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Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement Board of Directors Reaffirms Strong Support for President and CEO, Dr. Malcolm A. Punter

New York, NY – April 15, 2026 – The Board of Directors of Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, Inc. (HCCI) today expressed its full confidence in the visionary leadership of President and CEO Dr. Malcolm A. Punter, Ed.D., MBA, highlighting his transformative contributions to affordable housing, economic development, and community revitalization in Harlem and across multiple states.

Rev. Dr. Keith W. Roberson I, Chair of the HCCI Board of Directors, stated: “Under Dr. Malcolm A. Punter’s leadership, HCCI is expanding our impact in affordable housing not only in New York but also in the states of Georgia, South Carolina, and as recently as North New Jersey. Dr. Punter’s deep expertise in real estate development, combined with his unwavering commitment to faith-based community empowerment, has strengthened HCCI’s mission and delivered critical housing and economic opportunities for low- to moderate-income families, seniors, and residents. The Board stands firmly behind Dr. Punter as we advance this vital work together.”

Since assuming leadership, Dr. Punter has overseen the management and sustainability of a substantial real estate portfolio while expanding HCCI’s reach regionally and nationally. The organization continues to preserve and develop thousands of units of affordable housing, with active initiatives including new senior housing, cooperative homeownership opportunities, and rental preservation projects. These efforts help prevent displacement and foster economic resilience in the communities HCCI serves.

Founded in 1986, HCCI is a faith-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the holistic revitalization of Harlem and surrounding neighborhoods. Through affordable housing, economic development programs, and supportive services, HCCI empowers residents to rebuild and sustain strong, vibrant communities. Dr. Punter added: “It is an honor to serve as President and CEO of HCCI alongside a dedicated Board led by Rev. Dr. Roberson, staff, and partners. We remain focused on creating equitable housing solutions, promoting economic

empowerment, and ensuring that every resident has the opportunity to thrive in stable and prosperous communities across the regions we serve.”

Dr. Punter brings extensive experience as a New York State Licensed Real Estate Broker, educator, and community leader. He holds an Ed.D. in Education, an MBA in Management & Operations, a Master of Science in Law (JSM), and a B.S. in Behavioral Science. He has partnered with entities such as NYC HPD, Enterprise Community Partners, and LISC on development projects.

For more information about HCCI’s programs, current affordable housing initiatives in New York, Georgia, South Carolina, New Jersey, and beyond, or ways to support the organization’s mission, visit www.hcci.org.