



BRINGING THE VOICE OF THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY TO CAPITOL HILL

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## **National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast and Conference President Obama Invited to Serve as Keynote Speaker**

***Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Speaker John Boehner invited to speak at event that brings more than 800 Hispanic leaders to Washington***

April 17, 2011 – Esperanza, one of the nation's largest faith-based Hispanic organizations, announces it will hold its ninth National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast and Conference in Washington, D.C. May 10-12, 2011. The National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast will be May 12 at the Andrew Mellon Auditorium.

The 2011 National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast and Conference brings clergy of different denominations and leaders of Latino community-based organizations to Washington, D.C. for the Hispanic Housing Dinner and the Esperanza Awards Dinner, as well as for advocacy training and Capitol Hill visits.

**WHAT:** PRESS CONFERENCE WITH AFRICAN AMERICAN AND LATINO PASTORS

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 2 p.m. (TENTATIVE TIME)

**WHO:** Invited Attendees:

- The Reverend Luis Cortes, Jr., Esperanza
- The Reverend Derrick Harkins, Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington
- Bishop Orlando Findlatyer, Clergy United to Save and Heal, New York, NY
- The Reverend Harvey Clemons, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Houston TX

**WHERE:** Mayflower Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel  
1127 Connecticut Avenue NW

**WHAT:** STATE OF HISPANIC HOUSING DINNER

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Mayflower Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel  
1127 Connecticut Avenue NW

**WHAT:** CAPITOL HILL BRIEFING

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 8:00 am to 10:00 am

**WHERE:** Kennedy Caucus Room, Russell Senate Office Building

**WHO:** Invited Speaker

- Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House (*confirmed*)

**WHAT:** CAPITOL HILL VISITS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** U.S. Capitol

**WHAT:** WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING



**Esperanza**  
The National Hispanic  
Prayer Breakfast and Conference

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WHEN: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 4 p.m.

WHO: Invited Attendees:

- Senior Administration officials
- 160 clergy and Hispanic community leaders

WHERE: Eisenhower Executive Office Building  
Pennsylvania Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW

WHAT: ESPERANZA AWARDS DINNER

WHEN: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 7 p.m.

WHO: Invited Attendees:

- Latino Gospel artists Marcos Witt, Julissa, Marco Barrientos, Danilo Montero, Lilly Goodman and Frankie Negrón

WHERE: Mayflower Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel  
1127 Connecticut Avenue NW

WHAT: NATIONAL HISPANIC PRAYER BREAKFAST

WHEN: Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 7 a.m.

WHO: Invited Attendees:

- President Barack Obama (*2009 keynote speaker*)
- Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nevada (*confirmed*)
- House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio (*invited*)

WHERE: Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium  
1301 Constitution Avenue NW

Media Registration: Members of the press who wish to attend must contact Carolina Fritz or Sarah Kellogg at [press@esperanza.us](mailto:press@esperanza.us). Reporters may also register on-site at the conference on Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information, visit <http://www.esperanza.us>.