

## Seventh Annual John W. Hatch FaitHealth Lecture

### Speaker Bio-sketches

**John W. Hatch, DrPH, MSW** is William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor Emeritus, Health Behavior and Health Education, University of North Carolina (UNC) Gillings School of Global Public Health and served as Senior Program Development Officer for General Baptist State Convention of NC (GBSC) Office of Health and Human Services and the Center for Health and Healing, Inc. (A nonprofit affiliate of GBSC). Over the past fifty plus years, Dr. Hatch has been involved in teaching and research related to health and development with special interest in health promotion and disease prevention with community-based organizations as sponsor. He believes that institutional supports are vital to maintenance of pro-family community values and sees the Black Church as the institution of primary importance in encouraging and supporting family friendly coherent communities. Highlights of Dr. Hatch's career include serving as:

- Commissioner and Moderator of the Christian Medical Commission of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland (1986-1992).
- Principal Investigator for a health intervention with the Ministry of Health in Cameroon, West Africa (1978-1983) that provided oversight to the development of preventive health curriculum with the medical college, school of nursing, and the agricultural extension service of the nation.
- Member of Tufts University Medical School's Team responsible for developing the nation's first and second comprehensive community health centers designed to serve respectively rural and urban low and modest income persons (1960's-early 1970's). His area was development of strategies to enable and mobilize people at the grass roots level. During this experience, he organized The Bolivar County Cooperative, a self-help nutrition project owned and directed by low and modest income persons in the Mississippi Delta.

Dr. Hatch has served as consultant, advisor, investigator, and/or board member for numerous state, national, and international organizations and programs including the Pan American Health Organization; World Health Organization; World Bank; United States Agency for International Development; Kaiser Family Foundation; W.K. Kellogg Foundation; Committee for Health in Southern Africa; Freedom from Hunger Foundation; Physicians for Human Rights; American Association for the Advancement of Science Health Professionals Ethics Task Force to the South Africa Truth and Reconciliations Commission; Baptist Foundation; New World Foundation; Ruth Mott Fund; Unitarian Universalists Service Committee; Public Health Planning Task Force in NC; National Task Force on Health Reform; Drew, Meharry, Morehouse Medical Schools' Cancer Research Consortium Advisory Board (Past Chair); Tuskegee Bioethics Center; Advisory Board of the Minority Health Research Center at the University of South Carolina; NC Foundation for Advanced Health Programs; National Medical Fellowship Advisory Board; and the End of Life Program Commission with GBSC (Cochair).

Academic appointments have included the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research (UNC-Chapel Hill); North Carolina Central University; UNC at Greensboro, Yale University School of Public Health, and Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life. He has written over forty articles and chapters for professional publications and has presented over 200 papers on matters related to health promotion and development. Dr. Hatch has been married to Fledra Carter Hatch for over sixty years. Between

them they have seven children--three social workers, two physicians, one municipal parking manager, and one computer engineer. He has 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Michael Curry, Esq.** is the CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, which represents 52 health centers, serving over 1 million patients out of over 300 practice sites throughout the state. He previously served as Deputy CEO & General Counsel for the Mass League. Prior to joining the League in 2008, Michael worked for 16 years at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, most of that time as Senior Policy Advisor in the Corporate Affairs Division, which included government, public, internal and community affairs. He has served on the health care transition teams for former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and former Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and was involved in the passage of Massachusetts Health Reform and the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Curry is the past president of the Boston Branch of the NAACP (2011-2016) and has over twenty years of dedicated service to the NAACP at the city, state-area conference and national levels. He was elected to the National NAACP Board of Directors in 2014 and reelected twice in 2017 and 2020. He now serves as Chair of the National Board's Advocacy & Policy Committee, Vice-Chair the Political Action and Legislation Committee, as well as a member of the Executive and Legal Committees. Mr. Curry served on both the City of Boston's COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force, Mayor Walsh's Reopening Advisory Group, co-chaired the Legislature's Health Equity Task Force, and was appointed to Governor Baker's COVID-19 Vaccine Working Group. In addition, he continues to serve on the Massachusetts Public Health Association's Task Force on Coronavirus & Equity, while also coordinating the community health center response to the pandemic, in conjunction with the state Attorney General's Office, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, various municipalities, and other partners. Based on Michael's advocacy for community health centers and their patients, as well as his work to advance health equity in Massachusetts, he was named one of the 2021 Bostonians of the Year by the Boston Globe and Boston Globe Magazine, and will be honored by the Jewish Alliance For Law and Social Action (JALSA) in June 2022, as well as the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association (MBLA), and numerous local and national awards for leadership and advocacy. He also served on the boards of the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, and the Board of Trustees for Roxbury Community College, as well as continues in the role of Adjunct Professor for the Suffolk University Moakley Center for Public Management and New England Law Boston, where he teaches a course entitled "Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession". He also recently joined the board of the New England Council. Mr. Curry earned a Bachelor of Arts from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from New England law Boston, and graduated from the inaugural class of the Executive Leadership Council's Pipeline to Leadership Program.

**Reverend Dr. Alvin Armstead, Jr.** is a native of Philadelphia, PA. He was licensed to preach the gospel and ordained at Gethsemane Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia.

In August 2018, Rev. Armstead was called by God to serve as the Senior Pastor of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is the third pastor of this unique congregation that originated as two Baptist churches that merged together to serve the greater Winston-Salem community in a more impactful way. Under his leadership, the congregation continues to work

diligently to reaffirm its mission and vision to **Exalt, Enlist, Equip, and Engage** an intergenerational community of disciples by bearing witness of God's love for the world. Additionally, he has been a supporter of the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Dr. Armstead also serves as an advisory board member of the Ecclesiastical Council of the Triad Pastors Network in conjunction with the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity.

Rev. Armstead is devoted to academic scholarship and holds a number of degrees. In May 2018, he completed his doctoral thesis entitled, **Living Beyond Sunday: Preaching as a Catalyst for Discipleship** and awarded the Doctor of Ministry in Preaching degree from Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL. He received his Master of Divinity degree from The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA where he graduated with honors. He also holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA.

Dr. Armstead has held several positions in the public and private sector. He continues to be a sought-after preacher and teacher, yet he is humbled when he considers how God has ordered his steps in life and ministry.

**Reverend Dr. Ricky L. Banks** is a native of Camden County, North Carolina. He attended the public schools of Camden County, graduating from Camden County High School in 1972. Dr. Banks furthered his education at Elizabeth City State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Intermediate Education in 1977. His religious training began at Roanoke Collegiate Institute in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, graduating with a certificate in Religious Education. Dr. Banks holds a Masters Degree in Religion from Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia, and had conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Theology from the Roanoke Theological Seminary, Elizabeth City, North Carolina. He has also earned a certificate of completion in the Christian Teacher Training Program from Shaw University Divinity School. Currently, Dr. Banks is pursuing a Doctorate of Ministry from Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA.

Dr. Banks is the past Moderator for the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, past President of the Association's Ministerial Alliance, Secretary to the Ordination Council, Chairman of the Building Committee, and member of the Association's Executive Board. On March 6, 2022, Dr. Banks was presented the "Key to The City" by Mayor Bettie J. Parker, and also on that date, Dr. Banks received The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest honor presented by North Carolina governors.

Currently, Dr. Banks serves as President of The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Rev. Banks has done extensive travel for foreign missions in Haiti, South Africa, and Jamaica.

Dr. Banks has served as the Senior Pastor of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church for the past 40 years.

Dr. Banks is married to the former Shelva Watson and is the proud father of two daughters: Dr. Lucretia, and Leah, both employees of Elizabeth City State University.

**Lyvonne Bovell** currently serves as Managing Director of Corporate Administration for Liberty Atlantic as well as Development Manager for UMMBC/First West End Beyond the Sanctuary initiatives. Lyvonne's responsibilities include sourcing development and construction partners, developing and managing

community relationships, overseeing property management, and supporting strategic UMMBC real estate initiatives.

Prior to joining UMMBC/First West End, Lyvonne served as the Manager of Corporate Administration for Equity Office Properties one of the largest commercial real estate firms in the U.S. (Acquired by the Blackstone Group in 2007).

Prior to Equity Office Properties, Lyvonne worked for NeuStar as the Marketing Manager overseeing marketing campaigns and trades shows across the World. Ms. Bovell has a distinguished track record in building and managing multi-disciplinary teams and staff for some of the largest corporations in the US and abroad.

Born in New Amsterdam, Guyana, Lyvonne migrated to Queens, New York at the young age of ten. Despite her humble beginnings, she began her career as an executive administrator and worked her way up to play a significant role in managing the largest real estate transaction in world history.

In her spare time, Lyvonne enjoys spending time with her family. Lyvonne also enjoys reading, cooking, traveling, and exploring different cultures.

