

WORLD AIDS DAY 2005 CHURCH INFORMATION KIT



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November 21, 2005

Dear Fellow Clergy,

It takes dedicated leaders such as you to educate the most vulnerable of our community about HIV/AIDS education and prevention. I am happy to count the growing number of clergy and community-based organizations who work together to slow the spread of HIV/AIDS. I am equally enthusiastic to count in our ranks the support of the Statewide African American HIV/AIDS Advisory Board, a group of researchers, epidemiologists and local health employees, who were responsible for facilitating the development and signing of AB1142, the establishment of a Statewide African American HIV/AIDS Initiative. (Please visit www.healingbeginshere.org/news for more information on this legislation).

These collaborations confirm that regardless of our denominations or backgrounds, California's African American community can work together to provide equal compassion as we address of the pandemic of HIV/AIDS. World AIDS Day (December 1, 2005) is an excellent time to rededicate ourselves to this cause. This year there are two themes:

1. **Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise.** – The goal is to hold the world community accountable to the commitments they made, highlighting the June 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS as an important tool for ensuring a comprehensive response to the epidemic.¹
2. **Stop AIDS. Make the Promise.** – The goal is to ensure individuals are actively engaged in the response.²

What promises can *you* make in this effort to slow the spread of HIV/AIDS? As leading clergy in California with respect to dealing with HIV/AIDS, can we set the example this year by promising to observe World AIDS Day on December 4, the Sunday following the global observance on Thursday, December 1? Whether it is delivering a sermon, having special programs, handing out quiz cards, and/or mentoring to other churches – let's do something meaningful. Included in this World AIDS Day Church Information Kit are recommendations on how churches can observe this important day.

Furthermore, let us challenge local health departments and community-based organizations to collaborate with churches so there is a concerted effort to affect change in the Black community. To assist in the challenge to collaborate we have included a tip sheet addressed to secular entities on how they can work with churches that are interested in joining the fight against HIV/AIDS.

It is my hope that you find the suggestions helpful and are willing to provide useful feedback. With your honest and loving critique we grow stronger as a community. Call us toll-free at (877) 256-1997 or e-mail us at info@healingbeginshere.org. Together we can demonstrate God's powerful purpose of love and compassion through action.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Clyde W. Oden, Jr.
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Statewide HIV/AIDS Church Outreach Advisory Board Member
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1&2 - <http://www.unaids.org/en/events/campaigns/world+aids+campaign.asp> – World AIDS Day Campaign 2005

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Statewide HIV/AIDS Church Outreach Advisory Board Overview

Background

The United States HIV/AIDS epidemic has expanded to affect an increasing number of populations, with African American communities among the most dramatically affected. In California, African Americans made up 20 percent of the HIV cases and 18 percent of the AIDS cases reported, which is almost triple their 6.7 percent representation in the state's general population.¹ Throughout the U.S., African Americans are diagnosed with AIDS at a rate almost 11 times higher than whites, and they are 10 times more likely to die from AIDS than their white counterparts, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and there is evidence that this disparity is increasing. Today, the disease poses a fundamental threat to the future health, well-being and human potential of many African Americans.

Project Goals and Purpose

Recognizing the essential role of the church as a time-honored and trusted institution within the African American community, the California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS (DHS/OA) began a partnership in 1999 with key African American church leaders from across the state and the Urban Church Task Force on HIV/AIDS, (an AIDS ministry program in Los Angeles). These leaders and others now comprise the Statewide HIV/AIDS Church Outreach Advisory Board. Among the goals of this partnership are to develop HIV/AIDS prevention programs and materials that are sensitive to the church environment to help churches address HIV/AIDS issues within their congregations and get involved in prevention efforts to help stem the spread of this devastating disease.

