

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Responds to HIV and AIDS



Join the Presbyterian AIDS Network (PAN),
a network of the Presbyterian Health, Education & Welfare Association
(PHEWA)

<http://www.pcusa.org/phewa/pan> and
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What Can One Church Do About HIV and AIDS?

- 1. Pray** for people living with HIV and AIDS often in your worship service. In 2012 about 35.3 million people worldwide were living with HIV, and millions more are affected. Remember them in your prayers.
- 2. Wear a red ribbon** on World AIDS Day or any day! Buy red ribbon and use sewing pins to make simple ribbons, or buy ribbons from AIDS organizations. Have a basket of red ribbons to share on AIDS Awareness Sunday. Any Sunday can be AIDS Awareness Sunday!
- 3. Make a simple poster** for a church bulletin board with a few statistics about HIV and AIDS globally, nationally, and locally. (See www.unaids.org for current figures.)
- 4. Host a speaker** or panel to talk about AIDS or show a video addressing AIDS in Sunday School, Youth Group, or a Wednesday Night program (You can find "The Changing Face of AIDS" on the PAN website).
- 5. Build an HIV/AIDS component into local, national and global mission activities.** By doing so, your congregation might better understand people you seek to serve (e.g. those who are hungry, in prison, or homeless).
- 6. Have an alternative Christmas Gift Fair** and include a booth from organizations that sell items to raise funds for individuals and families who are affected by HIV and AIDS.
- 7. Contact local non-profit agencies working with those affected by HIV and AIDS** and ask them how your congregation can support their work.
- 8. Become an AIDS advocate** and help ensure the U.S. Government keeps its promise of funds to fight HIV and AIDS, here and around the world.
- 9. Hold a Service of Remembrance & Hope** for people who have died from AIDS-related illnesses, people infected and affected by AIDS, and those working in the struggle against AIDS. Bring in a panel of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to display: <http://www.aidsquilt.org/>.
- 10. Join PAN, the Presbyterian AIDS Network!** Help PAN keep the HIV and AIDS pandemic in front of the PC(USA). Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PresbyterianAIDSNetwork/>. PAN is one of ten grassroots ministry networks of the Presbyterian Health, Education & Welfare Association (PHEWA).