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Holly Powell Kennedy Inducted as President of American College of Nurse-Midwives

SILVER SPRING, MD – After serving one year as president-elect, Holly Powell Kennedy, CNM, PhD, FACNM, FAAN, was recently inducted as president of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) at the ACNM 55th Annual Meeting & Exposition in Washington, DC.

Kennedy was elected in 2009 under bylaws approved by ACNM members in 2008.

Kennedy completed her midwifery education at the historic Frontier School of Midwifery & Family Nursing in 1985. She received her master's degree as a family nurse practitioner in 1978 from the Medical College of Georgia and her PhD from the University of Rhode Island in 1999. An internationally known researcher on midwifery practice and normal birth, Kennedy is currently the Helen Varney Professor of Midwifery at Yale University School of Nursing, where she leads faculty development in midwifery research. Her research focuses on articulating and linking the work of midwives and childbearing care to health care outcomes. She is retired Colonel from the U.S. Army Nurse Corps Reserve. Kennedy was a 2008 Fulbright Distinguished Scholar and conducted research on England's national commitment to normal birth. Kennedy has also served as Chair of the ACNM Division of Research.

As president, Kennedy will work with the Board of Directors to implement ACNM's FutureFocus strategic goals. She believes that change comes from solution-based action and collective agreement about the future of the midwifery profession. "This is an exceptionally promising and challenging time for the profession of midwifery as we find the best way to play a role in the national movement to improve health care quality and access to care," said Kennedy. "I am delighted and humbled to serve in this capacity. I look forward to working with all of our members to be sure our voices--and women's voices--contribute to ensuring the highest quality care for families."

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With roots dating to 1929, the American College of Nurse-Midwives is the oldest women's health care association in the U.S. ACNM's mission is to promote the health and well-being of women and infants within their families and communities through the development and support of the profession of midwifery as practiced by certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives.