

# Faith-Based Organizations: What role should they play in domestic and international public health?



- Should governments support faith-based organizations?
- If faith-based organizations are supported by governments and donors, can they selectively refuse to implement interventions based on their religious conviction?
- Do recipients of aid distinguish between secular and religious organizations? Do they suspect either or both of having ulterior motives?
- What would be lost if FBO involvement were substantially reduced?

**Tuesday, May 13**

**5:00-6:30 pm**

**Harvard School of Public Health  
Room G-2, Kresge Building  
667 Huntington Avenue**

## **TOPICS and SPEAKERS:**

**"The Experience of Catholic Health Care in the Public Arena"**

**J. Bryan Hehir**

*Parker Gilbert Montgomery Professor of the Practice of Religion and Public Life, Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations at the Kennedy School of Government and President of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Boston*

**"Turning the Corner: Improving the Relationship Between the Faith Community and Government in Health Programming"**

**Kimberly Konkel**

*Associate Director of Health, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Department of Health and Human Services*

**"Faith-Based Organizations in Public Health: Panacea or Poison Pill?"**

**Reverend Barry Lynn**

*Executive Director, Americans United for Separation of Church and State*

**Introduction: Mariah Levin & Alyson Rose-Wood** *Student Panel Organizers (HDS & HSPH)*

**Moderator: Dr. Richard Cash** *Senior Lecturer, Department of Population and International Health  
Director, Program on Ethical Issues in International Health Research*

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