

**2018 Report on United States and Central Annual
Conference AIDS Activities
(Updated March 2020)**



Global AIDS Committee
The United Methodist Church

www.umglobalaidsfund.com

United States Annual Conference Activities

Alabama-West Florida

Activities: Started working with the Conciliation group, but no activities thus far.
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No report

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Baltimore-Washington

Activities: Organized Testing for Turkeys in Baltimore on World AIDS Day 2014. Assisted with the planning and coordination of AIDS Walk in Baltimore in May, 2015. Provided an HIV/AIDS Exhibit at 2015 Annual Conference. Developing an AIDS Ministry Website for the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Many of our churches celebrate World AIDS Day through worship, testing sites, etc. Conference sponsors a Quality of Life Retreat ministry for people with HIV/AIDS. It has been in operation for over 22 years serving thousands of people.

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Fundraising: Yes

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California-Pacific

Activities: Cal-Pac's HIV/AIDS task force is active with helping plan and provide five *Strength for the Journey* retreats for adults living with HIV/AIDS. We served over 300 people and had over 100 volunteers including those living with HIV/AIDS. The task force was invited by Bishop Grant to provide leadership for one of the Annual Conference worship services, and a video is on the Cal-Pac Annual Conference

website. Chair of the Task Force attended the 2016 General Conference and attended the UMGAC AIDS Conference held the day prior to General Conference. The task force is talking with representatives from the Philippines about providing a retreat there. Lastly, the task force is a part of the Cal-Pac Justice and Compassion team and works with other justice teams on issues like immigration, hunger & health care.

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Desert Southwest Conference

Activities: Host an annual Strength for the Journey retreat for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Write HIV-related articles for our Conference-wide newsletter. Sponsor a display table at Annual Conference. Take offerings for HIV ministries. Co-Sponsor a booth at the Phoenix Pride Festival with Welcoming and Reconciling Ministries. Sponsor a Water Station and Communion at the annual AIDS Walk. The vision of HIV Caring Ministries is to bring God's love to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. The mission of HIV Caring Ministries is to create a climate of openness and acceptance in which people living with HIV can be free to seek the support and the help they need. We also send letters to churches asking them to donate to the UM Global AIDS Fund and/or to the direct fund for Strength for the Journey, and to encourage them to hold Global AIDS Day related worship services and/or events.

Action strategies for the next 2-5 years: We have started a quarterly dinner and social at a local UMC for our SFTJ campers and other adults with HIV as a way for our prior campers to keep in touch and have a substance free social outlet and for prospective campers to get to know us. We are working with the Health and Caring Ministry to offer free HIV education and at home test kits as well as information on PREP at church Health Fairs. Engage the local church to be the conduit of God's grace to those in the community who are impacted by HIV/AIDS. Partner with area HIV non-profits to find ways we can work together and help each other. To build and leverage relationships within our connection by mobilizing United Methodists for legislative advocacy at all governmental levels, both domestically and globally.

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East Ohio

Activities: We continue to support the Global AIDS Fund and have persons who are a part of our Church & Society Speakers Bureau who speak to churches and groups on HIV/AIDS. Use 25% of fundraising to provide grants for local church work with HIV/AIDS related ministry and work. Had good cooperation within Church and Society about setting up a college event on HIV & AIDS. Supported the UMGAC *Just Save One Ohio* event September 2015.

Fundraising: Yes (through Church & Society Committee)
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Eastern Pennsylvania

Activities: The H.U.B. (Helping Us Be) of Hope HIV/AIDS Ministry is a social justice, reconciliation ministry. While HIV is a health issue, the impact of living with the virus invades all areas of a person's life. The social justice side effect of HIV/AIDS that further weakens a person's quality of life includes isolation, stigma, and discrimination. The H.U.B. of Hope HIV/AIDS Ministry's purpose is to inform, equip, and mobilize diverse faith communities to respond with compassion and justice as servants in relationship with those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Haven – Peniel UMC performs bi-weekly HIV testing. Tindley Temple UMC performs monthly HIV testing. Mother African Zoar UMC performs HIV testing annually.

