

FACTS FOR LIFE

- HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus, the virus that leads to AIDS.
- AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.
- Testing is the only sure way to know if you are infected with HIV.
- A person infected with HIV may have no symptoms but can still infect others.
- HIV is spread through unprotected sex or sharing needles with an infected person.
- To avoid HIV infection through sex, don't have sex, or have sex only with one partner who isn't infected and who only has sex with you.
- Using condoms consistently and correctly greatly reduces the risk of HIV infection.
- If you use needles to inject any substance into your body, use a clean needle every time.



Disciples Hands On Missions

Excerpt: Interfaith Declaration

We are called to love...

We are called to compassionate care...

We are called to witness and do justice...

We promote prevention...

We acknowledge that we are a global community...

We deplore the sins to intolerance and bigotry...

We challenge our society...

We are committed to action...

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HIV/AIDS

MINISTRY

The Mission of the Disciples HIV/AIDS Ministries is to support existing HIV/AIDS related ministries and inspire others to create such ministries.

EDUCATION

Education is the key to prevention. Disciples HIV/AIDS Ministries provides comprehensive education to help prevent the transmission of HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).

Red Cross Instruction is available in a four module program. These modules separate fact from fiction and inform you how to best keep yourself protected from HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections.

Affirming Persons-Saving Lives responds to the real concerns of real people facing the dangers of HIV transmission and AIDS.

Our Whole Lives is a series of sexuality education programs for young adults and adults. Written by professional sexuality educators, the programs provide accurate information for parents, teachers and pastors to use with children and young people to help them learn about sexuality in the affirming and supportive setting of our churches.

Positively Living Speakers Network links you and people living with HIV and other STIs to speak at your congregation or event.

TESTING

On-site free anonymous HIV testing is available to any congregation via the Mobile HIV Testing Unit or through a local organization.

SUPPORT

Disciples HIV/AIDS Ministries can assist with many technical aspects of starting a prevention or support ministry within your own congregation or community.

TRAINING

Disciples HIV/AIDS Ministries provides American Red Cross Training for anyone who would like to become a certified HIV Prevention Specialist. HIV Counseling, Testing and Referral Services Training can be arranged through most state health departments.

REFERRALS

We can help you develop a network of physicians, dentists, mental health professionals, and care providers to assist people living with HIV/AIDS/STIs.

Want to start the conversation in your congregation?

Disciples HIV/AIDS Ministries has resources to help you get started. Whether you need sermon ideas, want to have an Sexual Health Awareness Sunday, need help with your current ministry or want to start an outreach program, we are here to help. Our quarterly e-newsletter will inform you about upcoming events and opportunities.

