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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Summit Helps Churches, Non-Profits Effectively Engage in Community Development In Service to Urban Communities

Atlanta, GA- August 25, 2006---A summit on community development for urban communities and churches, will be held Saturday, September 16, 2006. The Urban Theological Institute, a program of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), will host their Fall 2006 Urban Summit titled **“Empowering Urban Churches and Communities through Community Development”** from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. The event will be held on ITC’s campus, James H. Costen Lifelong Learning Center located at 700 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SW in Atlanta, GA.

**“Empowering Urban Churches and Communities through Community Development”** is a half-day event that is open for anyone interested in learning how to effectively engage in economic and other types of development to benefit urban communities. Everyone, including students, pastors, church lay leaders, non-profit agencies, community personnel, volunteers, and business owners, is welcome.

The summit will begin with registration and lunch. A keynote presentation will be given by the dynamic Betty Glover Palmer, Chair for the Department of Urban Studies at Beulah Heights Bible College. This will be followed by a workshop entitled *“Best Practices of Christian Ministry as Congregational Community Development”* with some of Atlanta’s leading pastors, including Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley, pastor of Providence Missionary Baptist Church. Other invited church leaders include True Light Baptist Church and Green Pastures Christian Church. An open question and answer session will be included with each workshop and time will be set aside for networking with speakers and participants.

Cost for attendees is \$20.00 for the general public and \$10 for students (includes lunch and materials). For more information and to reserve space, phone 404-614-6323, or email us at: [mshaney@itc.edu](mailto:mshaney@itc.edu). Seminarian Mr. Jivonte Watkins is coordinator of this event.

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