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Great Plains

Activities: Through the Conference UMGAC, we post information on Facebook and our webpage. In 2014, we sent information directly to local church lay leaders on the work of AIDS Ambassadors and sent the connection to our website for a compilation of ideas to recognize World AIDS Day in their congregations. *Ministries in Annual Conference*: Parish of Grand Island Trinity and First-Faith UMC, and

Norfolk First UMC both have Emergency HIV AIDS Funds and work closely with the Nebraska AIDS Project regional office in their areas to benefit needs of clients. They also help sponsor HIV AIDS testing and provide education. All AIDS Ambassadors are invited to participate in any task being addressed.

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Fundraising: We had a designated special offering at the 2015 Annual Conference as well as a booth. We also promoted the UMGAC offering in December through media. The parish of Trinity and First-Faith UMC have had Baskets of Love silent auctions for the past several years. Funds raised go to the UMGAC and the parish HIV AIDS Emergency Fund. Information is posted about these fundraisers to encourage other churches to consider such fundraisers.

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Greater New Jersey

New Jersey

Activities: Centenary United Methodist Church, Berlin, NJ 08009 Gateway South District. Each year, on the 3rd Sunday in November, we have a worship service to commemorate World AIDS Day. Rainbow Welcome flags on displayed on the front lawn; all of the prayers are geared toward asking God forgiveness of what we have done, and not done, for our brothers and sisters with HIV/AIDS. Portions of the UM Book of Resolutions Section 3242 regarding official policy statements are read for guiding the worldwide work and MINISTRY of the United Methodist Church. Speakers living with HIV talk about their situation and how God has brought them thru it.

Events span over a weekend and include a covered dish dinner the night before and a concert by the Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus; chorus members attend the dinner. 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.

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Holston

Activities: AIDS grant for ministries related to AIDS, *Strength for the Journey* camp for those who have AIDS or are HIV positive. (sftj.holston.org) Use 25% of fundraising to support grants for AIDS ministries preference is given to UM churches and agencies but other agencies are eligible.

http://www.holston.org/media/ministry/resource/HIV_AID_Grant_application.pdf

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Illinois Great Rivers

Activities: In the past, Peoria First UMC has had an AIDS ministry but it is now absorbed into congregation's overall health ministry to and for the homeless. At one time, there was a mobile clinic in the Metro East area that worked with AIDS awareness. It is no longer operational.

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Indiana

Activities: HIV education and awareness is done through the Annual Conference's Global Health unit. Also, the Annual Conference is hosting the 2018 UMGAC Conference.

Fundraising: \$158,288.41 raised during the 2017 Annual Conference for the Global AIDS Fund

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Louisiana

Activities: Manual on AIDS testing compiled and available; setting up AIDS testing sites; Fund Raising: Using 25% of funds raised to support these activities

Task Force: Yes

Fundraising: Yes

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No activities reported

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Michigan Area

Activities: Fundraising for AIDS ministries is resulting in the Conference providing mini grants to local churches for AIDS programming. There will be a concerted effort to continue fundraising for UMGAC to support local and global AIDS efforts.

Fundraising: Yes

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Activities: Support the Minnesota AIDS Project through the World Council of Churches

Task Force: Mission Promotion Action Team serves in this role

Fundraising: Yes (Mission Promotion Action Team will lead this until a group is established)

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No report

Missouri

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Mountain Sky

Activities: We regularly raise funds. Our major push is with an Annual Conference "Mission of the Month" emphasis that focuses on Valentine's Day—"Have a Heart—Reach Out." Each local church is asked to raise funds. Use 25% of funds raised to support both projects within our Annual Conference—like to support Native American and African-American AIDS projects—and some international projects—like AIDS orphans in Kenya and a free clinic for women and children in South India.

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Activities: Basic Advocacy information about the AIDS epidemic, education to mission teams traveling in areas where AIDS is prevalent on the continent of Africa.

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Activities: Annual Conference took an offering for UMGAC in 2014. 25% of fundraising is being kept but not being used at this time.

Fundraising: Yes

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North Texas

Activities: North Texas as a conference has not had an initiative related to HIV/AIDS in a few years. At present, our Center for Missional Outreach website has a page devoted to awareness and education related to HIV/AIDS. On this page is a place to donate to the Advance # that supports the work of the UMGAC. It is possible that some congregations in our conference have their own HIV/AIDS related ministries.

