

Multiracial friendships to be discussed at ACEH
Monday, February 4, 2008

The Rev. Angela Taylor Perry, pastor of Reconciliation Ministries at Faith Christian Reformed Church in Holland, will meet with the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony Friday to talk about her program, "Hearts in Harmony," the intentional development of multiracial friendships.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. at the Center for Women in Transition, 411 Butternut Drive. The presentation will include group discussion and exercises and the video, "Lunch Date."

Hearts in Harmony Ministry Partners uses a one-on-one format and a topic guide, pairing two people of different ethnic backgrounds who make a commitment to mutual conversation and meetings over a year's time; it encourages honest, personal storytelling and accountability and seeks to "build transformative bridges of understanding and appreciation for cross-culture communication."

An artist, poet, and vocalist, Perry graduated from Spring Arbor College and in 2005 became the first African American woman to graduate from Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, joining the staff of Faith Christian Reformed in August 2007. She also defines herself as a "22-year survivor of multiple sclerosis."

ACEH was founded in Holland in 1999 to promote unity, justice, cross-cultural understanding, and appreciation for diversity. For more information, call Kim Romero at (616) 212-7159.

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