



## Call for Papers & Workshops

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The United Methodist Global AIDS Committee<sup>1</sup> is seeking proposals for workshops and scholarly dialogue on HIV/AIDS to take place October 25-27, 2018 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. The conference theme is **"Breaking Barriers, HIV & AIDS Ministry."** Visit the [conference website](#) to register and get information on the schedule, plenary sessions, keynote speakers and other events.

United Methodists and others engaged with HIV/AIDS ministries and services are encouraged to apply. We are looking for creativity and imagination in proposals based on your experiences and/or successful HIV/AIDS programs addressing local and global issues, successful approaches to teaching, as well as reports on emerging research.

To be invited to present a workshop, please submit a workshop proposal that focuses on one of the following areas:

1. **Research on HIV/AIDS**
2. **Gender issues and HIV**

Transgender people are one of the groups most affected by the HIV epidemic and are 49 times more likely to be living with HIV than the general population.<sup>2</sup> Globally, it is estimated that around 19% of transgender women are living with HIV. Globally, men who have sex with men (sometimes referred to as MSM) are 24 times more likely to be living with HIV than the general population.

3. **Living with HIV/AIDS**

Since the beginning of the HIV epidemic, people living with HIV have faced numerous psychological and behavioral challenges. There are additional challenges for children and young people

4. **Human Sexuality and HIV**
5. **Needs of People Aging with HIV or AIDS**

### Instructions for Workshop Proposals

1. Provide your contact information, including email and telephone.
2. Indicate which of the five areas the proposal addresses.
3. Write a 250-word summary for a 90-minute workshop.
4. Prepare a short bio for each presenter in the proposed workshop.

### Submission of Proposal

1. Deadline for submission of proposals is **April 15, 2018**.
2. **Email your submission** to [info.umgaf@gmail.com](mailto:info.umgaf@gmail.com)
3. All proposals will be evaluated by the Conference Workshop Committee and applicants will be notified by May 1, 2018 of the results of the evaluation.
4. For questions on applications, contact Dr. Doug Smith, UMGAC Secretary at 510-221-7987 or email him at [info.umgaf@gmail.com](mailto:info.umgaf@gmail.com)

### Honorarium and Expenses for Workshop Presenters

The Conference is unable to offer honorariums or cover expenses for workshop presenters. However, [scholarships](#) are available.

Thank you!

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<sup>1</sup> The United Methodist Global AIDS Committee is an inter-agency effort housed at the General Board of Church and Society

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.avert.org/professionals/hiv-social-issues/key-affected-populations/transgender>