



...working toward an
AIDS-free world

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United Methodists are stepping up to provide a tangible response to the HIV/AIDS crisis through the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund.

By supporting programs that focus on prevention, care for people living with HIV/AIDS, and some treatment, the UM Global AIDS Fund strengthens the church's compassionate response to this deadly pandemic.

The fund was established at the 2004 General Conference to stem the tide of HIV/AIDS around the world.

In just five years, nearly \$3 million has been put to good use globally by 155 AIDS-related projects in 33 countries, which provide education and advocacy, care for orphaned children, and care for those living with HIV/AIDS. And the work needs to continue.

There are 33.2 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the world and 2.5 million new people are infected each year. United Methodists can continue to follow Jesus' example of healing and compassionate ministry as we continue working toward an AIDS-free world.

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Paul Jeffrey

***You responded!
You responded!***

Thanks to you, St. Paul's Health Center has been saved, and more importantly, human lives have been saved.

—Scott Lee, Harvard University medical student, when he learned that the UM Global AIDS Fund would support the St. Paul's Health Center in rural Kenya, where he had been volunteering.



Paul Jeffrey

Facts about HIV/AIDS*

- More than 33 million people have the virus, and more than half of them live in sub-Saharan Africa
- Women represent approximately half of those affected globally
- About 2 million people died from HIV/AIDS in 2007
- More than 2 million children are living with HIV/AIDS—about 90 percent of them live in sub-Saharan Africa
- Less than 50 percent of young people (ages 15–24) in the world have accurate knowledge about HIV/AIDS prevention and transmission

* Source: UNAIDS 2008 Report on the Global AIDS Pandemic

Become a UM Global AIDS Fund ambassador:

- *Provide a monetary gift to the UM Global AIDS Fund*
- *Promote the work of the UM Global AIDS Fund in your local church, district, and conference*
- *Pray daily for the work of the UM Global AIDS Fund*

Contact dbrandyberry@umc-gbcs.org for more information about becoming an ambassador.



Courtesy of the Comprehensive Rural Health Project

What You Can Do

Give to the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund through your church to support conference and global programs through UMCOR Advance #982345, UM Global AIDS Fund.

Give online at www.givetomission.org, through your church, or by mailing your check to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087.

Annual Conferences are encouraged to keep up to 25 percent of their UM Global AIDS Fund contribution to support local AIDS programs, providing for real, compassionate ministry to people living with HIV/AIDS within the United States and other parts of the world.

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