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## INSPIRATION TO TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

### Care Net Honors Bishops and Inspires Church Leaders to Increase Involvement in the Pregnancy Center Movement

**LANSDOWNE, Va., Jan. 20, 2012** – Over the past week Melinda Delahoyde, president of Care Net, and Rev. Dean Nelson, vice president of Underserved Outreach attended the Church of God in Christ Leadership Conference in Sacramento, California. Over 3,000 pastors, bishops, and church leaders from all over the U.S. attended the conference. The theme of the conference this year is “Leaders Reshaping the Future with Vision and Power – Ephesians 3:20.”

“The event is a perfect opportunity to spread Care Net’s message to those who are already working to reshape the future,” Nelson said. “We hope to empower these leaders with the information they need to get involved in the pregnancy center movement.”

Care Net hosted a breakfast event last Thursday to present information to church leaders about Care Net’s [Underserved Initiative](#), which focuses on developing partnerships and planting pregnancy centers in urban communities. Delahoyde presented awards to Bishops Charles Blake and George McKinney, leaders who have consistently and publicly stood for the sanctity of human life.

“God has called us to turn our culture into a culture of life,” Delahoyde said. “This initiative seeks to rebuild, repair, and restore our nation’s underserved areas to rescue generations and transform lives through Christ.”

Care Net plans to host Underserved Initiative summits throughout the nation within the next five years in order to educate and inspire leaders to get involved in the pro-life movement within their communities.

Care Net’s vision is a culture where lives are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and every woman chooses life for herself and her unborn child. Last year, Care Net pregnancy centers served more than 400,000 women, offering them free or low-cost medical services such as ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, STD tests and counseling services. Nationally, pregnancy centers have a 97 percent client satisfaction rate, and they have been honored by numerous states and, in 2008, by the White House for their service to our country.

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