

WORLD HOPE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDER, DR. JO ANNE LYON, SELECTED TO JOIN PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FAITH-BASED AND NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIPS

Washington D.C., - September 25, 2015 – [World Hope International](#) is proud to congratulate its founder and current board member, Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, the General Superintendent of the [Wesleyan Church](#), on her appointment by President Obama to the [President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships](#). This appointment is an opportunity for Dr. Lyon to speak on policies and programs that are aimed at reducing poverty and inequality in the United States.

"I'm honored to be selected to join this important committee and contribute a unique Wesleyan vision to the Council's work with faith communities across the country," said Dr. Lyon. "There is much work that still needs to be done in helping to end worldwide injustices and I look forward to developing effective faith-based solutions that will aid in the fight against poverty and other inequalities."

In 1996, Dr. Lyon founded World Hope International and served as its CEO until 2008 when she became General Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church. During her time as WHI CEO, Dr. Lyon previously interfaced extensively with a prior faith-based council and offices in the White House under the George Bush administration, doing a great amount of work in the area of AIDS relief and economic development. Dr. Lyon has accepted this opportunity as a part of her continuing effort to apply Christian principles and Wesleyan wisdom to government policy by offering restorative grace and love in our world.

"I've always looked to my mother for inspiration and her recent appointment by President Obama to his Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships is just another example of how she continues to motivate me to do more," said John Lyon, CEO of World Hope International. "I am confident that she will bring valuable insight to World Hope International as a board member."

The President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships brings together religious and secular leaders as well as scholars and experts in fields related to the work of faith-based and neighborhood organizations. The charge for this Council focuses on steps the government should take to reduce poverty and inequality and create opportunity for all, including changes in policies, programs, and practices that affect the delivery of services by faith-based and community organizations and the needs of low-income and other underserved persons.

About World Hope International

World Hope International (WHI) is a Christian-relief and development organization that works with vulnerable and exploited communities to alleviate poverty, suffering and worldwide injustices. Founded in 1996, WHI currently works with 15 of the poorest countries in the world focusing on eight key areas: anti-trafficking, clean water wells and sanitation, rural and economic development, agriculture, education, emergency response, health and nutrition and child sponsorship.

These key WHI programs bring tangible and positive change to the individuals that WHI works with, who then go on to transform their communities and their countries. WHI bases what they do on long-term results providing resources and knowledge to the poor, so they can ultimately become agents of change within their communities. WHI's vision is to provide those in need with opportunity, dignity and hope so they can possess the tools for change in themselves, their family and their community.

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