REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rev. Mike Schuenemeyer

Annual Meeting
UCAN, Inc.
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UCAN, Inc.
United Church of Christ HIV & AIDS Network

- Was founded in 1988
- Has been the primary vehicle for HIV & AIDS response from the national setting
- In 2008, UCAN was established as a 501c3 nonprofit corporation by Wider Church Ministries.
The mission of UCAN is to build a network of people, congregations and organizations within and beyond the United Church of Christ for care giving, education and prevention in response to the HIV & AIDS pandemic by:
Providing technical assistance to help congregations and other settings of the church start and build their capacity and programs;
Offering training in the use of the UCC's comprehensive HIV & AIDS curriculum, *Affirming Persons, Saving Lives,* as well as other HIV & AIDS educational resources;
Giving leadership for education and information on public policy concerns; and...
Prioritizing its work to bring critical presence to those most affected by HIV & AIDS in the United States and throughout the world.
About HIV & AIDS

HIV
Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus

AIDS
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
What is HIV & AIDS

About HIV & AIDS

- **HIV** lives in the blood and other body fluids that contain blood or white blood cells.
- **HIV** attacks the T-cells, weakening immune system and opening the door to opportunistic infections.
HIV can be transmitted through:

- Unprotected sexual intercourse with an HIV-infected person.
- Sharing drug injection equipment (needles) or being stuck by needles or sharp objects contaminated with infected blood.
- Mother to child can occur during child birth or through breast feeding.
- Receiving blood products or transplant organs from an HIV+ donor (extremely rare in the U.S.).
State of the Epidemic

Global estimates - 2012

- 35.3 people living with HIV
- 2.3 million new HIV infections in 2012
- 1.6 million deaths due to AIDS in 2012

HIV & AIDS in the United States

- 1.1 mil. people living with HIV in the USA
- 477K are living with an AIDS diagnosis
- 50K people are newly infected each year
- >15% of persons with HIV don’t know it.

http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/basics/ataglance.html
Drivers of the Epidemic

• Access to prevention, treatment, care and support.

• Poverty

• Stigma and discrimination, especially in relation to key affected populations:
  • Men who have sex with men (MSM)
  • Persons who engage in injection drugs use (IDU)
  • Sex workers
Getting to Zero

- Zero new infections
- Zero HIV-related deaths
- Zero discrimination
UCC General Synod resolution (2009)

- Become knowledgeable about HIV & AIDS,
- Understand how HIV is transmitted, prevented, and work to prevent its transmission,
- Reduce stigma and discrimination,
- Help the whole church to increase its HIV competency.
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- Strongly urges everyone in the UCC to know their HIV status,
- Develop and implement best practice comprehensive HIV prevention education, programs and strategies for church and community,
- Give particular attention to vulnerable groups and at risk populations.
UCAN Program

- Spiritual Outreach Services Model
  - AIDS Service Center of NYC
  - NYC & National Faith in Action Coalitions for HIV & AIDS
UCAN Program

- S.A.V.E. method of HIV prevention
  - Safer practices
  - Access to prevention, treatment, care, and support
  - Voluntary Testing and Counseling
  - Empowerment

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Global Advocacy
- Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance – HIV Strategy Group (World Council of Churches)
- International AIDS Conference
- UN High Level Meetings on HIV
• Education
  • Affirming Persons, Saving Lives
  • Our Whole Lives
  comprehensive sexuality education
  • Information and resources at
    ucaninc.org
    Facebook
    Twitter
UCAN has a

- **Board of Directors**
  for governance, strategic planning, fund development and other fiduciary duties

- **Leadership Team**
  program development, implementation and evaluation
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Financial

- **Wider Church Ministries**
  Is the primary funder of UCAN

- **Other Contributions**
  UCAN receives donations from local churches and individuals.

- **Grants**
  UCAN has received funding from a private foundation and has applied for public funding.
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2013 preliminary

Income: $64,516
Expense: $57,646
Surplus/(Deficit): $4,234
Beginning deficit: ($772)
Net assets: $3,462
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2014 Budget
Income: $70,484
Expense: $70,484
The vision of ending the HIV epidemic is no longer a pipe-dream.
Hope
Good News

We have the knowledge and the science.
The big question: Will we (that’s all of us and everyone else) apply ourselves, our resources and energies to do it?
No one person, church or organization can do it all.

- Figure out what you can do and do it.
- Invite/get others to join this effort and do what they can.
If we each do our part, with God’s help, we will, END the HIV epidemic.

Thank you!
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