



Agricultural Biotechnology Conference for Church Leadership in Robeson County



Offered by
UNC Pembroke's Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional
Development through its NSF *Project BIO*
and
Robeson Community College's BioAg Center, BioNetwork

Conference Description: A half-day Agricultural Biotechnology Conference with a conference theme of "advances in agricultural biotechnology and their implications for rural Southeastern North Carolina". The conference will provide presenters from academia, industry and government. In the spirit of life-long learning, this conference will inform and enlighten key church clergy on a wide range of biotechnology topics that are of direct importance to the lives of the people of rural North Carolina. It is presumed that faith-based leaders and teachers are in favorable positions to inform their members and produce a better scientifically educated citizenry. Also, many church leaders are presently farming or will most likely be familiar with aspects of farming and rural life. The Agricultural Biotechnology Conference will serve as a resource for information about agricultural biotechnology directly relevant to the lives of Robesonians. The event will also encourage meaningful collaborations between UNC Pembroke, Robeson Community College and the greater religious community.

Targeted Audience: Robeson County church leaders from all denominations

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 29, 2005 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon (registration at 8:00 am)

Location: UNC Pembroke's Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development, 115 Livermore Drive at COMtech., Pembroke, NC

Registration Fee: Free (includes break and workshop materials)

Agenda:

- 8:00-9:00 am Registration
- 9:00 am Greetings/Invocation—Dr. Dalton Brooks
- 9:00 am Welcoming Comments—Dr. Len Holmes, UNC Pembroke, Co-PI for Project BIO
- 9:15 am "Preparing a World Class Agribusiness Workforce"—Ms. Leslie L. Jones, RCC BioAg Center Coordinator, BioNetwork
- 9:45 am Break
- 10:15 am "Aquaculture Farming in NC"—Dr. Wade Watanabe, UNCW Research Professor/Aquaculture Program Director
- 10:45 am "The Farm and Biodiesel Fuels"—Mr. Dan Weathington, Agribusiness Development Representative., NC Dept of Consumer Services
- 11:15 am "World Agriculture: What is Everyone Else Doing?"—Dr. Davis Martin, ProfiGen Corp.
- 11:45 am "Biotechnology, Agriculture and the Community Colleges"—Dr. Charles Chrestman, RCC President

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REGISTRATION FORM—Agricultural Biotechnology Conference for Church Leadership in Robeson County

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