



## **Regional Conferences to Advance Vision 2020 Message of Equality**

PHILADELPHIA, PA, July 31, 2013 -- Vision 2020, a project of Drexel University College of Medicine's Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, will co-host three Regional Conferences in the fall as part of the national initiative to advance women's economic and social equality.

Vision 2020 Delegates in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Oregon will present one-day regional conferences on "Collaborating For Change" and invite other delegates, members of national allied organizations and the public to discuss strategies to raise the percent of women in leadership to 50-50 by the year 2020, when the nation celebrates the Centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment that granted women the right to vote.

In North Carolina, Vision 2020 Delegates Roberta Harper and Monique Stamps will coordinate the Vision 2020 conference that is part of "[\*Women in Power: Getting There and Giving Back\*](#)," on Thursday, Sept. 19 at the Charlotte (NC) Convention Center. Vision 2020 will co-sponsor the conference with the Women's Inter-Cultural Exchange and the Southern Women's Show. Vision 2020 Leadership Circle member Connie Lindsey, National President of the Girl Scouts of the USA and Executive Vice President of Northern Trust, will speak on women in leadership. In addition, Leadership Circle member Patricia Diaz-Dennis, retired SVP and Asst. General Counsel for AT&T, will participate in the Power Panel discussion.

In Tennessee, Vision 2020 Delegates Patricia Pierce, Yvonne Wood and Phyllis Qualls Brooks will participate in a discussion of Vision 2020 regional and national goals on Sunday, Oct. 27, in conjunction with the [Tennessee Economic Summit on Women](#), Oct.27-28, in Nashville. The conference speakers will include Lindsey and Vision 2020 Delegate Deedee Corradini, who is former mayor of Salt Lake City, UT and President of the International Women's Forum.

In Oregon, Vision 2020 Delegates Cheryl Myers and Gale Castillo will host the Vision 2020 Northwest Regional Conference in Portland on Thursday, November 14. The conference is set to open with remarks by former Governors Christine Gregoire of Washington and Barbara Roberts of Oregon, who is a Visionary Delegate.

“We applaud the 2020 Delegates who are taking the conversation of women’s equality into their regions,” said Lynn Yeakel, Vision 2020 Co-Founder and Executive Director. “It takes efforts at the local level as well as the national arena to make 50-50 a reality.”

The Vision regional conferences are open to the public; however, [registration](#) for these events is required.