In April 1999, the HIV/AIDS Black Church Outreach Program was launched at a Pastor's Breakfast in Los Angeles announcing the first-of-its-kind partnership between the State and Statewide HIV/AIDS Church Outreach Advisory Board. Following the year-long development process, the premiere edition of *Healing Begins Here: A Pastor's Guidebook for HIV/AIDS Ministry through the Church* was introduced in June 2000. In 2001, DHS/OA continued to work with the Statewide Advisory Board to develop supplements to the Guidebook including guidelines and tools to develop HIV/AIDS ministries, as well as a church sensitive collateral piece the *Healing Begins Here* Quiz Card, designed for distribution to church members.

The Guidebook and collateral materials are distributed upon request and through workshops organized by church and community groups. By June 2004, more than 3,100 Guidebooks were distributed to African American church leaders, ministers, local health departments and AIDS service organizations throughout the state, as well as to national and international organizations. The Guidebook is also available electronically at www.healingbeginshere.org.

A unique component of the guidebook is the "Sermon Notes" section developed by clergy to supply pastors with a guide and examples to use when creating sermons around HIV/AIDS issues. The sermon notes contain biblical references that deal with specific themes such as compassion, knowledge, inclusion,

¹California HIV Case Surveillance Report Reported through March 31, 2004

hope and spirituality to assist clergy in using religious principles and values to discuss HIV/AIDS issues. Also included in the Guidebook is a “Faith Community Covenant Agreement,” signed by 16 prominent church leaders from across the state, which resolves that Pastors dedicate a minimum of four Sunday services a year to HIV/AIDS and further encourages users of the Guidebook to do the same.

Objectives

The Objectives of “*Healing Begins Here*” are to:

- Mobilize African American Church leaders to address HIV/AIDS.
- Expand and improve HIV/AIDS Ministries among African American Churches.
- Provide consistent messages to religious leaders who will, in turn, mobilize their congregations and surrounding communities to become educated and involved in HIV/AIDS compassion and prevention efforts.
- Disseminate HIV prevention and testing information directly to the African American community.

Project Implementation

Following the initial pastor’s breakfast announcing the partnership and the Guidebook introduction in June 2000, demand for the Guidebook by pastors and public health organizations increased creating a need to reprint more Guidebooks. The project has received media exposure including placement of stories on local, national and international television and radio stations, as well as electronic, mainstream and ethnic print media, and public health information channels.

In subsequent years, continuous efforts have been made to promote HIV/AIDS prevention by engaging church leaders and members during important events and observances such as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on February 7, National Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS in March, National HIV Testing Day on June 27 and World AIDS Day, December 1.

Tips to Help Churches Observe World AIDS Day

Globally, there are 37.2 million adults and 2.2 million children under 15 living with HIV and 25.4 million are living in Sub-Saharan Africa¹. In California, African Americans consist of 20% of the HIV cases reported, almost triple their 7% representation in the state's general population². The Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that at the end of 2003, an estimated 1,039,000-1,185,000 Americans were living with HIV/AIDS, with 24-27% undiagnosed and unaware of their HIV infection³.

The World AIDS Campaign has been established to strengthen and connect together the advocacy and campaign activities targeting governments and other stakeholders to deliver on their promises and commitments.⁴ World AIDS Day is one of the most successful observances to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, and is now recognized by a diverse range of constituents every year. This campaign can be used as a model in the faith-based community to strengthen the network of church outreach. Following is a list of activities your church may consider to help educate your congregation and slow the spread of HIV/AIDS.

