



The 2004 General Conference created the UMC Global AIDS Fund with the goal of raising \$8 million over the next four years. This Fund provides United Methodists with a dedicated way to address the AIDS pandemic around the globe.

All individuals living with HIV and AIDS should be treated with dignity and respect ... We urge the church to be actively involved in the prevention of the spread of AIDS by providing educational opportunities to the congregation and the community. (UMC Social Principles ¶ 162.S)

The AIDS pandemic is affecting the lives of millions around the world. (Sources: UNAIDS and Centers for Disease Control)

- *Approximately 40 million have the virus*
- *25,800,000 infected persons live in sub-Saharan Africa*
- *Outside the United States, almost half of all those infected are women*
- *Worldwide, 8,000 persons die daily of the virus*
- *Approximately 600,000 children each year are infected; 14 million children have been orphaned*
- *Approximately 930,000 persons with AIDS reside in the United States*

The UMC Global AIDS Fund will:

- Assist local congregations and conferences in identifying and creating global partnerships for mutual HIV/AIDS ministry
- Provide support for projects sponsored by local congregations or organizations related to the UMC, autonomous Methodist churches and churches of other denominations

- Advocate for increased governmental and non-governmental funding
- Explore partnerships with government funding initiative as well as the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria
- Develop appropriate promotional materials and funding guidelines

Funding will be distributed to existing and new projects around the globe. This fund is an **Advance Special**, which is second-mile giving. One hundred percent goes directly to projects! The number of this Advance Special is #982345.

Of the total money raised in each annual conference, 25% will be retained by the annual conference, and 75% will be sent to the Advance.

Questions? Contact Bishop Fritz and Etta Mae Mutti, Coordinators of the Fund: fritzmutti@kc.rr.com or contact Dr. Cherian Thomas, cthomas@gbgm-umc.org, 212.870.3870.

For on-line fund information, please visit www.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/health/

(Tear off panel to use with your contribution)

How can I contribute?

Send your contributions through your local church treasurer noting the Advance Special number. If you want to send a contribution directly, mail your check to: United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. **In either case, specifically note on your check the Advance Special #982345.**

Yes, I want to contribute to the UMC Global AIDS Fund!

____ Enclosed is my check made payable to my local church or to UMCOR

Please direct this contribution to the UMC Global AIDS Fund, Advance Special # 982345.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Local Church _____

What you can do in your local community to address AIDS:

- *Educate your congregation about the disease*
- *Sell candles and AIDS pins (made by those infected with HIV) to raise funds and awareness about the disease. Contact Church World Service at (888) 297- 2767 or www.churchworldservice.org for pins, or call (615) 297- 8764 to order candles.*
- *Pray each day for HIV/AIDS victims and their caregivers.*
- *Recognize World AIDS Day on December 1. Online, visit umc-gbcs.org or gbgm-umc.org for resources.*
- *Create an AIDS Task Force in your local congregation.*
- *Place information about HIV/AIDS on your church web site.*
- *Encourage individuals in your congregation to write their members of Congress urging increased U.S. support for funding for AIDS. Visit www.umpower.org for current ways to take action on specific legislation.*
- *Ensure that HIV/AIDS information is included in the congregation's youth group curriculum.*
- *Organize creative fundraisers.*
- *Reach out personally to an HIV infected person and provide support and loving care.*



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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30