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Northern Illinois

Activities: In early 2017, Bishop Dyck challenged the annual conference with her "Bishop's Appeal." Bishop Dyck chose the UM Global AIDS Fund as the recipient of the offering we take with the Bishop's Appeal. As a result, the NIC HIV/AIDS Task Force was reconstituted after a time being fallow. As part of the reconstitution, we were charged with helping to raise funds for the Bishop's Appeal. In response the task force developed worship resources, video presentations, and a "speaks bureau" to help tell the story of the UM Global AIDS Fund. We raised \$71,000 for the UM Global AIDS Fund of which \$53,250 was contributed to the UM Global AIDS Fund. The other \$17,750 (25%) is being used for local ministries. We are beginning our work with two prongs in our efforts. The first is offering micro-grants to local congregations to assist them with educational events for prevention. The second is a World AIDS Day service on December 1 at our Hartzell Memorial United Methodist Church in Chicago. We also sent a representative to the "Strength for the Journey, Los Angeles" camp in July, a ministry of the California-Pacific Annual Conference. The purpose of this trip was to investigate the possibility of developing a similar ministry here in Northern Illinois; the work and conversation continue about that possibility.

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Oklahoma

No report

Oklahoma Indian Missionary

Activities: Hope to have a health fair that will include an AIDS component working in partnership with the Tribal Health Services.

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Oregon-Idaho

Activities: The focus in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference has taken place through the Strength for the Journey Camp (HIV/AIDS camp) we have had once yearly for several years. Todd Bartlett, Camp and Retreat Ministry Director, oversees this event as well as camping programs. Per General Conference legislation, the Annual Conference withholds 25% of funds given to the UMC Global AIDS Fund Advance and uses that funding to support the *Strength for the Journey* Camps.

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Yes

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Pacific Northwest

Activities: We have fund raising and solicited donations of goods and services on a local level. The Pacific Northwest conference approved a portion of funding towards food cost for a one-day event. We no longer sponsor our week-long retreat which had existed for 25 years. We were allotted funding for our retreat from the conference, but only 1/3 of the total cost and lacked the time or staff locally to cover the remainder. We have planned a one-day event instead and may have to dissolve our local chapter after this year. The committee welcomes articles for our bi-monthly newsletter, sharing the conference activities, statistics, cutting edge research. Our annual conference advised us they have suspended the AIDS task force that previously helped fund our event. As a result, we are requesting a smaller contribution from the "opportunity fund." We have details for that event at <http://www.inlandNWstrengthforthejourney.com>

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Peninsula-Delaware

Activities: AIDS walks, Educational activities, Prayer services

Task Force: Advocacy team functions in this capacity

Fundraising: Yes - Materials are shared at our Annual Conference session. Materials can be used in workshop and training sessions around the Conference.)

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Red Bird Missionary

No report

Rio Texas

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South Carolina

Activities: Has actively promoted AIDS education and awareness and promotes the work of the UMC Global AIDS Fund. Hosted a conference on AIDS and African American Women that brought together over 100 participants.

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South Georgia

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Susquehanna

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Tennessee

Activities: The outreach efforts with Haiti provided a clinic in Haiti for approximately 3 years. This was an initiative that was partially funded through the Conference Health and Welfare Committee, for an HIV clinic in Haiti. This was an initiative with a physician based at Meharry Medical College, Division of Infectious Diseases in Nashville, Tennessee. The "Strength for the Journey" ministry is currently being revitalized. The HIV Ministries and Strength for the Journey are aligned with the Health and Welfare Committee.

Task Force: Health & Welfare Committee serves in this capacity

Fundraising: Yes

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Texas

Activities: We have a vital ministry dealing with AIDS in our conference, which is also an Advance Special: Bering Omega, a ministry out of Bering Memorial UMC in Houston. Bering UMC provides a Support Network for

People living with or affected by AIDS. Rev. Rev Larry Leutwyler is the Network Director – leutwyl@aol.com Website: <http://www.beringsupportnetwork.org/>

Fundraising: Yes
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Virginia

Activities: No organized activities at this time. An appeal is given at Annual Conference and on World AIDS Day. Plan to do more awareness through boards and website.

