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James Lansberry is vice president of Samaritan Ministries International, where he leads the Public Policy Department. He also serves as president of the Alliance of Health Care Sharing Ministries.

The 40-year-old Peorian, who has been with Samaritan since 1999, is an expert on health care economics, general bioethics issues and health care public policy.

James believes strongly in implementing private sector initiatives to stem the dramatic increase in health care costs. He says the doctor-patient relationship should determine treatment and not a third party. It's also important, he says, that consumers become more aware of the actual costs of medical procedures.

In addition, he believes that Christians need to speak out more on issues like abortion, stem cell research and other issues of conscience in the health care field.

James' media resume is extensive. He has been interviewed on *ABC News Tonight with Charles Gibson*, *Fox & Friends* and has been a guest on dozens of radio programs, including "The G. Gordon Liddy Show," "Crosstalk America" and "The Laurie Roth Show." He has also appeared on *The CBS Evening News* and Fox Business Network and has been interviewed for stories in the *Washington Post* and *U.S. News and World Report*. He has spoken at Providence Church in Morton, Ill., and Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Peoria, Ill. He also has spoken at a Christian Leadership Alliance training institute. James has had articles published in *Heritage Forum*, the *Journal of Modern Ministry*, and *Every Thought Captive*.

James and his wife, Theresa, have been married 14 years and are the parents of seven children: Moriah, Samuel, Toby, Elsie, Peter, Margary and Clara.

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