

Faith and Health in the Central Valley Symposium

October 30, 2026, 9am – 4pm, Walter Stiern Library, CSU Bakersfield

The symposium will bring together healthcare professionals, educators, faith leaders and community organizations to explore the intersections of religion, health and community wellbeing in our region.



Keynote speaker: David Tillman, Ph.D.

Professor and Chair of the Department of
Public Health - Campbell University



Plenary speaker: Dr. Traco Matthews

Chief Health Equity Officer
Kern Family Health Care

Featured panels will address approaches to teaching religious literacy and public health, as well as topics including faith and mental health, substance use and women's health.

Registration is required.
Please use the QR code to
RSVP by Oct 15, 2026.
Questions? Please contact
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Please join us for meaningful dialogue to examine the ways beliefs, practices, and institutions influence health behaviors and highlight how faith communities and health organizations can collaborate to address important challenges in our region.

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