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Center for Civic Engagement & Social Responsibility To Host Faith Based Disaster Recovery Workshop

Tougaloo College's Center for Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility continues the proud and dynamic legacy of the College. It serves as a catalyst, a forum, and an incubator of new ideas. It promotes research and collaborative programming to broaden and deepen an understanding of public policy and how to influence it through civic engagement among and between Tougaloo College and the citizenry of the community.

Activities are designed to empower citizens so that they become active participants in the life of their communities by providing a forum for the sharing of ideas, expression of diverse views and the formulation of opinions and actions that serve the common good. It is within this spirit that the Center in conjunction with the Jackson Area Long-term Recovery Taskforce (JALRT) is hosting a two-day workshop, "Keeping Faith in Times of Crisis" Principles and Practices of Providing Social Services to Individuals Effected by Disaster. The workshop will be held on April 17-19, 2006, on the campus of Tougaloo College in the Owens Health & Wellness Center.

The purpose of the workshop is to teach first responders methods and best practices for providing effective social services to individuals affected by disaster. **The deadline for registration is April 10, 2006. The fee prior to April 1st is \$150 and \$200 after April 1, 2006.** Workshop fee includes one (1) continuing education unit (CEU), all meals, materials, break refreshments and reception. You may access the registration form at www.tougaloo.edu.

For more information, or exhibit space (\$50) you may contact Zan Ette Funches, Executive Director of the Jackson Area Long-term Recovery Taskforce, at (601) 987-4001.

Founded in 1869, Tougaloo College is a private, historically black, coeducational, four-year liberal arts institution, located in Madison County, on the northern edge of Jackson, Mississippi. Known nationally as "The Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi," the College is led by its first female president, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan. The 13th president of Tougaloo College, Dr. Hogan is a 1973 graduate of the College and a native Mississippian. Under her visionary leadership, the College boasts a student retention rate of 78% and ranks as one the top five historically black colleges and universities whose graduates earn their PhDs in the sciences. More than half (66%) of its graduates enter graduate and professional schools immediately after graduation. Today, Tougaloo College is the leading producer of African American health professionals, including over 40% of the physicians and dentists, practicing in the state of Mississippi. It has produced more

than one-third of the state's African American attorneys and educators, including teachers, principals, and school superintendents.