Fundraising: Connectional Ministries for the conference, boards: Church and Society and Global Ministries

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West Ohio

Activities: As of January 2018, West Ohio has not been able to sponsor an AIDS Healing Weekend due to lack of funding. In the spring of 2019, West Ohio discontinued its HIV & AIDS ministries. As a result, the *Ohio Healing Initiative* was organized independent of the West Ohio Annual Conference and is seeking funding to re-start the Healing Weekends.

Prior to 2018, the West Ohio Annual Conference sponsored AIDS workshops at Mission U, and during the 2015 Mission U, took an offering for the AIDS Healing Weekend. Hosted, in partnership with UMGAC, Just Save One Ohio, an educational/fundraising event in September 2015 in Columbus. Promoting the UMGAC 2018 AIDS Conference.

Task Force: None
Fundraising: No
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West Virginia

Activities: Education and support through regional areas. Using 25% of funds raised for grants to programs within the boundaries of the Annual Conference. Two specific areas – regional work on making available testing; and the Covenant House in Charleston WV for advocacy, education, and direct services.

Task Force: Yes
Fundraising: Yes
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Activities: A resolution was taken to the 2015 Annual Conference urging congregations to commemorate World AIDS Day.
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Central Annual Conference Activities

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Activities: Raising awareness to pastors so that they have a care approach to HIV infected people in their communities. Training of 39 teachers of schools with high rates of unwanted pregnancies on HIV prevention. Supporting the adherence group meetings of Cambine hospital HIV infected people. Supporting an abandoned woman who became paralytic and infected with HIV, she has 3 children aged 4, 8, and 12 years old. They are now living at waiting house of Chicuque Rural Hospital. The main challenge to be able to implement a solid program is lack of funds. Funds we use to implement the mentioned activities are from Advance and they do not come constantly in a significant amount which can allow us to design a solid project so we wait until the funds accumulate at the annual conference treasure and then we request.

Task force: Not enough funds to provide a coordinator.

Fundraising: Receive funds through Trietsch United Methodist Church

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East Zimbabwe

Activities: We have home based care givers working with patients on ART. 4 districts have trained home based care givers who are trained, and the rest of the districts are working on getting such programs operational but trainers to do the trainings were trained. "The bottom line is I need help to improve on what is happening at the moment. The home-based care programs that are operating now mainly concentrate on home visits for patients on ART. Most of the time they do not have simple resources like pain killers, multivitamin tablets. I would mostly appreciate ideas on how best to work towards getting the conference to be involved in raising funds to sustain the HBC and getting simple resources for use by the care givers. Ideas also on how to raise awareness would go a long for me as I have asked the Bishop for the green light to involve not just our congregants but even the clergy and he has endorsed this."

Task Force: No

Fundraising: Yes

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Activities: A workshop was held May 19-21, 2019 sponsored by the UMC Global AIDS Committee and the Cote d'Ivoire Annual Conference. The summit, in the capital city of Abidjan, was co-chaired by the Rev. Donald Messer, executive director of the Center for Health and Hope in Centennial, Colorado, and the Rev. Isaac Broune, a pastor and communicator in Côte d'Ivoire. Roughly 30 participants came from The United Methodist Church's West Africa Central Conference's Health and HIV committees, the U.S. and local and international partners. The West Africa Central Conference includes four episcopal areas, six annual conferences and ministry in six countries — Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal and Sierra Leone. The goal of the summit was to give participants the tools to establish a plan of action for HIV/AIDS ministry within their own cultural and church contexts.

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Liberia

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Activities: Activities that are ongoing in our annual conference are awareness, prevention and control, care and treatment.

Task Force: No

Fundraising: Yes – need more capacity, however.

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Central Nigeria Annual Conference, Northern Nigeria Annual Conference, Southern Nigeria Annual:

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Activities: Advocacy visit to the State and National Assemblies. Holding seminar and workshop on preventive measures, stigmatization and caring of people living with the disease. Peace Public parade match for awareness. Connecting persons for an affordable medical insurance.

