

# **FAITH DIGEST: Faith groups draw volunteers**

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Faith-based organizations attract more volunteers than any other type of organization, according to a recent survey by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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# **Clergy especially vulnerable when it comes to losing health insurance**

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While a sour economy and rising costs make it harder for small businesses to afford health coverage, one group of employees is especially vulnerable—clergy.

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# **Initiative seeks to link one**

# **church, one school**

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Scarce funding for public education may offer churches an opportunity to work more closely with public schools in their neighborhood.

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## **Obama seeks religious help in debunking “lies” about health care reform**

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Facing incendiary charges that health care reform would finance abortion and euthanasia, President Obama on Aug. 19 appealed to religious groups to help sell the plan and debunk critics’ “false witness.”

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## **Health science nominees live private faith behind public**

# **careers**

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When President Obama named his choices for his administration's two top medical posts, he chose people of private faith and public acclaim whose positions may put them out of lock step with fellow believers.

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## **Religious leaders back common ground on abortion**

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A number of religious leaders are backing an effort to defuse the contentious debate over abortion with common-ground solutions that reduce the need for abortion by preventing unintended pregnancies and supporting women who might otherwise abort for economic reasons.

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## **White House advisory council maps out faith-based plans**

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Members of a new White House advisory council have mapped out plans to link government and religious groups, from interfaith service projects to

regional town halls on fatherhood.

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## **Bible helped set captives free, sheriff says**

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An Alabama woman used the spine of a Bible to conceal several hacksaw blades that helped her husband and three other inmates escape a maximum-security prison.

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## **Obama to nominate prominent Christian geneticist to head NIH**

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The White House announced July 8 that President Obama would tap prominent Christian geneticist Francis Collins, who is one of the world's most famous thinkers on the relationship between religion and science, to head the National Institutes of Health.

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# **Christian leaders push president to reform immigration law**

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Christian leaders, including three members of President Obama's faith advisory council, pushed the president to make good on his promise of comprehensive immigration reform.

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# **U.S. laws chill Muslim philanthropy**

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Laws meant to eliminate terror financing are targeting Muslims unjustly, interfering with their right to practice Islam and resulting in a decline in charitable giving, the American Civil Liberties Union has charged.

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# **Graduation rates at religious schools outpace those at other universities**

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Religiously affiliated universities rank the highest nationwide in graduating their students, while hundreds of public and private universities fall far below the low average of graduated students, according to a recent report based on data from the U.S. Department of Education.