1. Prepare a compassionate sermon about HIV/AIDS or choose one from the *Healing Begins Here: A Pastor's Guidebook for HIV/AIDS Ministry Through the Church*. (Instructions on how to order *Healing Begins Here* are at the end of this tip sheet.)
2. Incorporate HIV testing as part of your church's health ministry. There are hundreds of free and low cost HIV testing facilities in California. A list of test sites in your county is available by visiting www.hivinfo.org. Click on the State of California, and then click on the larger map that shows your local health department.
3. Invite to your local health department to arrange for their mobile health van(s) to use our local Black churches parking lots to conduct testing for the neighborhood communities. Collaborate with other churches in your area to host a health fair and include HIV testing. Call several weeks in advance to schedule HIV testing at your church. (Refer to the Regional HIV Testing Resources page for list of counties that offer mobile testing.)
4. Have youth and young adults make red ribbons for World AIDS Day and discuss the consequences of risky behavior that can lead to HIV infection. Then have them hand out the ribbons to everyone entering the sanctuary on Sunday, November 27 or December 4.
5. Distribute the *Healing Begins Here* quiz cards at bible studies, fellowship events or following worship services. (Instructions on how to order quiz cards are at the end of this tip sheet.)
6. Schedule a gospel concert with resource tables and HIV/AIDS awareness messages throughout the concert.
7. Hold prayer vigils and healing services for those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

¹ http://www.unaids.org/wad2004/EPIupdate2004_htm_en/epi04

² California HIV Case Surveillance Report Reported through October 31, 2005

³ CDC HIV/AIDS Fact Sheet, A Glance at the HIV/AIDS Epidemic, June 2005

⁴ www.worldaidscampaign.info/index.php/wac/wac

8. Include a message in your church announcements similar to the following examples:

Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise.

Stop AIDS. Make the Promise.

HIV/AIDS is spreading within the Black community at an alarming rate. In California, African Americans consist of 20% of the HIV cases reported; almost triple their 7% representation in the state's general population². This means mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, brothers, and sisters are dying everyday. This year's World AIDS Day (Thursday, Dec. 1) has two themes: "Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise" and "Stop AIDS. Make the Promise." Keep the Promise aims toward government officials and policymakers, while Make the Promise is aimed toward every individual. This disease is affecting lives globally, and we should all MAKE AND KEEP a promise to each other and ourselves to stop the spread of the virus by educating ourselves on its transmission and prevention. We encourage you to create a dialogue that will spread knowledge and end the silence that is killing so many African Americans.

9. How Your Church Can Order *Healing Begins Here: A Pastor's Guidebook for HIV/AIDS Ministry through the Church*

Non-profit organizations and churches located within California may receive free hard copies of *Healing Begins Here: A Pastor's Guidebook for HIV/AIDS through the Church*, quiz cards, bookmarks and Kente cloth AIDS ribbon lapel pins by contacting the Statewide HIV/AIDS Church Outreach Advisory Board at 1-877-256-1997. Anyone may download a copy of the guidebook electronically from the Internet at: www.healingbeginshere.org.

The Statewide HIV/AIDS Church Outreach Advisory Board thanks you for your compassion in helping to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. Visit our website at www.healingbeginshere.org, e-mail to info@healingbeginshere.org or call toll-free to (877) 256-1997.

If your church participates in the observance of WAD or publishes an HIV/AIDS message, we would appreciate knowing. Send your information to: BaumanCurry & Co. Attn: Sharif Frink, P.O. Box 481296, Los Angeles, CA 90048. You may also fax a copy of your information to the toll free fax number, (877) 256-1997.

Tips on Collaborating with Churches

As we work together to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS in the Black community it is important to include the church as a component. In February 2003, *Marketing to the Emerging Majorities* newsletter reported that 74 percent of Blacks say religion is the most important part of their everyday lives, and a large percentage of Blacks (54 percent) attend church once a week or more. The article also stated that the role of religious institutions goes beyond pure faith issues and in many emerging majority communities, of which Blacks and Latinos are represented, churches serve as an educational outlet, a source for health and economic empowerment.

If you are a community-based organization (CBO) or local health department looking to expand or continue services to African Americans it makes sense to include church outreach as an option.

