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Northwest Baptist Foundation adds staff

VANCOUVER - Criseda Yaw began working with the Northwest Baptist Foundation on June 1 as family financial planner. She comes to the Foundation from the Northwest Baptist Convention where she served as the church growth team assistant since August, 2005. Prior to her service to the NWBC, Cris was a math program instructor with the La Center (Wash.) School District. She has also held positions in bookkeeping and accounting with several agriculture firms.

Cris currently holds a BS degree from Oregon State University and will complete a MS degree in Family Financial Planning from Oklahoma State University in the fall of 2008.

“Her degree in Family Financial Planning is what was appealing to me when we first started visiting with Cris about coming to work at the Foundation,” Tom Hixson, president of the Foundation said. “In addition, since she has been involved with the NWBC as a staff member, she understands the inner working of the convention and our churches here in the Northwest. In this new position, she will make presentations to our churches on finances and estate planning and assist individuals with their personal finances. We are excited about her joining the Foundation staff.”

“Cris did a great job during her time with the Northwest Baptist Convention,” said Marsha Gray, building services manager for the NWBC. “We are so glad she has this new ministry with the foundation where she can use her gifts and abilities.”

“I really appreciated the depth of Cris’ spirituality,” said Jim Harvey, NWBC church health team leader. “She also added a lot to our team with her perspective as a layperson. She functioned on the level of a manager, and always took tasks and carried them through to completion.”

In addition to her professional experience Yaw has been active in the local community and has been a member of the La Center School Board since April 2007. Yaw and her husband, Brian, are members of CrossPointe Baptist Church in Vancouver, Wash., where she is active in children’s and women’s ministries.

“I really enjoyed working for the church health team,” Yaw said. “I am excited about this new opportunity that matches my educational background. I look forward to serving the people and churches of the Northwest.”