

A Message from Pernessa

Dear Friends!



The Universal Spirit, God, is calling us to pray, once again, for the healing of AIDS. For those of us who believe in the power for prayer, we know that prayer is continuous. Thus, we pray without ceasing for all things, conditions and illnesses.

Today, persons living with HIV/AIDS have the opportunity to live a long, quality life because of medical advancements in care and treatment. However, far too many Americans still do not know the basic facts of HIV; and every 91/2 minutes in the US, an individual becomes infected with HIV. There is no cure for HIV/AIDS. Stigma and discrimination toward people living with HIV is still the norm in many communities of faith, families, schools and neighborhoods. Shamefully, many pulpits continue to speak hate, not unconditional love, toward those living with HIV/AIDS; and one too many parents, today, have displaced their child to the streets because he or she is HIV positive.

Faith communities of all ethnic backgrounds and individual believers are invited to join us in the ever-flowing synergy of prayer and education for the healing of HIV/AIDS. Our nation must shine a brighter *light of faith* on AIDS ignorance, stigma, discrimination, and hatred. To heal our nation(s) of these negative thoughts and behaviors is the ultimate calling of men and women of faith who walk the earth today.

Come, let us join together and become a powerful force of conquering HIV/AIDS; and healing lives, families and communities in our lifetime.

In the Consciousness of Abiding Faith



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National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS Upper Manhattan - March 4-10, 2012 – Calendar of Events

- March 2, 2012** **Pre Kick-Off Breakfast Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement (HCCI)**
Carlisa Simons, Coordinator csimons@hcci.org
- March 4, 2012** **National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS City-Wide Event**
- March 5, 2012** **St. Paul Baptist Church Evening Worship**
S. Darlene Cheek, Coordinator darlchk@aol.com
- March 6, 2012** **Love Alive International Ministries Evening Worship**
Elder Stacey S. Latimer, Pastor stacey0062000@yahoo.com
- March 7, 2012** **Convent Avenue Baptist Church Evening Prayer Service**
Orbit Clanton, Coordinator Orbitclanton@aim.com
- March 8, 2012** **Abyssinian Baptist Church Women's Ministry**
Leatrice Wactor Coordinator lwactor@nblca.org
- March 9, 2012** **The Riverside Church at Wadleigh's School of Performing Arts -Women & Girls AIDS Awareness Day**
Lillian Anglada-Coordinator lillian@ascnyc.org
- March 9, 2012** **HCCI Prayer Vigil**
Southern Baptist Church /Carlisa Simons csimons@hcci.org

For Individuals Who Desire To Participate!

Individuals who may or may not be a part of a faith community, but believe in the power of prayer and education, can participate in the **2012 National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS** in the following ways:

1. Register your participation at www.balmingilead.org or www.NWPHA.org to receive HIV and Faith resources and updates on the 2012 National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS.
2. Disseminate information on HIV/AIDS and on the **2012 National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS** throughout your community.
3. Engage others to participate in a community prayer and education circle for the healing of AIDS and/or other activities;
4. Provide supportive services for people affected with HIV who are in need, such as: listening, purchase food, transportation to the clinic, walk their pet, assist in finding housing and/or shelter; etc.