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Greetings from Bishop Julius Trimble, UMGAC Chair

Thank you to all who attended the Breaking Barriers AIDS Conference last month in Indianapolis! More information is below about this exciting event which brought together 140 persons committed to mission and ministry to and with people living with HIV.

Our work is not completed by any means! World AIDS Day is December 1st. This is a perfect time to lift the issue of global health with a specific focus on HIV & AIDS. Please see the article below where you will find resources and other ways to be involved. Let us hang onto hope as we move toward the time of Advent and celebration of Christ's birth.

Be encouraged!
Bishop Julius C. Trimble

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World AIDS Day ~ December 1st

All local congregations are encouraged to commemorate World AIDS Day which is December 1st. This is a day honored by the world community – a time to remember those who have died from AIDS and to commit to being AIDS advocates in our churches and communities. United Methodist Global AIDS Committee (UMGAC) has resources available for your use either during a dedicated event or in a worship service. We commend these to you. Please visit our "[Resources](#)" and "[Events](#)" pages for more information! Also, let us know what you are doing to emphasize this special day! UMGAFund@gmail.com

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Giving Tuesday ~ Please donate to the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund on Tuesday, November 27th

Your contribution will support life-saving ministries around the globe with a special emphasis on HIV & AIDS.

This is an Advance Special in The United Methodist Church which means 100% of your contribution goes directly to the projects! What a wonderful way to express hope and gratitude! Thank you!

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Four Advocates Honored at Breaking Barriers AIDS Conference



Jeanne White-Ginder, mother of Ryan White, served as the keynote speaker at the Breaking Barriers AIDS Conference and also was honored with an AIDS Leadership Award during the conference.

Other AIDS Leadership Award recipients were Brian Montgomery, chairman of the West Ohio Conference AIDS Task Force;



Dr. Narasappa Mathew Samuel, professor and president of the AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific; and

Dr. Irma Clark, chairwoman of the Northern Illinois Conference HIV/AIDS Task Force.



We celebrate the lives of these amazing advocates who have given years of their lives



Bishop Tracy Smith
Malone

Bishop Tracy Smith Malone challenges attendees at Breaking Barriers AIDS Conference

Bishop Malone is the resident episcopal leader in the East Ohio Annual Conference and a long-time advocate for people living with HIV or AIDS. Malone led the Bible Study at the recent conference based on Philippians 2:1-11 and loudly proclaimed that "Jesus was a barrier breaker" reflecting the theme of the event: Breaking Barriers. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, urged the citizens of Philippi to name injustices in the land and live out their faith believing that "God is always on the side of the oppressed."

Malone stressed the blessing and importance of understanding "the other" by moving beyond surface differences between one another. "The hardest challenge for humans is to encounter another human being as ourselves" a quote from Barbara Taylor Brown undergirding Malone's study.

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Local Artist Contributes Time and Talent During Breaking Barriers Conference

Rev. Kristine Marshall, pastor Bethel UMC, Anderson, Indiana has four girls with beautiful and bold personalities who are ages 6, 9, 10, and 13. Kristine studied art in college, and while in seminary, she explored ways art could be used in ministry.

God has used her to paint large displays for conferences, hundreds of butterflies for a local outreach, and to paint live while people speak. Kristine shared her gifts of inspiration and art throughout the entire conference painting images the Holy Spirit brings about breaking barriers. Below is her final creation.



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Bishop Fritz and Etta Mae Mutti honored at Breaking Barriers Conference

Bishop Fritz and Etta Mae Mutti are no strangers to the HIV/AIDS issue. They have lost two sons to AIDS. Tim lost his battle with AIDS in 1990; Fred in 1991. The heartbreak of losing two sons was overwhelming, yet it didn't stop Fritz and Etta Mae from becoming dedicated advocates for those living with HIV.

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[Video Mutti Award & Lecture by Jeanne Ginder-White](#)



Newly Released Resource on UMC Annual Conference AIDS Ministries

This new resource contains information from all the Annual Conferences in The United Methodist Church on AIDS ministries along with contact persons. It's a wonderful networking resource for local churches and Annual Conferences. Find out how your Annual Conference is addressing HIV. If little is being done, explore how you

Mark your Calender: AIDS Days



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.



Thursday, February 7, 2019 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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Every year on March 10 — and throughout the month of March — local, state, federal, and national organizations come together to show support for women and girls impacted by HIV and AIDS. National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NWGHAAD) sheds light on the impact of HIV and AIDS on women and girls. This year marks the 13th annual observance.

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PRAYER FOR WORLD AIDS DAY

God of Promise, today we are mindful of our sisters and brothers suffering with HIV and AIDS. We ask your healing presence on millions of people living with the disease today; particularly the children who are infected or who have been orphaned by the disease. Make of us a safe haven for those who are abandoned, discriminated against and rejected on account of their illness. Inspire us to speak out for a just distribution of health care and medical aid in this country and for generosity in sharing our resources with those struggling under the weight of this epidemic overseas. As we begin our Advent celebration of waiting in hope for the birth of your Son, let us remember those across the world who wait in hope for a cure. Amen.

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