members of the faith community on ways to improve total patient care," said Glenda F. Hodges, Ph.D., J.D., Howard University College of Medicine, Department of Community and Family Medicine. "The interdisciplinary approach of caring for a patient includes ministers and pastors as part of the health care team. We recognize that many of our patients have strong spiritual beliefs that impact their perceptions of illness and preferred modes of treatment. To that end, we are happy to embrace the spiritual side of medicine in the delivery of comprehensive patient care."

The Spirituality and Medicine Seminar Series was developed through the University's Office of Continuing Medical Education in 1998 by two frontrunners in the movement in Washington, D.C. – Hodges and Robert Williams, M.D., HUH, Department of Community and Family Medicine, both of whom have shared concepts and teachings nationally and internationally.

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In 2003, Hodges and Williams collaborated with a team of interdisciplinary professionals throughout the U.S. and initiated **A Progressive Palliative Care Educational Curriculum for the Care of African Americans at Life’s End (APPEAL)**. This program has been introduced to a number of medical schools and medical societies, and is now housed at the Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life.

Hodges has shared the program internationally, first in Paris in 2003 as part of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural program and then in Cambodia in 2004 as part of the International White House Office of Faith-Based Initiatives.

Plenary and Celebratory Kick-Off

Thursday, April 26, 2007, 6 - 9 p.m.

Grand Hyatt Hotel

1000 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Guest Psalmist, Dr. Marvin Sapp, Detroit, MI

Day Sessions

Friday, April 27, 2007, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Howard University Hospital

2041 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Vinton Randolph Anderson

Past President, World Council of Churches

Retired Bishop, African Methodist Episcopal Church

Reception/Recognition Banquet

Friday, April 27, 2007, 6 - 10 p.m.

Grand Hyatt Hotel

1000 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Noel Jones, Los Angeles, CA

Prayer Brunch

Saturday, April 28, 2007, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Grand Hyatt Hotel

1000 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Shelton Bady, Houston, TX

Psalmist, Special Musical Guest

For more additional information, visit www.spiritandmed.com or call Vickie Ochiche at (202) 865-6752.

About Howard University Hospital

Over the course of its 145-year history of providing the finest primary, secondary and tertiary health care services, Howard University Hospital, a Level 1 Trauma Center, has become one of the most comprehensive health care facilities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best hospitals in the nation for heart, rheumatology and hormonal disorders, Howard University Hospital is acclaimed as well for gerontology, dentistry and pediatric care, and specializes in Sickle Cell Anemia and Allergy & Asthma, among other clinical areas. As a leading teaching hospital, Howard University Hospital conducts important research and provides education for future health care providers.

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