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## **Rev. Luis Cortés, Jr. urges Senators Hutchinson and Cornyn to back Comprehensive Immigration Reform**

June 20, 2007 – Representatives from Esperanza, one of the largest faith-based Hispanic organizations in the nation, along with dozens of Hispanic faith and community leaders, will hold a prayer rally today at the offices of Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) in Dallas, Texas. The purpose of the rally will be to encourage and pray for both Senator's support of comprehensive immigration reform legislation (S. 1348). The group of Latino pastors will meet approximately at 3:00 p.m. at Senator Cornyn's office and at 4:00 p.m. at Senator Hutchison's office.

"Esperanza's national network of 10,000 Hispanic protestants and evangelical congregations, faith and community based agencies is committed to work with every Member of Congress of both parties to see workable, effective, compassionate, and comprehensive immigration reform become law," said Rev. Luis Cortés, Jr., President of Esperanza. "These efforts will honor our God, who demands we love our neighbors."

During the rally, the Hispanic faith leaders, who represent organizations from across the nation, will give press statements on behalf of the Hispanic Evangelical community. They will encourage Senator's Cornyn and Hutchison to work in a bipartisan fashion with other members of the U.S. Congress in support of comprehensive immigration reform to bring justice to the millions of undocumented individuals in the country.

Some of the Hispanic faith and community based organizations that will be represented along with Esperanza during today's prayer rally will be the Hispanic Coalition for Comprehensive Immigration Reform; La Alianza Hispana Evangélica del Metroplex; the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference; the Council on Faith In Action; and the National Coalition of Latino Clergy and Christian Leaders; among many others.

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 go to [www.esperanza.us](http://www.esperanza.us).

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