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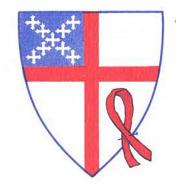
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2nd Annual HIV/AIDS Conference Spirituality Compassion Action

Saturday June 15,1996 St. Matthias Church 374 Main St.(Rt 20A) East Aurora, New York Corner of Main & Maple



Sponsored by: Episcopal Diocese of WNY AIDS Commission Co-sponsored by: Erie County Medical Center Immunodeficiency Services Regional AIDS Interfaith Network AIDS Community Services WNY Regional HIV Education Center Benedict House New Refuge House AIDS Network of Western New York Foster Insurance Agency

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Agenda

Note: Seating for workshop sessions will be provided on a first come basis.

9:00am-9:30am.....Registration

9:30am-9:45am.....Welcome Rawson Crawshaw **Conference** Coordinator **Episcopal Diocese** WNY AIDS Commission

9:45am-10:45am.....Keynote The Reverend Susan Cox Keppy St. Paul's Episcopal Church Lewiston, NY "A Spiritual Matter"

10:45am-11:00amBreak
11:00am-12:00pmSession 1
12:00pm-12:45pmLunch
1:00pm-2:00pmSession II
2:00pm-2:15pmBreak
2:15pm-3:15pmJoint Session

3:15pm-3:45pm.....Process Time **Personal Action Plan** Jane Ogilvie Co-Chairperson, WNY AIDS Commission

4:00pm-4:45pm......Worship Service Officiant The Rt Rev. David C. Bowman

Music will be provided by: Ted Allred of San Antonio, TX Viola Solo (Roycroft Music Festival)

OBJECTIVE:

The religious community can offer vital support to individuals and families in times of confusion and need. This conference will offer a variety of resources to those affected by HIV/AIDS and those who seek to minister to them.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS The Rev. Susan Cox Keppy St. Paul's Episcopal Church Lewiston, New York

Whether or not caregivers and PLWA's themselves are religious people, responding to HIV is a spiritual matter. The Keynote address will use interactive methods to "unpack" some of the spiritual issues of AIDS. Exercises will help us to recognize, begin to use some essential pastoral skills, and to identify some of our own spiritual issues.

JOINT SESSION

"Give Us Our Dignity"

Mrs. Helen Worth A person living with AIDS and Her husband James, her primary support and inspiration

HIV/AIDS encompasses many different lifestyles. Every person deserves dignity for the sake of wellness. This session will concentrate on the impact that the attitudes of the community, and society in general, have upon the way living with AIDS is perceived by others and internalized by the individual.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Workshop A. "It isn't just housing!" The Rev. Clara Gillies Founder: Refuge House

This session will address the need for congregate housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Many individuals within this population find themselves without access to decent and supportive living conditions.

Workshop B. Helping Families of Persons Living With HIV/AIDS The Rev. Earle King St. Martin-in-the-Fields

It's not just the persons with HIV/AIDS who are in need of care. Families and other significant persons are also involved. How can we help? This workshop will look at the issue from two angles. First, what might cause a family to allow us to offer them support (especially if the family is keeping this a secret)? What also might be the barriers? Second, what are some of the typical needs of the families of persons living with HIV/AIDS? Throughout, we will focus on openness and listening skills.

Workshop C. Caring for the Shepherd; When Clergy Have AIDS. The Very Rev. Allen Farabee Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral

When clergy have AIDS the feeling, problems, and challenges associated with AIDS are often magnified. Sometimes anger, conflict and confusion create turmoil within congregations and cause added pain for clergy. This workshop will explore the special issues associated with the "shepherds" who have AIDS.

Workshop D. "AIDS Has Become My Life" The Rev. Michael Hartney St. Matthias Church

Persons living with AIDS experience a profound sense of purpose and love. Borne from the determination to live life to its fullest for as long as possible. Then when death creeps closer, the fears arise. We will try and talk about those emotions realizing them in ourselves.