



CALL FOR PAPERS

We do hope you are planning on attending the October 25-27, 2018 AIDS Conference titled "Breaking Barriers" to be held in Indianapolis, IN at St. Luke's UMC. Event is sponsored by the UMC Global AIDS Fund Committee. We're excited about this event and, as a part of the event, are including eighteen 90-minute workshops led by experts from around the globe.

As a part of our workshop offerings, we are issuing a **Call for Papers** which is an opportunity for you and/or others to design and lead a workshop on one of five topics:

1. **Research on HIV/AIDS** – what is the latest research showing in terms of prevention, care and treatment of HIV?
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. Globally, it is estimated that around 19% of transgender women are living with HIV. Globally, men who have sex with men are 24 times more likely to be living with HIV than the general population. How can we better understand this population and its needs? How can the church be supportive of all genders?
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. How can those living with HIV or AIDS take care of themselves physically, mentally, emotionally and socially?
4. **Human Sexuality and HIV** – We know sex education is important to reduce the spread of HIV. What can we do, as people of faith, to become educators and/or advocates for comprehensive sexuality education?
5. **Needs of People Aging with HIV or AIDS** – With the availability of drug treatment for HIV and drug users, people are living longer with HIV. What are the challenges? What health and societal issues confront older adults living with HIV? How can the church address those needs?

United Methodists and others engaged with HIV/AIDS ministries and services are encouraged to apply. (Deadline for submission: **June 1, 2018**) 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.

[Application and Information about the Call for Papers](#)

Visit the [conference website](#) to register and get information on the schedule, plenary sessions, keynote speakers and other events.

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