

Lieutenant Governor Loren Leman

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Dear Conference Participant:

Welcome to our first statewide Faith-Based and Community Initiatives conference.

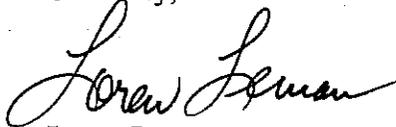
I was honored when Governor Murkowski asked me to lead our State's effort to aid and expand the partnerships among our faith communities, service and tribal organizations and government to help Alaskans in need. Since we began this initiative 17 months ago I have met thousands of outstanding Alaskans engaged in hundreds of services and ministries who are dedicated to helping others.

When I was raised in Ninilchik neighbors helped each other. I still see that spirit of service across our State. Most people, like my grandmother and parents, do it without fanfare, payment or recognition.

I am convinced that Alaskans are among the most generous people anywhere. Thank you, Salvation Army, and our many other generous sponsors who have helped make this conference possible!

We face tremendous challenges. Many people and families are hurting. We can help by raising up armies of compassion to help meet their needs. I hope this FBCI conference helps you become more effective as a participant in our State's social services network.

Sincerely,



Loren Leman
Lieutenant Governor