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Campus cops hear students' grievances



Forsyth Tech student Chris Pankey holds a clock while calling for students and police to take the time to understand each other.

BY DONNA ROGERS
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Communication, transparency and trust are the building blocks for better relationships between students and police, participants in a dialogue concluded on Thursday, Nov. 13.

The city's Human Relations Commission brought students from Forsyth Technical Community College, Salem College, Wake Forest University and Winston-Salem State University together with officers from each schools' campus police force as part of its Trust Talks, a series designed to bridge divides between the public and law enforcement. Winston-Salem Police Chief Barry Rountree and several of his officers and Forsyth County Assistant DA Jennifer Martin also took part in the discussion, which was held at City Hall.

Though a racially diverse group of students were invited to take part, African-Americans were most vocal, describing what they called racially-motivated targeting on campuses by both campus police and city cops.

To break the ice, Human Relations Director Wanda Allen-Abraha had each of the more than 70 participants - both students and law enforcers - to pull out something from a box containing an assortment of items. Some were then asked to relate their item to the topic dialogue's theme. Salem College senior Erica Shepperd-Debnam said the lanyard she pulled reminded



Allen-Abraha

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Mauricio Castro speaks.

Immigration, The Christian Way

N.C. Council of Churches pushing for reform

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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The tumultuous immigration debate has led some to ponder "What Would Jesus Do?"

Rev. David Guthrie says the answer is no mystery. From His humble gesture of washing guests' feet at The Last Supper to the graciousness He shows when invited into the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Guthrie says the Bible is replete with examples of Jesus showing and receiving hospitality.

"We see Jesus as guest, and we also see Jesus as host," Guthrie, president of the Elders' Conference of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church, told about two dozen church leaders and other people of faith.

"From Hostility to Hospitality: Immigration and People of Faith," a series of discussions the North Carolina Council of Churches is hosting across the state, brought them to Home Moravian Church on Thursday, Nov. 13. The series provides a non-formal environment where faith leaders can ask honest questions and engage in positive dialogue, according to Jennie Wilburn, a program associate with the N.C. Council of Churches, a nearly 80-year-old organization that advocates for Christians to work toward a more just society.

At the local gathering, the mostly Moravian attendees shared lunch and banter before the formal discussion began. For many on hand, immigration is an issue that has already hit close to home. Pastors said lack of citizenship has stymied some members of their flocks at every turn. The roughly 100 members of Rev. Willie Israel's congregation at Rolling Hills Moravian in Longwood, Fla. hail from 17 different countries. The ones without citizenship, she said, often work for a pittance in deplorable conditions and lack access to social, educational and legal resources.

"For me, it's a personal issue because this is about people I work with on a daily basis," said Israel, who previously served at churches in North Carolina.

Mauricio Castro, community organizer for the North Carolina Latino Coalition, was invited to give a statewide snapshot of immigration. Officially, the state's Hispanic population is about 750,000 - way up from 22,000 in 1960 - but Castro estimates the population is much closer to 840,000. Fear of "La Migra" (a term for U.S. immigration enforcers) keeps many from cooperating with census-takers, he said.

Arguments that undocumented residents take jobs away from citizens and use public resources without contributing are fallacies, Castro claims. His research - funded through Winston-Salem-based Z. Smith Reynolds



Wilburn

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Cheryl Harry presents a medallion to honoree Fisk President H. James Williams.

(Below) Sen. Earline Parmon welcomes guests.



HBCU alumni honored



BY CHANEL DAVIS
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A local company that sells a line of shirts, sweats and accessories that promote the state's 11 historically black colleges and universities honored alumni of those schools Saturday night at the downtown Embassy Suites.

HBCU Promotionals' North Carolina Living Legends Scholarship Gala bestowed honors upon dozens - men and women who have used the education they received at HBCUs to shape and lead the state.

"There are many wonderful people that have graduated from these institutions and without them many of us would not be where we are today," said Sen. Earline Parmon, a Winston-

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Volunteer dentists give hundreds something to smile about



Dr. Tony Porter

BY CHANEL DAVIS
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Hundreds of people braved the cold and endured an hourslong wait to have their dental needs met free of charge.

North Carolina Missions of Mercy (NCMOM), a free dental program that sets up makeshift clinics across the state to treat the many who cannot afford dental care, came to the Education Building at the

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