

**The NYC Faith in Action for  
HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Education Coalition**

**Stepping Up in Faith for HIV and AIDS  
City-Wide Events**

**July 11—17, 2010**

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**Community Mission**

The collective mission of the NYC Faith in Action Coalition for HIV/AIDS is to educate the communities we serve on issues of HIV and AIDS Prevention, Care and Education.

The Coalition is a city-wide New York City partnership of Individuals, Faith Organizations, Health and Secular Organizations who have a common interest to reduce and eliminate HIV and AIDS in New York City

**According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**

**New York City remains the epicenter of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the U.S.,** with more AIDS cases than Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami, and Washington DC combined.

HIV is also the health problem with the largest racial disparity; 80% of new AIDS diagnoses and deaths are among African Americans and Hispanics.

**According to the Centers for Disease Control**

Every 9½ minutes (on average), someone in the United States is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

In 2006, an estimated 56,300 people became infected with HIV, a 40% increase than was previously known.

**A Kaiser Family Foundation** recent study revealed that the percentage of Americans, who say they have seen, heard or read about AIDS in this country has steadily declined from 34 percent five years ago to 14 percent today

### **Stepping Up in Faith for HIV and AIDS NYC City Hall Kick off Event 2009**



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**HIV and AIDS: We Are All Part of the Solution  
We can all be leaders.**

**We can take more responsibility to do more as individuals, as communities, and as a city and a nation to fight HIV and AIDS.**

**As individuals**

We should know whether or not we are infected with HIV; If we are infected, we should seek medical care and protect others from becoming infected;

We should protect ourselves and others from HIV;

We should educate ourselves and others about HIV.

**As communities**

We should mobilize to overcome the challenges and barriers to HIV prevention;

We should fight ignorance and complacency related to HIV;

We should increase the awareness about the severity of epidemic and the continued impact that HIV is having on our communities;

We should make sure that HIV prevention services, HIV testing, medical care and treatment are available to all who need them;

We should work to prevent stigma and discrimination—and to increase support for people living with HIV.

As a nation:

We must recognize the epidemic here, in this country, for the crisis that it still is;

We must implement the programs that scientific evidence tells us are most effective;

We must ensure that those who need effective prevention interventions have access to them;

We must come together to intensify efforts and the stop this epidemic.

Together, we have the power to change the course of the HIV epidemic in New York City and the United States.

## Planning your 2010 Event

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