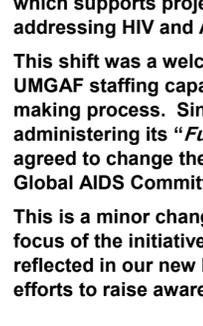




AIDS Is Not Over



Bishop Julius Trimble

MESSAGE FROM GLOBAL AIDS COMMITTEE CHAIR

In 2016, the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund (UMGAF) Committee voted to have the Board of Global Ministries administer the UMGAF Advance Fund which supports projects around the globe addressing HIV and AIDS.

This shift was a welcome move due to limited UMGAF staffing capacity to oversee the grant-making process. Since UMGAF was no longer administering its “Fund”, the UMGAC Committee agreed to change the name to “United Methodist Global AIDS Committee (UMGAC)”.

This is a minor change, but better reflects the current focus of the initiative. Our new name is also reflected in our new logo! UMGAC is grateful for all efforts to raise awareness about HIV & AIDS.

Bishop Julius Trimble



BISHOP'S APPEAL RAISES MORE THAN \$70,000 FOR UM GLOBAL AIDS FUND

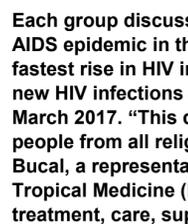
The Northern Illinois Conference HIV/AIDS task force thanks the many NIC churches and individuals across the conference for raising more than \$71,400 toward the 2017 Bishop's Appeal special offering.

Sales of postcards featuring the Annual Conference artwork by the Rev. Kristine Marshall brought in an additional \$300. The money will go toward the UM Global AIDS Fund (UMGAF) and 25% of the monies will stay in the conference for local projects including education and providing other resources.

Unable to be with us in person, Bishop Julius C. Trimble from the Indiana Conference sent his greetings and support for the Bishop's Appeal for the UM Global AIDS Fund.

“As Chairperson of UMGAF and a Bishop whose roots are in this conference, I want to commend the Northern Illinois Conference for the outstanding work and focused attention to HIV and AIDS as it impacts our own families and neighbors in Chicago and communities in Northern Illinois.”

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Bishop Trimble at 2017 Indiana Annual Conference

THE INDIANA MIRACLE OFFERING FOR GLOBAL HEALTH

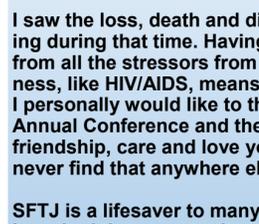
On April 3, Bishop Julius C. Trimble called for the Indiana Miracle Offering for Global

Health to be received at the 2017 Annual Conference session.

United Methodists in Indiana took time Friday, June 9, at the 2017 Indiana Annual Conference session, to celebrate this miraculous expression of God's love in action as nearly *\$400,000 was raised to impact thousands of lives around our world this year affected by HIV/AIDS and malaria.*

This effort was realized through the collaboration of the members and supporters of the INUMC, Imagine No Malaria, and the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund, of which Bishop Trimble is a chairperson. As funds continue to be donated, an updated amount will be shared about the progress of the miracle offering. The Global Aids Committee expresses deep appreciation to the Indiana Annual Conference.

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(l-r) Cecelia Williams, Gladys Mangiduyos (Conference Coordinator and Dean), Rev. Dr. Youngsook Kang, Rev. Dr. Don Messer

UM National Gathering Responds to Increasing HIV and AIDS Crisis in Philippines

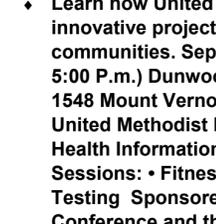
By Samuel John Earl P. Canlas

Sixty attendees from United Methodist churches in the Philippines participated in discussion groups on June 26-28th in Manila at the HIV National Conference sponsored by the United Methodist Global AIDS Committee.