The collaboration of churches and CBOs allows both parties to effectively implement HIV/AIDS campaigns pertaining to awareness, education and testing. It also allows both access to their target audience, African Americans. CBOs and local health departments can benefit from churches and the resources that churches have to offer the community in a number of ways, such as:

1. Many churches own their facilities, therefore space for services can be negotiable and at times, given “in-kind.” This allows CBOs and local health departments that do not have the room or budget for rental space to still be able to effectively reach out to the community.
2. The church meets the needs of its near-by constituency since it often serves a neighborhood. Therefore, the church can be seen as a community center for meetings, programs and projects like food and clothes drives.
3. Health departments and health related CBOs have a great opportunity to conduct well clinics and health fairs at church facilities. Such services may include: community health education, shots clinic/testing, school and job physicals, and blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol checks and HIV testing.

What to Consider when Collaborating with Churches

1. Church outreach is usually more effective if HIV/AIDS activities are coupled with health fairs, gospel concerts, youth shut-ins, Ash Wednesday services, etc. Promoting HIV/AIDS activities as a stand-alone activity usually produces low attendance. However, that fact is increasingly becoming a myth, as more and more people are aware of the pandemic in Black and Latino communities.
2. Some churches are OK with condom distribution, but most are not. It is a discussion you must have with the church before you arrive on site. But, don’t cancel your presentation if they say “NO” to condoms. Other information you have to share is equally as valuable.
3. Get the name and number of your contact person at the church for securing space and for facility issues on the day you are using the church; there may be two different contacts. And, if possible get their home, work and mobile phone numbers.

4. Besides getting approval from the pastor of the church, ask if there are other boards or individuals that also need to give their seal of approval if you are to have a successful event. Make sure you meet with them. These are key stakeholders and are usually very influential within their church community. You will want to gain their support.
5. Most churches have an annual calendar – make sure to discuss dates while your contact is viewing their church calendar. If the church is part of a connection such a Methodist, Baptist or COGIC you will want to include the district calendar in your discussions. Depending on the event or activity taking place at the church you may want to ask permission to insert your HIV/AIDS activity. Your church contact will let you know if combining the activities is appropriate. Let your church contact be your guide.
6. In order to build relationships with the church, prior to using their facility, it helps to participate in the church's worship service as a guest. Let your church contact know, in advance, that you would like to visit. This will give you a better idea of who the parishioners are and how best to serve their needs. It is also a great time for a site visit, and gives you an opportunity to review the type of printed material they distribute during worship services.
7. Remember the church is interested in reducing the spread of disease, just like you. You just have different approaches. If you both think about it awhile we are sure you can find some common ground to work together. We find compassion a key element.

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Helpful Terms and Phrases

This section provides selected terms from the UNAIDS website to help you become familiar with important phrases and terms when working with HIV/AIDS outreach programs. Some of these words you may already know, however some terms can be considered derogatory or disrespectful when used incorrectly. Please share this section with others who are involved with HIV/AIDS outreach.

AFFECTED COMMUNITY

Persons living with HIV and AIDS, and other related individuals including their families, friends, and advocates whose lives are directly influenced by HIV infection and its physical, psychological, and sociological ramifications.

AIDS CARRIER

Any person living with HIV/AIDS. This term is stigmatizing and offensive to many people living with HIV/AIDS. It is also incorrect; the effective agent is HIV.

AIDS-DEFINING ILLNESS

Any of a series of health conditions that are considered, in isolation or in combination with others, to be indicative of the development of AIDS. Those conditions occur at a late stage of HIV infection. Quite often, it is only at this particular stage that many individuals discover that they are infected by HIV. Such conditions may be grouped in four categories: opportunistic infections; brain and nerve diseases; certain cancers; and AIDS wasting syndrome.

ASYMPTOMATIC

Without symptoms. Usually used in the HIV/AIDS literature to describe a person who has a positive reaction to one of several tests for HIV antibodies but who shows no clinical symptoms of the disease.

BODY FLUIDS

Confusion about the body fluids that can transmit HIV is a common cause of misunderstanding and fear about HIV, and continues to cause discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS. Always explain which body fluids contain HIV in sufficient concentration to be implicated in HIV transmission (e.g. blood, semen, pre-ejaculate, vaginal fluids, and breast milk). HIV cannot be transmitted through body fluids such as saliva, sweat, tears or urine.

