



AIDS Is Not Over

BRING HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

BISHOP JULIUS TRIMBLE

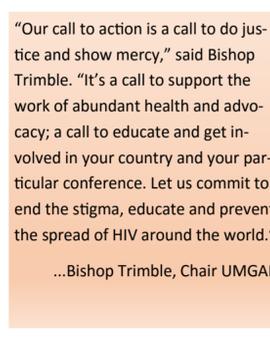


Bishop Julius Trimble,
Chair, UMGAF

Greetings from the UMGAF committee this Advent and Christmas season.

I am living in Indiana where our churches have been challenged to *"Be Hope."* This post election season is an opportune time for followers of Jesus to be living acts of hope. When stigma and fear, when hunger and heartache are impacting so much of the human family, harbingers of hope and love are needed. In fact we who dare to work for an end to preventable diseases like HIV/AIDS must be banner bearers of hope. I remain a *Prisoner of Hope.*

Have a joyful holiday season,
Bishop Julius C. Trimble



New UMGAF Officers:
Bishop Trimble, Chair (right)
Youngsook Kang, Vice-Chair (center)
Doug Smith, Secretary (left)

UMGAF COMMITTEE NEW OFFICERS

Bishop Julius Trimble of the Indiana Conference will serve as chairman, and the Rev. Dr. Youngsook Kang of the Rocky Mountain Conference will be vice-chair. Douglas B. Smith, at-large member, was elected secretary. Linda Bales Todd will serve as a consultant to the committee. According to UNAIDS, more than a million persons died from AIDS-related causes in 2015 and 36.7 million people are living with HIV. There were about 5,700 new infections per day last year, for a total of 2.1 million adults and children. About two-thirds of those were in sub-Saharan Africa and nearly half were women.

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HELP SUPPORT GLOBAL AIDS PROGRAMS

Get ready to donate to the UMC Global AIDS Fund on Tuesday, November 29th.

Contributions to UMGAF will support projects addressing child and maternal health with a focus on prevention of HIV & AIDS as well as provide services to those infected with HIV or AIDS.

Donations to UMGAF Advance #982345 on Giving Tuesday begins at 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. Central Time.

When you make an online donation on November 29th, you will be "giving light, giving love, and giving life!" When you give through The Advance, 100% of your gift directly supports projects; overhead costs are covered through other channels.

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[Click here to give on November 29!](#)

Give light • Give love • Give life
Give to any of the more than 800 Advance projects and more than 300 missionaries around the world on UMC #GivingTuesday, Nov. 29, 2016. Thank you.

11 WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

1. Contribute to the United Methodist Global AIDS

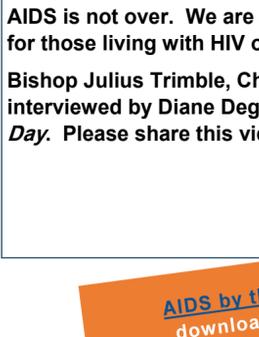
"On UMC #GivingTuesday, I'm giving light, giving love, and giving life. Please join me by supporting the UMC Global AIDS Fund November 29. www.umcmission.org/give"

2. Donate time, say a prayer, or create a non-financial way to support people living with HIV or AIDS and those who care for them.

3. Include banners and other promotion on your website and newsletters.

4. Raise awareness about UMC #GivingTuesday through your annual conference social media networks.

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WORLD AIDS DAY DECEMBER 1, 2016

Please visit our [webpage](#) for up-to-date resources for *World AIDS Day*. You'll find worship resources as well as other tools for commemorating this world-wide day.

AIDS is not over. We are all called to serve as advocates for those living with HIV or AIDS and their caregivers.

Bishop Julius Trimble, Chair of UMGAF, was recently interviewed by Diane Degnan of UMCCom about *World AIDS Day*. Please share this video with others.

[Watch the Video](#)

[AIDS by the Numbers](#) – a new downloadable resource from UNAIDS – this easy to use resource provides the latest statistics on HIV and AIDS around the world. Provides helpful information you can use

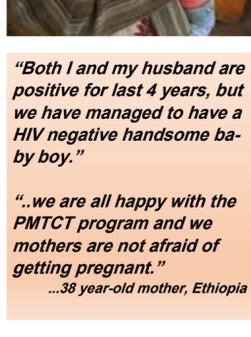


The members of the Global AIDS Fund Committee visited Real Talk DC to learn more about how teens and young adults have real conversations with their peers about sexual health in a safe and comfortable setting. Committee members rolled up their sleeves and got to work packing safer sex kits. Photo courtesy of The United Methodist Global AIDS Fund.

UMGAF RESOURCES AND TRAINING

With this quadrennium, the work of the Global AIDS Fund Committee is undergoing a shift from a fundraising emphasis to a greater focus on providing resources and training to engage annual conferences and local churches in HIV/AIDS education and advocacy.

Global Ministries will provide oversight and administration of the United Methodist Global AIDS Advance Fund #982345, which provides financial support to global maternal and child health initiatives that address HIV and AIDS.



"Both I and my husband are positive for last 4 years, but we have managed to have a HIV negative handsome baby boy."

"..we are all happy with the PMTCT program and we mothers are not afraid of getting pregnant."

...38 year-old mother, Ethiopia

UPDATE ON UMGAF PROJECTS

Where your money goes! Read the 2016 Update on the UMGAF Advance and how it is supporting projects around the globe. It includes statistics and testimonies.

For example, 67,000 individuals are beneficiaries of the UMGAF Advance including 867 mothers living with HIV.

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DID YOU KNOW...

Meharry Medical Center Mobilizing Churches for Action on AIDS

Watch this video on the work being done by this United Methodist affiliated institution in Nashville, TN and their commitment to eradicating HIV and AIDS.

[View the Video](#)

AIDS Ambassadors

Those of you receiving this newsletter are considered AIDS Ambassadors due to your commitment to educating yourself and others about HIV and AIDS and advocating for those who are infected and affected. [Click here](#) for an actual "job description" for AIDS Ambassadors which help create an AIDS free world! Consider inviting other to join out network...

[Join AIDS Network](#)

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For AIDS Resources and to donate to the UMC Global AIDS Fund, go to our website:

www.umglobalaidsfund.com