**Dr. Goldie S. Byrd** is Professor of Social Sciences and Health Policy, and Director of the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity at Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston Salem, North Carolina. At Wake, she directs the Integrating Special Populations Program for the Clinical Translation Science Institute. She is also co-lead of Outreach Recruitment and Engagement of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. Dr. Byrd also leads the state's largest African American Pastors Network for Healthy Aging. She is the founder of the Center for Outreach in Alzheimer's Aging and Community Health at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. While at North Carolina A&T, she served as Chair of the Department of Biology, the Nathan F. Simms Endowed Distinguished Professor of Biology, and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Funded consistently by the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Byrd conducts research in the Genetics of Alzheimer's Disease in African Americans, and has made substantial contributions toward educating, engaging, recruiting African Americans for two of the largest Alzheimer's Genome Wide Association Studies in this population.

Dr. Byrd serves on several boards and panels including for the National Institutes of Health, the Alzheimer's Association, the National Science Foundation, the North Carolina Institute of Medicine, Senior Services of the Triad and Forsyth Futures.

**Enrique Catana Ramiro** was born in Mexico City and raised in Veracruz. He came to the United States more than 20 years ago. He is the youngest son of three brothers.

Enrique works as a program coordinator in the Division of FaithHealth for Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist. He is completing a Master's Degree in community development. He graduated from Cela University with a Bachelor's Degree in Theology. He is also an interpreter for Health and Human Services. Enrique created a community radio station online (Wave of Love) "Radio Onda de Amor". Programming covers topics such as community resources, education, culture, news, immigration, financial challenges, mental health and general well-being. The tone is positive and meaningful.

Enrique is a trusted and treasured public health professional who loves his work and all communities. He works along with hospitals, clinics, health centers, nonprofits, public health departments, medical practices, faith organizations and other agencies. Enrique is committed to improving health knowledge and self-sufficiency in the neighborhoods he knows and cares about through outreach, education, informal counseling, social support and advocacy.

Enrique is an ordained minister and works with the music ministry at Sin Fronteras Church. He is also an active member on different community boards such as:

- Building Integrated Communities for the City of Winston Salem
- Faith Action Network Team of NC
- Community Advisory Council for Mobile Health Clinics
- Staff Council Committee and Affinity Group with Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist
- The Hispanic Task Force Committee of Forsyth Co (Improving health in communities)

#### Awards, Recognitions and Achievements

- 2018- "The Young Dreamer Award" from the city of Winston Salem for his work to "uplift the marginalized in our community" and his dedication to "walking along side individuals that are experiencing a health crisis."
- 2018-Latino Diamante Award on Health and Science, celebrating excellence and achievement within the Latino/Hispanic Community.
- 2020-The Hispanic Task Force of the Piedmont Triad winner of the Latino Diamante Award in Health and Science, where Enrique is a member.
- 2021-Recognition by the Forsyth County Department of Public Health for his contributions, efforts, and great work to improved health in the county.
- 2021-Successfully completed the course of instruction in Municipal Government for the City of Winston Salem.

Enrique likes to cook, play the piano, sing, and play volleyball.

**Teresa Cutts, PhD** completed her post-doctoral fellowship in Health Psychology from the University of Tennessee (UT) College of Medicine in 1987. From 1988-1994, she worked as a staff psychologist at Baptist Memorial Hospital. From 1993-2001, she was a private practitioner at Memphis Center for Women and Families, with a focus on health psychology. Since 1987, she served as a consultant to the NIH Gastroparesis multi-site consortium.

From 2001-2005, she was Director of Program Development at the Church Health Center, a comprehensive, faith-based health program for the underserved. She held a joint clinical appointment in Preventive Medicine and Psychiatry at UT, 2003-2008, University of Memphis' School of Public Health from 2009-2013 and still holds an appointment at Memphis Theological Seminary. She is a Visiting Professor at the University of Capetown's School of Family Medicine and Public Health and has co-authored/published numerous book chapters and articles. In 2016, with colleagues from Stakeholder Health, she was co-editor and helped co-author many chapters in the book *Stakeholder Health: Insights from New Systems of Health*, as well as the 2019 *See2See Road Trip: Soundings* and 2020 *See2See Inland Sea*. Most recently, she co-authored *Embedded First Responder Chaplaincy* with Glenn Davis.

