Vanderbilt Divinity School presents

The Church and Public Policy Conference

April 4–6, 2006

Kelly Miller Smith Institute on Black Church Studies
The tension between religious and political imperatives, with attention to the How the public policy agenda is shaped within government and how black The organizational obstacles to effective black church public policy activism, The growing social and economic problems faced by black churches and the Tapping into the public energies around health and health care in Tennessee by Wednesday, April 5
Scarritt Bennett, Bennett Hall, Raintree Room Registration Opens 8:00 a.m. Link Multifaith Convocation of the Nashville Area Ecumenical Council (NACEC)
10:30 a.m. The Church, Public Policy, and Civil Society (collaborative between Community organizers, statewide university theologians, community leaders, and the public safety of the Black Church)
Audience Dialogue

Thursday, April 6
Vanderbilt Divinity School, Room G-25
10:30 a.m. The Church and Social Activism (collaborative between Black church leaders, Vanderbilt scholars, the public policy community)
Audience Dialogue

Conference Objectives
1. Identify pastoral, theological, and academic resources and potential partners who can serve as potential allies for public policy development.
2. Explore challenges and opportunities to establish a network of African American pastors and other religious leaders for public policy advocacy.
3. Examine the most recent public policy priorities of black churches and the methods they used to engage public policy.
4. Return to the American political system with the understanding that the church can play a significant role in shaping public policy.

The conference is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the website or call 615-330-4853.