HIGH-RISK GROUPS/GROUPS WITH HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOR

These terms should be used with caution as they can increase stigma and discrimination. They may also lull people who don't identify with such groups into a false sense of security. 'High-risk group' also implies that the risk is contained within the group whereas, in fact, all social groups are interrelated. It is often more accurate to refer directly to 'sex without a condom,' 'unprotected sex,' 'needle-sharing,' or 'sharing injecting equipment,' rather than to generalize by saying 'high-risk group.'

HIV INCIDENCE

HIV incidence (sometimes referred to as cumulative incidence) is the proportion of people who have become infected with HIV during a specified period of time. UNAIDS normally refers to the number of people (of all ages) or children (0–14) who have become infected during the past year.

HIV-INFECTED

As distinct from HIV-positive (which can sometimes be a false positive test result, especially in infants of up to 18 months of age), the term HIV-infected is usually used to indicate that evidence of HIV has been found via a blood or tissue test.

HIV PREVALENCE

Usually given as a percentage, HIV prevalence quantifies the proportion of individuals in a population who have HIV at a specific point in time. UNAIDS normally reports HIV prevalence among adults, aged 15–49.

HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)

The virus that weakens the immune system, ultimately leading to AIDS. Since HIV means ‘human immunodeficiency virus,’ it is redundant to refer to the HIV virus.

PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)

With reference to those living with HIV/AIDS, it is preferable to avoid certain terms: AIDS patient should only be used in a medical context (most of the time, a person with AIDS is not in the role of patient); the term AIDS victim or AIDS sufferer implies that the individual in question is powerless, with no control over his/her life. It is preferable to use ‘people living with HIV/AIDS’ (PLWHA), since this reflects the fact that an infected person may continue to live well and productively for many years. Referring to PLWHA as innocent victims (which is often used to describe HIV-positive children or people who have acquired HIV medically) wrongly implies that people infected in other ways are somehow deserving of punishment. It is preferable to use PLWHA, or ‘people with medically-acquired HIV’ or ‘children with HIV.’

ORPHANS

In the context of HIV/AIDS, it is preferable to say ‘children orphaned by AIDS’ or ‘orphans and other children made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS.’ Referring to these children as ‘AIDS orphans’ not only stigmatizes them, but also labels them as HIV-positive, which they may not necessarily be. Identifying a human being by his/her medical condition alone also shows a lack of respect for the individual.

Why Test for HIV?¹

Benefits of Testing for HIV include:

- By taking the test, you can learn your HIV status and whether you can transmit the virus to others.
- By taking the test you can receive counseling and learn how to protect yourself and others from HIV infection.
- Regardless of the result, testing often increases your commitment to overall good health habits.
- If the result is negative, you may feel less anxious after testing.
- If the result is positive, you can take steps to maintain your health by receiving early treatment and taking advantage of new anti-AIDS medicines.
- If you are pregnant and test positive for HIV, treatments are available which greatly reduce the chance of transmission of HIV to the baby during pregnancy or childbirth.
- Counseling can provide a critical opportunity to assist you in identifying your risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV.
- Counseling also provides an opportunity to negotiate and reinforce a plan to reduce or eliminate your risk.

God has not given us a spirit of fear...AIDS does not have to be a death sentence. It is not curable, but it is treatable. Do it for yourself, Do it for your family. Get Tested!

Low or no cost anonymous and confidential HIV counseling and testing through the use of blood tests or oral fluid testing is available throughout California year round. In addition, new technology known as the *OraQuick Rapid HIV-1 Antibody Test* is now available in approximately 30 counties around the state. This simple-to-use test provides preliminary HIV results in 20-40 minutes. To find a test site and services near you call the **California AIDS Hotline at (800) 367-AIDS (2437)** or visit them at www.aidshotline.org. The call center is open Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Tuesdays they are open until 9 p.m.

