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**President Bush to be Keynote Speaker at 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast**  
**Senator Hillary Rodham-Clinton and DNC Chairman Howard Dean to join in event that brings together over 750 Hispanic clergy to address issues facing the Hispanic community**

June 15, 2007 - Esperanza, one of the largest faith-based Hispanic organization committed to strengthening the Latino community, announced that President George W. Bush will be the keynote speaker at the 2007 National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast this Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Also featured as guest speakers will be Senator Hillary Rodham-Clinton (D-NY) and DNC Chairman Howard Dean. Other speakers at Friday's event include Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), who will receive the Esperanza Exemplary Leadership Award, and Rev. Eldin Villafañe, Ph.D., who will be the recipient of the Esperanza Exemplary Ministerial Service Award.

The program will also feature musical performances from major Hispanic recording artists, such as Marcos Witt, Samuel Hernández, Lilly Goodman, Lali Torres and Julissa Arce.

The 2007 National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast and Conference has gathered over 750 Hispanic clergy members of different denominations and leaders of community-based organizations, representing a broad spectrum of the national Latino community. During the two-day conference, the spiritual and community leaders have participated in advocacy trainings and orientation sessions, providing them with the resources to inform their communities and congregations on how to deal with issues affecting Latinos today. The group also had the opportunity to meet with congressional representatives during scheduled Capitol Hill visits and advocate for the much needed immigration reform.

"It's an honor for me to host President Bush, Senator Hillary Rodham-Clinton, and Chairman Howard Dean they are an example of all the good we can accomplish working together in a bipartisan fashion towards one common goal: comprehensive immigration reform," said Rev. Luis Cortés, Jr., President of Esperanza.

During the conferences, Esperanza released the results of two new studies regarding the Latino Community: "Promoting and Maintaining Household Ownership among Latino Immigrants" and "Answering the Call: How Latino Churches can Respond to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic". Both studies were conducted by Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies.

Esperanza is a network of Hispanic Christians, churches and ministries committed to raising awareness and identifying resources that strengthen the Hispanic community. For more information on the National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast and Conference, Esperanza and its national programs and resources, go to [www.esperanza.us](http://www.esperanza.us).

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