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**FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE BREAKFAST TO
LAUNCH LCC/FAITH COMMUNITY CONNECTION**
*Volunteers and community members to serve as LCC education
coordinators*

LANSING – Lansing Community College and community faith-based institutions will celebrate the launch of a new pilot initiative at a “Connecting LCC with Faith-based Institutions” breakfast **on Friday, April 24, 2009 from 8:00 am to 9:30 am at LCC’s West Campus, Room M119.**

The program’s goal is to provide training and information to faith-based institutions so they can assist parishioners and community members in achieving their educational and career goals. The innovative pilot program is the result of LCC President Brent Knight’s desire to strengthen connections between the college and the faith community.

“We believe that individuals who receive necessary information about education and jobs in a familiar location from someone they know are more likely to attend and succeed at college,” said LCC Sr. Vice President Stanley Chase. “We all share a desire to improve quality of life in our community and this is one way that a successful partnership can achieve that goal.”

Each pilot institution has identified a volunteer Education Coordinator to work collaboratively with LCC and receive training on such topics as accessing LCC information and its programs, navigating the www.lcc.edu website, filing federal financial aid applications, and completing admission and registration processes.

“This is a first-of-a-kind effort for the college,” said President Knight. “We have been well-served by other partnerships we have forged, and we have high hopes for this one as well.”

A few seats are still available for pastors to attend. For a reservation or more information about the initiative, call Margo Whalen at 517/483-9662

About Lansing Community College

Lansing Community College is Michigan’s third largest community college with more than 32,000 students attending each year. The College has more than 240 degree and certificate programs. LCC offers courses in *general education* for those interested in transferring to a four-year institution, *career and workforce development*, *developmental education* and *personal enrichment*. To meet the professional development and training needs of regional employees, the college offers customized programs for credit, non-credit and continuing education. The University Center at LCC offers students the opportunity to earn bachelor’s and

master's degrees from six partner universities on the downtown LCC campus. For more information, visit www.lcc.edu.