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Greetings from Bishop Julius Trimble, UMGAC Chair

We're in the home stretch planning for the *Breaking Barriers* AIDS Conference, and we sure hope you can be with us! The leadership for this event is top-notch, and you won't want to miss it! In this special edition of our newsletter, you'll find helpful information about the conference and, hopefully, answers to any questions you might have! We claim this a Spirit-led event! God is calling us to a new day – where all people are welcomed and affirmed into the family of God – no one is excluded. Our hope is to equip attendees with information and inspiration to sustain them for the journey of health and wholeness! Shalom and peace to you all! Be encouraged!

[POZ Article on Breaking Barriers](#)



Breaking Barriers AIDS Conference

Scholarships covering your registration fee and hotel costs are available until September 28th. The deadline for registration for this exciting conference is October 11th! Hotel reservations deadline – October 1st to receive conference rate.

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Churches can help erase stigma of HIV/AIDS

By Linda Bloom Sept. 11, 2018 | UMNS

In 2010, more than 130 United Methodists went through HIV/AIDS testing during that spring's Council of Bishops meeting to draw attention to a major global health issue and express solidarity with those suffering with the disease. These days, such attention — from both the faith community and society at large — has diminished, says Indiana Area Bishop Julius C. Trimble, committee chair of the United Methodist Global AIDS Committee.

"It's what I call apathetic neglect," he explained. "It's another form of discrimination." Trimble hopes that an upcoming denominational conference will "generate some tangible commitment to re-prioritize HIV and AIDS in our overall concern about global and national health."

The goal of the "Breaking Barriers" HIV/AIDS ministry conference, from Oct. 25-27 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, is to save lives, reduce stigma and increase awareness..

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Bishop Carcaño Leads Opening Worship Service: Breaking Barriers AIDS Conference

San Francisco Area Episcopal Leader will serve as the preacher during the *Breaking Barriers* AIDS Conference at the opening worship service Thursday, October 25th at 8:30 p.m. Bishop Carcaño also preached during the 2010 UMC Lighten the Burden III AIDS Conference in Dallas.

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Pre-Conference Experiences

Attendees have a free option of attending one of three optional experiences from 1 – 4 p.m. October 25. The experiences include conversations with Dr. Rachel Vreeman and other Indiana

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Breaking Barriers Workshops & Panels

Check out the list of workshops and expert leaders for the 18 workshops. The panel presentations are:

- "HIV and AIDS – Abundant Health and the Church: Breaking Barriers"
- "A Human Right Challenge: Eliminating Stigma"
- "Youth and HIV"
- "People of Color and HIV"

We are grateful for the persons who have stepped forward to partner with us!

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Conference Bible Study

The Conference Bible Study will be led by Bishop Tracy Smith Malone. The Scripture for the study is Philippians 2:1-11.

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Centenary United Methodist Church, Berlin, NJ

A Church that Helps to Erase Stigma of HIV/AIDS

Centenary United Methodist Church, Berlin, NJ

"Our goal is invitation (evangelism), inclusive welcome, to be uplifting and to show brotherly love - God's love - to our brothers and sisters with HIV/AIDS."Lynn Benson

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HIV Education Team in Uganda, WorldHope Corps, INC.

On Becoming involved with the HIV/AIDS issue?

Support the UMC Global AIDS Fund – Advance #982345. Work to end stigma and gender-based violence and increase protective/prevention factors such as sexuality education and access to health care. If you reside in the United States, ask your Members of Congress to support the highest level of funding for AIDS prevention, care and treatment in the U.S. and globally.

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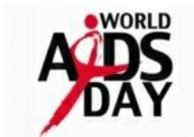
Mark your Calender: AIDS Days



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National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day #NLAAD2018

October 15: The 2018 NLAAD theme is "Ending HIV is everyone's job." The Latino Commission on AIDS (LCOA), the Hispanic Federation and other organizations organize this day to build capacity for non-profit organizations and health departments to reach Latino/Hispanic communities, promote HIV testing, and provide HIV prevention information and access to care.



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WORLD AIDS DAY 2018

December 1 every year the WORLD AIDS DAY is held in respect to the many victims of AIDS. It likewise centers around issues encompassing HIV and (AIDS) awareness. This Day is the point of convergence of the global AIDS Campaign, which is dynamic throughout the entire year.



Did you know that....

1 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses in 2016, bringing the total number of people who have died from AIDS-related illnesses since the start of the epidemic to 35.0 million.

Progress has been made in preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV and keeping mothers alive. The percentage of pregnant women receiving ART increased to 76% in 2016, up from

47% in 2010.

The number of people with HIV receiving treatment in resource-poor countries has increased dramatically in the past decade.

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MIN. MARVIN K. WHITE

FEATURED HIV/AIDS INSPIRATION NATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF AIDS

Prayer by MIN. Marvin K White, 2018

- The God of the FDA and of my Combination Drugs.
- The One True Atripla and Combivir God.
- The Epzicom of Prayers.
The First Trizivir and The Last Truvada.
- The Great Fuzeon Lord of the Entry and Fusion Inhibitors.
- Mother and Father Nucleoside and Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors.
- My Rescriptor, my Sustiva God, and my Viramune God.

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