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Fundraising: Funds are lacking.

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Sierra Leone Annual Conference: Bishop John Yambasu

Activities: SLAC Health Board conducted a Knowledge, Attitude and Practice Survey in target communities. Conducted radio discussion programs on HIV/AIDS. Conduct a survey to measure the impact of radio programming. Hold dialogue sessions: Community Leaders, Principals and Teachers, Parents about target groups on HIV/AIDS. Undertake community mobilization and sensitization of beneficiaries. Community Health Workers conduct integrated health education and activities once/month, including HIV and AIDS. Peer educators reach out at high school and in the community. Establish School health Clubs at 4 High Schools. Conduct Health talks and radio discussion. Celebrate World AIDS Day in December. Offer integrated Health Education that includes HIV and AIDS every day after hospital prayers. Specific Health Education at the ANC, PNC and WBC twice a week at Mercy, Kissy and Manjama. Printing posters for awareness at Health Facilities and in the community.

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Activities: We have a Coordinator of HIV/AIDS. The main activity that was performed was sensitization to raise awareness of the existence of the disease because up to this day many people believe that it is an imaginary disease created to discourage lovers. Those awareness campaigns were not enough. A lot is still to be done. No relief activities were done due to lack of funds. We would like to do voluntary testing and provide drugs for those who are sick. There is a big Center in Kindu to receive all HIV/AIDS. It is operational now.

Fundraising: There is no fundraising activities because people are poor and hungry. When they live with less than \$1.00, how could they give for HIV/AIDS?

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No report

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No report

Central and Southern Europe

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Activities: While the issue of HIV/AIDS may not be a top priority in the countries of Central and Southern Europe, many people – and many church members – are aware of the misery of the global AIDS epidemic. As Central Conference of Central and Southern Europe we draw the attention to the Four Areas of Ministry Focus over and over – by articles/reports and presentations as well as in conversations with people having their roots within or beyond the UMC. And while the issue of HIV/AIDS does not belong to the top priorities of the seven Annual Conferences in Central and Southern Europe, it is still addressed here and there – for example in the drug prevention work and the work with drug addicts in the Czech

Republic or in the partnership of the UMC in Switzerland-France and the UMC in the DR Congo, where health initiatives and ministries have been supported for a long time already. In this regard, it is a remarkable and encouraging development that local churches in East Central Europe, which have been “receiving churches” for decades, are slowly turning their eyes to areas where the churches are poorer (for example in Africa) – and are starting to become “giving churches”, as well.

Task Force: No
Fundraising: Yes
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No report

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Activities: The conference does not plan or execute any activities. But members in different churches are quite active and execute different activities.

Task Force: No
Fundraising: No
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Philippines Central Conference

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Activities: In June 2017, sixty attendees from United Methodist churches in the Philippines participated in discussion groups on June 26-28th in Manila at the HIV National Conference sponsored by the United Methodist Global AIDS Committee. Each group discussed distinctive responses to the AIDS epidemic in the Philippines as it faces the fastest rise in HIV infections in recent years. Thirty new HIV infections a day have been recorded since March 2017. This is staggeringly the fastest rate of new infections worldwide. The national gathering responded to a potential HIV/ AIDS crisis in public health while the general trend has been going down except in nine countries including Egypt, Pakistan, Kenya, Cambodia, Mexico, and Russia. Conference participants came from national organizations of United Methodist Youth Fellowship, United Methodist Young Adults Fellowship, Board of Women’s Work, delegations from the three episcopal areas, Harris Memorial College, Union Theological Seminary, Mary Johnston Hospital, Board of Christian Education and Discipleship, Visayas PAC Health Ministry, Baguio Episcopal Area HIV Ministry, Youth and Young Adults Advocacy on HIV Ministry, as well as from nearby UMC local

churches. Six women from the Association of Positive Women Advocates, Inc., one representative from the Project Red Ribbon Care and Management Foundation, Inc., and another from the National Council of Churches in the Philippines were the non-UMC participants at the conference.

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Activities: Seminars & Workshops

Task Force: No

Fundraising: Yes (but need more people involved)

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