



The 2004 General Conference created the UM 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 P. 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 UM 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 the projects! The 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 Special.

How To Contribute

Contributions to the United Methodist Global **AIDS** Fund may be made through your local church treasurer or sent directly to the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. Be sure to specify “**Advance Special #982345**” in the memo section of your check.

(Tear off panel to use with your contribution.)

Yes! I want to support the UM Global AIDS Fund with a monetary gift. I understand that 75 percent of my contribution will be forwarded to the General Council on Finance and Administration and 25 percent will remain in the East Ohio Conference to support programs combating HIV/AIDS in our region and other global connectional projects.

- ✓ Please make check payable to East Ohio Conference, United Methodist Church (EOCUMC)
- ✓ Write **“Advance Special #982345)”** in the memo section of check.
- ✓ Mail this form and check to:
*Treasurer, East Ohio Conference
The United Methodist Church
8800 Cleveland Avenue, N.W.
P.O. Box 2800
North Canton, OH 44720*

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Local Church _____

What the local church community can do to address AIDS:

- ♦ *Educate your congregation about the disease.*
- ♦ *Devote a section of your church library to HIV/AIDS education, including books for children and teens.*
- ♦ *Pray each day for HIV/AIDS victims, their caregivers, their families, and loved ones.*
- ♦ *Supply free space to accommodate support groups, fundraisers, and meetings for AIDS service organizations*
- ♦ *Recognize World AIDS Day on December 1. Visit www.umc-gbcs.org or www.gbgn-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.*

*January 2007 EOC Church & Society Committee
This brochure may be copied.*



***East Ohio Conference
working toward an
AIDS-free world!***

“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.”
Matthew 11:28-30