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## **HISPANIC CHRISTIANS LEADERS TAKE ACTION TO RELIEVE GLOBAL WARMING**

June 24, 2008, Washington, D.C. –Esperanza, the largest Hispanic Evangelical network in the United States, is organizing a response to the issue of climate change. Through a partnership with the Evangelical Climate Initiative (ECI), Esperanza is producing a national Hispanic Evangelical call to action to address global warming. The Rev. Luis Cortés, Jr., President of Esperanza, will announce the partnership at the Esperanza Partners and Awards Dinner on June 25 at 7:00 p.m. This is one of the events of the National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast and Conference taking place at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C. Special guest speakers at the event include the Rev. Dr. Jim Ball, president and CEO of the Evangelical Environmental Network and national spokesperson for ECI.

Esperanza's efforts will focus on educating the Hispanic faith community on climate change and on advocating for legislation that will help solve the problem. The organization is developing educational resources for Hispanic pastors, to help them heighten awareness of this issue within their congregations, and to advance action to better protect the environment.

Global warming is a real problem that is critically affecting the world. Experts say that the pollution produced from burning fossil fuels is creating an ecological unbalance, causing harsher hurricanes, storms, and floodings, which are becoming more common everyday.

"This is the time to act", said the Rev. Luis Cortés, Jr. "As Christians, we are called to care for God's creation, and the good news is that there are solutions that will help us make a difference for the sake of future generations".

The Reverend Luis Cortés, Jr. is president of Esperanza, the largest Hispanic faith-based Evangelical network in the United States. With a national network of more than 12,000 churches, ministries, and community organizations, Esperanza is one of the leading voices for Hispanics in America. For more information, go to [www.esperanza.us](http://www.esperanza.us).

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