Each group discussed distinctive response to the AIDS epidemic in the Philippines as it faces the fastest rise in HIV infections in recent years. Thirty new HIV infections a day have been recorded since March 2017. “This data from the Philippines includes people from all religious affiliations,” said Roldan Bucal, a representative of the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) who is familiar with the treatment, care, support and management for people living with HIV. This is staggeringly the fastest rate of new infections worldwide.

The national gathering responded to a potential HIV/AIDS crisis in public health while the general trend has been going down except in nine countries including Egypt, Pakistan, Kenya, Cambodia, Mexico, and Russia.

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September 11–16, 2017
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CAMPS AND RETREATS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV OR AIDS AND PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEM!

Strength for the Journey retreats for people living with HIV or AIDS are held in several Annual Conferences. These are but a few of the many retreats. As in past newsletters, we want our readers to know about the options available this year for camps and retreats. Please check out our webpage for a full listing!

[List of Camps](#)

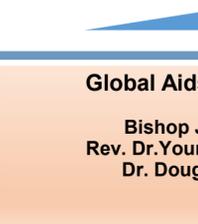
A Camper's Experience

I am very thankful to be able to say I have attended *Strength For The Journey* for the last 14 years held at Suttle Lake, Oregon. I cannot begin to tell you how those few days gives us all hope for the future. I lived through the early days of this disease.

I saw the loss, death and disparity people were facing during that time. Having just a few days away from all the stressors from living with a chronic illness, like HIV/AIDS, means so much to so many. I personally would like to thank the Oregon /Idaho Annual Conference and the UMGAC for the support, friendship, care and love you give to so many who never find that anywhere else.

SFTJ is a lifesaver to many. For the last three years I have had the opportunity to be the On-Site Dean. From a camper to having the opportunity to give back... doesn't get much better than that!

*Bob Skinner, long-time participant
Strength for the Journey
Oregon/Idaho Annual Conference*



“I CAN'T HEAR YOU! ARE YOU LISTENING?”

Recently, retired United Methodist Bishop Fritz Mutti preached a sermon on the value of listening and healing and how we are called to do both for people living with HIV and AIDS.

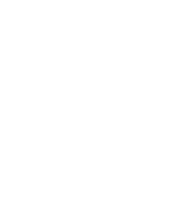
Bishop Fritz and Etta Mae have been touched personally by the AIDS pandemic with the death of two of their three sons. They are both faithful advocates in the movement to create an AIDS free world.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Faith AIDS Day - August 27th in Washington, DC - prayer walk with the goals of urging the US government to designate an AIDS Awareness Day and taking a stand against stigma. [Read More](#)
- ◆ United States Conference on AIDS Faith Coalition Conference - September 6th at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, DC. This interfaith event occurs the day before the US Conference on AIDS. [Read More](#)
- ◆ Learn how United Methodists are engaged in innovative projects to improve the health of their communities. September 15, 2017 (1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.) Dunwoody United Methodist Church 1548 Mount Vernon Rd., Atlanta, GA 30338 United Methodist Day of Health • Hulapalooza Breakout Sessions: • Fitness Fun • HIV Testing Sponsored by the N. Georgia Annual Conference and the GBGM. [Read More](#)
- ◆ World AIDS Day - December 1st - New resources to be featured in UMGAC's September-October Newsletter! Stay tuned!



DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

- ◆ October 15th is National Latino AIDS Awareness Day? Check out this [website](#) for details and resources.
- ◆ An updated AIDS Faith and Facts card is available at the General Board of Church & Society? [Order Here](#)
- ◆ That antiretroviral therapy is recommended for all people living with HIV, regardless of CD4 cell count, to reduce the risk of AIDS- and non-AIDS-related illnesses?



SAVE THE DATE
October 25-27, 2018

Breaking Barriers”

Indianapolis, IN
Conference sponsored by
Global AIDS Committee

AIDS RESOURCES

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DENOMINATIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS

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