In 2005, she moved to Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare's (MLH) Interfaith Health Program Center of Excellence in Faith and Health as **Director of Research for Innovation**. She worked explicitly in evaluation and program development for Methodist's **Memphis Model** Congregational Health Network, Religious Health Assets mapping, and Integrated Health for congregations, community and clergy. She is the academic liaison to the Stakeholder Health learning collaborative. Dr. Cutts has served as PI or Co-PI on dozens of grants since 2001, including those funded by RWJF, CDC, Komen and Avon Foundations, working often on projects to improve health equity and the lives of the under-served and most vulnerable.

In 2013, Teresa was appointed as Research Assistant Professor, faculty at the **Wake Forest School of Medicine's** Public Health Sciences Division, where she serves as a researcher, program developer and more for the FaithHealth Division. She also holds appointments in the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity. Since 2017, she has served as the PI for the Empowerment Project's homeless outreach and case management at WFSOM. She is married to Rev. Dr. Gary Gunderson and, between them, have four daughters and two grandsons.

**Gary Gunderson, M.Div., D.Min., D.Div.**, is Vice President for FaithHealth at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist which includes spiritual care, Clinical Pastoral Education, 35 counseling centers and an innovative "ground game" focused on training and deploying a variety of roles into the most vulnerable communities across the state. The Division is developing clinically relevant partnerships with thousands of faith groups.

Gunderson is secretary of Stakeholder Health, a learning group of 50 plus healthcare systems convened in collaboration with the White House and the Department of Health and Human Services. He represents Stakeholder Health on the Population Health Improvement Roundtable of the National Academies of Science. Gunderson has faculty appointments with Wake Forest University School of Medicine and School of Divinity and is visiting faculty at the University of Cape Town Division of Family Medicine and Public Health and is one of the founders of the International Religious Health Assets Program. Gunderson has authored several books that have been pivotal in seminary and other trainings and global meetings. He is also an ordained Baptist minister.

**M. Anita P. Holmes, JD, MPH** serves as consultant and FaithHealth Fellow with the FaithHealth Division of Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist. She has over 40 years experience in health promotion, community development, health planning, and health policy. Highlights of her career include serving as Principal Investigator of the first Education Research Division of the NIH funded Duke-UNC Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center where she established the first Sickle Cell Lay Health Advisors Initiative in NC; Assistant Director of the Duke University Program on Health Behavior and Aging in Black Americans where she founded the African-American Community Outreach Program of the Bryan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center; Executive Director of the North Central Health Care Purchasing Alliance; and Executive Director of the Health and Human Services Program of the General Baptist State Convention of NC (later the affiliated Center for Health and Healing). Anita later became-Executive Director of NC's legislatively mandated Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force and served as Program Manager of the then Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program.

Anita is a founding member of the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health's (then UNC School of Public Health) Minority Health Caucus and co-chairs the School's Alumni Inclusive Excellence Committee. Other positions (both current and past) include serving as Consultant, Community Campus Partnerships for Health; Shaw University Divinity School Board of Visitors; Board of Trustees, Durham Regional Hospital Corporation (now Duke Regional Hospital); and President, NC Society for Public Health Education. In October 2022, she was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the General Baptist State Convention of NC. Anita credits her accomplishments to the collective work of many people joined together for a common cause.

**Tony V. Locklear** is a member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and comes from Tuscarora descent. He serves as the Quality Improvement Coordinator for the Hoke County Health Department, an independent Community Researcher/Consultant, and a second-year doctoral student at UNC-Greensboro in the Department of Public Health Education. Locklear has extensive experience with capacity building, program evaluation, and working on race and social justice issues. He has been involved in grassroots community organizing and community health education for over 20 years, including faith and health-based initiatives, in his previous role as Executive Director at Native American Interfaith Ministries. Locklear recognizes the importance of the intersectionality of public health and religion, one of his research interests. Lastly, he acknowledges the effectiveness with which faith-based organizations can bring people together for positive purposes and represent powerful agents for health and justice.

**E. Benjamin Money, Jr. MPH** is the Senior Vice President, Population Health - National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), Alexandria, Virginia where he is the executive lead for value-based care transformation, social drivers of health, and the environmental health initiatives. Prior to joining NACHC, Mr. Money was the Deputy Secretary for Health Services at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services where he led the Divisions of Public Health, Health Services Regulation, and the Offices of Rural Health and Minority Health. Mr. Money served on Governor Roy Cooper's Climate Change Interagency Council and was directly involved in the COVID-19 response. Before this appointment, he served as the President & Chief Executive Officer North Carolina Community Health Center Association. Ben is a graduate of Springfield College and received his MPH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a certificate in Health and Climate Change from the Yale University School of Public Health.