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The National Black Church Initiative Urges Members Not To Participate In The Patient Preference Study Administered By John Hopkins And The LUNGeivity Foundation

LUNGeivity has a racial insensitivity problem

Washington DC – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, urges all of its members in the DC area, including Baltimore, not to participate in the Patient Preference Study administered by John Hopkins and LUNGeivity. As many of our members know, we are a huge advocate in collecting critical data on African Americans if we strongly believe it will be helpful in determining health outcomes. However, we have detected, through interaction with the LUNGeivity Foundation, racial insensitivity and intolerance and we will have nothing to do with that.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative says, “Every racial incident continues to break my heart in a thousand pieces given the fact that this is 2018. NBCI has worked tirelessly over the past 25 years through its Health Emergency Declaration Program, CTEAPP and other surveys to make sure that African Americans are represented. I am sad to authorize this action because it goes against the grain of trying to improve health outcomes for African Americans but I must show leadership here. We cannot and will not work with

LUNGeivity or John Hopkins on this study until there is some clarity concerning their racial insensitivity.”

We will never give any critical health data to any organization we feel is insensitive to African Americans. We consider this a temporary hold for now, but we do not want anyone filling out that data form in the metro Washington DC area. This includes, Virginia, DC and the entire state of Maryland, including Baltimore.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino Churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI’s mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, Churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI’s purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI’s programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltBlackChurch.com.