¹<http://lapublichealth.org> click on FAQ

Testing and Material Resources

Low or no cost anonymous and confidential HIV counseling and testing through the use of blood tests or oral fluid testing is available throughout California year round. **There are hundreds of free and low cost HIV testing facilities in California.** To find a test site and services near you, call the **California AIDS Hotline at (800) 367-AIDS (2437)** or visit them at www.aidshotline.org. The call center is open Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. On Tuesdays they have extended hours until 9 p.m. **A list of test sites in your county is also available by visiting www.hivinfo.org. Click on the State of California, and then click on the larger map that shows your local health department.**

HIV Rapid Testing

New technology known as the *OraQuick Rapid HIV-1 Antibody Test* is now available in approximately 30 counties around the state. This simple-to-use test provides preliminary HIV results in 20-40 minutes, allowing individuals to receive risk assessment counseling, HIV testing, learn their HIV results and receive referrals for follow-up care. This new technology ensures that more individuals will learn their HIV status without the need to wait two weeks for a return visit.

Mobile Testing Resources

Incorporate HIV testing as part of your church's health ministry. Below are just a few counties that offer mobile testing. Please be sure to submit a request for mobile HIV testing several weeks in advance of your event:

SACRAMENTO	(916) 875-0684	Care-a-Van Mobile Testing
ALAMEDA	(510) 874-7850	Cal PEP Mobile Testing
FRESNO	(559) 445-3434	Fresno Co. Mobile Testing
LOS ANGELES	(310) 763-9746	Drew Mobile Testing
RIVERSIDE	(800) 243-7275	HIV/AIDS Program for the Department of Health
SAN DIEGO	(619) 578-7467	Mobile Health Clinic and Counselors of San Diego

➤ **Bookmarkers/Guidebooks/Lapel Pins/Quiz Cards:**

Order from: BaumanCurry & Co., P.O. Box 481296, Los Angeles, CA 90048
(323) 525-0559
www.healingbeginshere.org

➤ **Literature/Brochures/Posters: (View Publications on Internet)**

Order from: California AIDS Clearinghouse, 1443 N. Martel Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90046
(323) 845-4180 or (888) 611-4222
www.hivinfo.org



RACE/ETHNICITY BY TYPE OF DIAGNOSIS CUMULATIVE CASES REPORTED AS OF APRIL 30, 2005

RACE/ETHNICITY	AIDS		HIV		TOTAL	
	Cases	% of Total	Cases	% of Total	Cases	% of Total
White	78,199	57.1	18,179	48.9	96,378	55.3
Black	24,135	17.6	7,383	19.9	31,518	18.1
Hispanic	30,477	22.3	9,465	25.5	39,942	22.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	3,153	2.3	1,016	2.7	4,169	2.4
American Indian	609	0.4	230	0.6	839	0.5
Multi-Race	204	0.1	99	0.3	303	0.2
Unknown	217	0.2	794	2.1	1,011	0.6
Total	136,994	100.0	37,166	100.0	174,160	100.0

Source: California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS, HIV/AIDS Case Registry Section.

