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Lt. Governor Hosts Faith-Based Initiatives Meeting

(Juneau)--Lieutenant Governor Loren Leman will host an Alaska Faith-based and Community Initiatives scoping meeting in Anchorage on Thursday, Feb. 20. The meeting will be held from 10 am until noon in the Wilda Marston Theater at the Loussac Public Library.

"Meeting the needs of people is one of our highest priorities," Leman said. "Enabling the faith community to be partners in this initiative will help broaden support, bring in a wide variety of new participants and achieve a more fulfilling level of success. I am pleased that President Bush and Governor Murkowski have made this a priority."

Presenters will highlight successes of current faith-based and community programs and outline the goals of the Murkowski-Leman Administration to build on President Bush's initiatives. Among those scheduled to speak are Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner Joel Gilbertson, Department of Corrections Chaplaincy Coordinator Chaplain Mike Ensch, and Anchorage Municipality Health and Human Services Director Jewel Jones. The White House Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives will participate via teleconference.

Presentations will be followed by an opportunity for other attendees to offer comments.

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