

# Conference On AIDS In Black Community

The second National Conference on AIDS in the Black Community will take place at Howard University, May 29th-30th. The Conference is created and sponsored by Southern Christian Leadership Conference/WOMEN.

"The conference has four basic objectives," says Mrs. Evelyn Lowery, SCLC/WOMEN's National Convener. "We will offer the latest information available on AIDS, provide a setting for conference participants to share information, promote a clinical update for health professionals and encourage participants to share their knowledge."

Mrs. Lowery says those attending the conference will have a chance to find out about AIDS and who is at risk in the Black community from authorities around the country.

Some of the medical experts booked to speak on the problem are: Janet Mitchel, M.D. Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA; Dr. Claud Young, SCLC/Board Member, Detroit, MI; Norm Nickens, Attorney and AIDS Discrimination Representative, San Francisco Human Rights Commission; Dr. Jesse Barber, Neuro-Surgery Professor, Howard University; Dr.

## Mercy Hospital South Sponsors Health Screenings

PINEVILLE -- Mecklenburg's newest hospital, Mercy Hospital South, is sponsoring a Health Fair on Saturday, May 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the hospital on Park Road Extension.

A variety of health screenings, information and fun activities will be offered and of interest to the entire family -- all free of charge. Glucose and cholesterol screenings as well as hearing and vision checks are examples of the types of health screenings planned for the Fair.

For those needing help with their diet, a computerized nutritional analysis will be available and dietitians will be at the Fair to discuss individual needs. "Kid-Pix" will provide parents with a laminated photo of their child, a handy item in case of emergency. Drawings will be held for Mercy Hospital South T-shirts and tours of the hospital will be given. Winners of a Poster Contest (promoted through area schools) will also be announced.

While the Health Fair is sponsored by Mercy Hospital South, members of the entire

Mercy Health Services family as well as area physicians will get into the act. The Urgent Care Center will hold a "casting party" for kids Mercy's Poison Control Center will provide information, Mercy Home Car, will be ready with information on its services, and the Mercy Maternity Center will debut with information and a delivery date.

And what would a Fair be without food? Healthy snacks will be offered at nominal cost, including peanuts, popcorn, turkey hotdogs, granola bars, party mix, ice cream, yogurt and Pepsi.

The Health Fair will be easy to find -- just look for the yellow and white tents on the lawn of Mercy Hospital South at Park Road Extension and N.C. 51 in Pineville. All screenings and activities will run continuously from 9:00 am until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 30.

## Loving Self Is Key To Loving Others

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than to imply that the way to be more Christ-like is primarily through the negative approach of giving up bad habits. There are certainly many things we could and should give up to be better persons. However, the basic goals for the Christian life is not to add more no-no's to a list so the person with the longest list of no-no's becomes the best Christian.

So, Jesus knew that loving one's self as he ought and loving one's neighbor was all part of the same parcel. Kierkegaard has said, "If anyone, therefore, will not learn from Christianity to love himself in the right way, then neither can he love his neighbor. To love one's self in the right way and to love one's neighbor are absolutely analogous concepts, are at the bottom one and the same. Hence the law is: 'You shall love yourself as you love your neighbor when you love him as yourself.'"

There must be a beginning of finding genuine contact with one's self before one is able to reach out and share their significance with another human being.

Walter Dowdle, and Dr. Donald Hopkins and Deputy Directors of the AIDS project, Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA; Dr. Herbert Nickens, officer of Minority Health; Dr. Virginia Davis Floyd, Georgia Department of Human Resources and others.

Dr. Joseph Lowery, National President of SCLC will address the topic of AIDS from a theological perspective as pastor of Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta. Other members of the SCLC board joining Lowery are: District of Columbia Congressman and SCLC Chairman of the Board, Walter Fauntroy; Dr. Bernard

Bridges, SCLC board member and National Medical Association member plus representatives from SCLC/WOMEN of Atlanta.

SCLC/WOMEN sponsored the first national AIDS conference for the black community last May. Since then the group has worked with the Red Cross and other agencies to bring facts about the AIDS virus to individual communities. At the second national conference at Howard University people such as school personnel, food handlers and employers of AIDS victims will learn what the facts are about the disease. The conference will also talk about

what people with a positive AIDS anti-body should do.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference national offices decided to hold a second national conference on AIDS in the Black Community because problems and fear of the disease have escalated to tremendous proportions. The SCLC wants this conference to go a long way to involve more segments of the public in addressing the crisis caused by AIDS.

If you want more information about AIDS in the black community of this national meeting please contact SCLC/WOMEN, 334 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30312.

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