HIV/AIDS ACTIVITY CALENDAR **DECEMBER 2005 – DECEMBER 2006**

For additional events in California, please visit www.healingbeginshere.org

Day/Date	Activity	For More Information
Thursday, December 1, 2005	World AIDS Day Theme: Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise. A world-wide observance for the fight against HIV and AIDS.	www.worldaidscampaign.org
Tuesday, February 7, 2006	National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Churches observe on Sunday, February 5, 2006 (Plan an activity, preach a sermon, or provide HIV testing. Also, participate in the Martin Luther King Parade on Jan. 16, 2006)	Minority AIDS Project (323) 936-4949 Contact: Richard Hamilton www.blackaidsday.org
Week of March 5-11, 2006	National Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS Churches observe on Sunday, March 5, 2006 (Order posters and church bulletin covers)	Balm In Gilead www.balmingilead.org
Saturday, April 22, 2006	10th Annual Southern California Regional 5K AIDS Walk for Minority Women and Children- Carson Join Congresswoman Juanita Millender McDonald in a 5K walk to benefit AIDS treatment facilities. Seeking teams of 100 walkers; how will your church be represented?	African American Women Health & Education Foundation (310) 538-8836 / www.scruidwalk.org
Thursday, May 18, 2006	HIV Vaccine Awareness Day In observance, community activities and media events are being held around the country. Show your support for HIV vaccine research by wearing your AIDS ribbon upside-down to symbolize a “V” for vaccines and the vision of a world without AIDS.	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services www.omhrc.gov/vaccineday (800) 444-6472
Friday, May 19, 2006	National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day This second annual observance day intends to raise awareness among Asians and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. about the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS.	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services www.omhrc.gov/hivaidsobservances (800) 444-6472
Monday, June 5, 2006	Anniversary of the Discovery/Naming of AIDS On June 5, 1981, the AIDS virus was detected and named.	TBA

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Information on this calendar is provided as a convenience to users for general information purposes and is not necessarily an endorsement of the events or activities by the Statewide HIV/AIDS Church Outreach Advisory Board. If you have activities that you would like the board to consider for the calendar, please e-mail us at calendar@healingbeginshere.org.

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Sunday, June 27, 2006	National HIV Testing Day This annual observance presents an opportunity for people across this country to learn their HIV status and to gain the knowledge they need to take control of their health and their lives.	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services www.omhrc.gov/hivaidsobservances (800) 444-6472
Sunday, October 15, 2006	National Latino AIDS Awareness Day This national day of awareness and prevention against HIV/AIDS in the Latino community is set aside to renew the commitment to ending the spread of HIV and ensure quality of life to those with HIV.	www.latinoaids.org
Friday, December 1, 2006	World AIDS Day Continuing theme until 2010: Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise. A world-wide observance for the fight against HIV and AIDS.	www.worldaidscampaign.org

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A PASTOR'S GUIDEBOOK FOR HIV/AIDS MINISTRY THROUGH THE CHURCH

Order Agreement & Survey

Please feel free to photocopy BOTH SIDES of this Order Agreement and share with other Pastors.

Complete BOTH SIDES of this Order Agreement and either fax to BaumanCurry & Co. at (323) 525-1877 or tri-fold on the dotted lines, tape and mail to: BaumanCurry & Co., PO Box 481296, Los Angeles, CA 90048

YE A MAN OF KNOWLEDGE INCREASETH STRENGTH (PROVERB 24:5)

DESCRIPTION

Because African Americans are disproportionately infected with, and affected by HIV/AIDS, the Guidebook was created to help churches develop an HIV/AIDS ministry or to incorporate HIV/AIDS education and prevention into their existing ministries. To better serve the community, a database is being maintained by BaumanCurry & Co. (BC&C) to assist in providing supplemental updates as well as evaluating the usefulness of the Guidebook. An order agreement with survey questions has been prepared to keep track of the distribution of the Guidebook, and for evaluation purposes.

ORDERING OBLIGATIONS

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Church/Organization Name: _____
Contact Person: Mr. Ms. Mrs. Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Church/Organization Address: _____
City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Church/Organization Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Fax: (_____) _____ - _____
Faith Based: Yes No
Contact Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Contact E-mail: _____
Organization E-mail: _____ Organization Website/URL: _____

What is your organization affiliation? (check only one)

Church Non-Profit Community-Based Organization Government Agency Private Agency Other

What population does your organization serve? (check all that apply)

African American Hispanic/Latino Asian/Pacific Islander Caucasian Other

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CHURCH SURVEY QUESTIONS

- 1.) Do you have active ministries in any of the following areas? (check all that apply)
 Men Women Youth Singles Marriage Health HIV/AIDS Drug/Substance Abuse Homeless/Skid Row
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- 3.) Are you affiliated with a church? Yes No
- 4.) How will your organization use the Guidebook? _____

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