

GLOBAL AIDS COMMITTEE

During a special worship service focusing on the Global AIDS pandemic at the 2007 Annual Conference, you gave offerings that resulted in slightly over \$5000 of Global AIDS Funds being returned to this Conference to be used locally. By a previous decision of this committee, funds returned for local use will be distributed in \$5000 increments to the districts based on the prevalence of HIV/AIDS cases. The Columbia district heads this list.

In conjunction with Rev. Tim McClendon, DS of the Columbia District, and Dr. Bambi Geddis, Director of the SC HIV/AIDS Council, your gifts will be supporting a Sexual Health and Domestic Violence Seminar for women and girls on June 15 and an intervention with girls 18-24 this summer or early fall.

In April of this year, I had the privilege of attending the Lighten The Burden II Conference at Fort Worth and distributing Global AIDS Fund information at General Conference. It was made clear that the task before us is immense, but that our God is great and able to meet the needs of many when we are willing to put our fish and loaves out for use. A couple of us have also participated in speaking engagements in various districts this year as you have gathered for planning. We applaud your efforts and look forward to ministry with you.

The Committee is also working with the SC HIV/AIDS Council to offer training and screening events in the Columbia, Hartsville, and Orangeburg Districts this year. Funds from a grant from the National Global AIDS Committee are making this possible, and thus so are you. In fact, every time you give \$1 to the Global AIDS Fund, \$.25 is returned to this Annual Conference and other grant funds are made available for ministry. Please remember to give to the Global AIDS Fund and to ask each member of your congregation to give at least \$1 so that each district can be funded. There is much ministry to be done.

Please visit our booth here at Annual Conference for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Emily Allen, Chairperson