



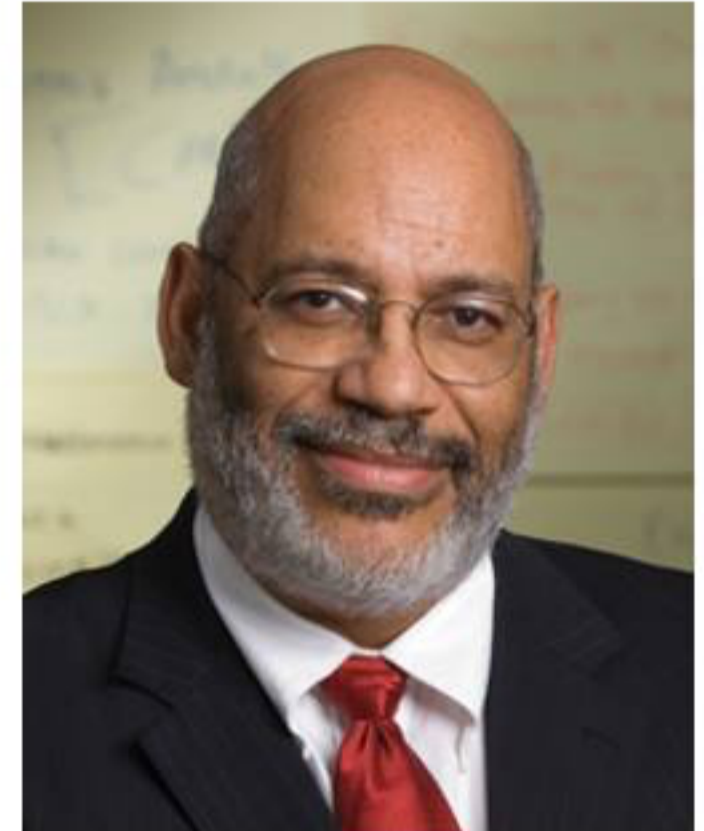
**Health Disparities Education, Awareness, Research & Training**

# **HDEART CONSORTIUM**

*A message from our founder and former director, Dr. Lovell A. Jones*

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

As some of you know, I am into quotes and paraphrasing them. Here are two relevant ones as I step down as the Founder and Executive Director of the Health Disparities, Education, Awareness, Research & Training (HDEART) Consortium. My mentor, Dr. Howard Bern, once said it is not the science that one does, nor the paper published, nor the grants and honors that is one's greatest contribution. Rather it is the people you leave behind to continue the work. To paraphrase General Douglas MacArthur, Like the old soldier of that ballad, I now close my career and just fade away, a person who tried to do his best as God gave him the light to see that duty. But it is time to turn my attention to my family and fulfill a commitment to my wife that is *long* overdue.



**Dr. Lovell A. Jones**  
*Founder & Founding Director*

After many decades, I am retiring. Yes, really retiring. It is time, given the years of sacrifice by my family, especially my wife. One of my friends and colleagues stated

*"Lovell, it is time for you and your family to enjoy the fruits of the decades you devoted to teaching and influencing policy, especially to the underserved of not only this nation, but the world at large."*

Again, in all that I have accomplished, I am always acutely aware that I stand on the shoulders of others who came before me. Further, my ability to come so far has been due to great sacrifices made by my wife and my family.

So in closing, I am asking you to give the same support to the next generation of scholars, especially Dr. Lisako Jones McKyer, the new Executive Director of HDEART-Consortium. That is the greatest thing you can do to honor me and the sacrifices made.

Warmly,

*Lovell A. Jones*

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