



Just Save One Newsletter!

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Greetings AIDS Ambassadors!

With Advent approaching, there are ways we can help create an AIDS free world by lifting up World AIDS Day (official day is December 1st) as well as contributing on *Giving Tuesday* – also December 1st! Below is critical information about both these events that can be included in your church and/or annual conference newsletters! Please feel free to share with folks in your local church and family and friends!

Take Action
December 1st is *Giving Tuesday!*
Spread the word!

Get ready to donate to the UMC Global AIDS Fund on Tuesday, December 1st!! Contributions to UMGAF will support projects that help women access testing and, if needed, treatment so, if pregnant, they can deliver an AIDS-free child. General Board of Global Ministries will allocate matching funds dollar for dollar up to the first \$1 million in gifts to Advance projects received online on **Dec. 1, 2015, between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. Central Time**. A maximum of \$2,500 per individual gift to a project will be dispersed as matching funds. A project may receive a maximum of \$25,000 in matching funds.

When you make an online donation on Dec. 1, you will “Activate Love. Transform Lives. Change the World.” Last year on UMC #GivingTuesday, United Methodists collectively raised \$2.5 million online through The Advance. As always, when you give through The Advance, 100 percent of your gift directly supports the ministry you designate; overhead costs are covered through other channels.

[Click here to give!](#) Use our Advance Special Number to Search for our Project: Advance # 982345. For more information on Giving Tuesday, [click here](#).

Upcoming Dates!

World AIDS Day – December 1st – Please go to our [website](#) for resources you can use in your local church and community for World AIDS Day. Advent is a perfect time to lift up the issue of AIDS given the increases in infections in women around the globe. Stigma continues to impact people living with AIDS, and Jesus' love and healing words call us to work to eliminate all discrimination against people infected with HIV or AIDS.

May 9, 2016 – One-day conference sponsored by the UMCAF - "AIDS Is Not Over! ... Global Issues and the Church". Location: Rose City Park UMC, Portland, OR. Time: 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: Free will offering. For more information and registration, [click here](#). Participants will need to secure their own housing and transportation for this event. Free transportation will be available from the Portland Convention Center to Rose City Park UMC. ***Please Save the Date!***

AIDS Memorial Service at General Conference – UMCAF is sponsoring a Memorial Service during General Conference to celebrate the lives of those who have died from AIDS. We invite you to send us the names of people you would like to lift up during this service. Please send names and their country to: Linda Bales Todd, joylab47@yahoo.com. Check future newsletters for additional information.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- [UPPER ROOM'S "PRAYERS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT...HOPE FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH AIDS, TB AND MALARIA"](#) IS PRINTED IN MORE THAN 20 LANGUAGES?
- THERE IS A [SURVEY](#) OF ALL THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES THAT ARE SPONSORING AIDS MINISTRIES? CHECK IT OUT!
- THERE WAS AN EXCITING [CONFERENCE](#) THIS SUMMER IN COTE D'IVOIRE SPONSORED BY THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES THAT EXAMINED AIDS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

"God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." – 1 John 4:16

Questions? Please let us know if you have any questions about any of the items in this newsletter. Please contact Linda Bales Todd, UMCAF Co-Chair, joylab47@yahoo.com Please share this with your church and annual conference!

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