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Two Region IV Midwives Inducted into ACNM Fellowship

Jody Lori of Michigan and Barbara McFarlin of Illinois Named

SILVER SPRING, MD— Jody Lori, CNM, PhD and Barbara McFarlin CNM, PhD, RDMS, both members of ACNM's Region IV, were inducted into the American College of Nurse-Midwives' Fellowship (FACNM) during the College's 55th Annual Meeting & Exposition in Washington, DC.

Jody Lori, CNM, PhD of Ann Arbor, MI has spent an extensive part of her career in international works. Lori is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Michigan (UM) School of Nursing, where she also works with her colleagues in the university's International Affairs Office to develop international initiatives for nursing students. She created the first international placement opportunity for UM midwifery students in Guatemala. Currently, she works with the ACNM national office on a multi-year project to address midwifery education and faculty retention in Ghana. Her doctoral research on Home-Based Life Saving Skills (HBLSS) in Liberia helped contribute to ACNM's global efforts in safe motherhood. In her home state, Lori established the first nurse-midwifery practice in Michigan's Upper Peninsula—a rural area that is medically underserved. Lori has served as a consultant and educator in Ethiopia, Mexico, and Zambia, among others. Lori completed her midwifery education and her bachelor's in nursing at University of Michigan. She earned her doctorate at University of Arizona.

Barbara McFarlin CNM, PhD, RDMS holds three positions at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC): she is a practicing midwife at the UIC Nurse-Midwifery Practice, an assistant professor at the university's College of Nursing and a consultant for the UIC Institute for Healthcare Innovation. Her most significant contribution to women's health care is the development of a new ultrasound method to detect cervical ripening; her work has been supported by the National Institutes of Health. As a volunteer, she dedicates time to the ACNM Ultrasound Task Force; ACNM Division of Research and Continuing Education Committee. Also, she currently serves on the American Midwifery Certification Board. McFarlin received her bachelor's in nursing, a master's in nurse-midwifery and a doctorate in nursing science from UIC.

Fellowship in the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) is an honor bestowed upon those midwives whose demonstrated leadership, clinical excellence, outstanding scholarship, and professional achievement have merited special recognition both within and outside the midwifery profession. In light of the vast wealth of expertise and collective wisdom represented within the body of Fellows, its mission is to serve the ACNM in a consultative and advisory capacity.

NOTE TO PHOTO EDITORS: Photos from the award presentation are available. Please contact Yolanda Landon, ACNM Communications Manager, at (240) 485-1822, or via e-mail at ylandon@acnm.org.

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