



WE ARE AT A CRITICAL CROSSROADS IN OUR RESPONSE TO HIV

The economic crisis and 'AIDS fatigue' have weakened efforts to prevent the spread of HIV, provide life-saving treatment, and support and care for the tens of millions of people living with HIV, not to mention affected families and communities.

Religious leaders from many faiths and from around the world have committed themselves personally to do more. Their personal commitment can help provide important new momentum in the global response – overcoming stigma and discrimination, promoting prevention, ensuring treatment and care, advocating for sufficient and sustainable resources to help all those in need.

Please join them. Whether you are a religious leader at a local, national or international level, you can make a difference to people's lives.



I COMMIT TO THE PLEDGE

Together We Must Do More: My Personal Commitment to Action

Signature:

Address:

Print Name:

Country:

Faith community/Organization:

Phone number:

Email:

(Your name and faith community/organization will be added to the list of signers available at www.HIVcommitment.net. Your contact details will only be used to share information and contacts that may assist you in fulfilling and reporting on the commitment.)



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TO ACTION



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AND MAKE
YOUR PLEDGE

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TO WOMEN AND GIRLS, I COMMIT TO:

- Recognizing your special vulnerability and roles as caregivers and mothers and working tirelessly to ensure you have the services you require for prevention, treatment, care and support.
- Exercising respect and challenging any oppressive systems of power within my religious community and society which fuel violence and injustice.
- Providing space for your voice and leadership in our communities.

TO MEN AND BOYS, I COMMIT TO:

- Encouraging understanding of power that allows people to relate to one another with dignity and love.
- Supporting leadership and decision making that addresses the root causes of HIV.

TO MY RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY, I COMMIT TO:

- Doing all I can to break the barriers of silence and exclusion to fully and openly include people living with HIV and their families in our religious communities.
- Leading by example and encouraging my religious community to deepen its engagement in the response to HIV, including advocating for prevention, treatment, care and support for all.

TO NETWORK LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO HIV, I COMMIT TO: Supporting all efforts to...

Signed by participants of the Summit of High Level Religious Leaders on the Response to HIV, held in the Netherlands, 22-23 March 2010:

- Nyaradzai Gumbonzvanda**, World YWCA
Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Art of Living
Rabbi David Rosen, American Jewish Committee
Right Rev. Gunnar Stålsett, European Council of Religious Leaders
Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, Abyssinian Baptist NYC/ National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS
His Holiness Abune Paulos, Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church
Sheikh Mohamed Gemea, Al-Azhar Al-Sharief
Rev. Mark S. Hanson, President of The Lutheran World Federation/Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Sheikh Ali Banda, INERELA+ (International Network of Religious Leaders Living With or Personally Affected by HIV or AIDS)
Rabbi Julie Schonfeld, Rabbinical Assembly
Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, World Council of Churches
Tarmizi Taher, Indonesian Mosque Assembly
Swami Agnivesh, World Council of Arya Samaj
Dr Hany El Banna, The Humanitarian Forum
Dr Furi Khabirpour, Baha'i Faith
Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, Anglican Archbishop of Southern Africa
Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh, Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha/Sikh
Bishop Julio E. Murray, Latin American Council of Churches (CLAI)
Most Venerable Ch.Dambajav, Mongolia
- Rev. Dr Richard Fee**, Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance
Imam Cisse Djiguiba, Foundation Djigui/Religious Alliance in Ivory Coast
Rev. Patricia Sawo, INERELA+
Rev. Dra Ofelia Ortega Suarez, Vice-President of the Alliance of Reformed Churches
Bishop Gerald Seale
Dr. Hesameddin Ashena
Rev. Canon Gideon Byamugisha, Christian Aid/Friends of Canon Gideon Foundation
Mohammad Sammak, Christian Muslim Committee
Bishop James Okombo, INERELA+ Kenya
Rev. J.P. Mokgethi-Heath, INERELA+
Venerable Oeun Sam Art, Office of the Great Supreme Patriarch of the Kingdom of Cambodia
Annabel Laity True Virtue, Unified Buddhist Church
Sr. Jewel – Kaira S. Lingo, Unified Buddhist Church/ European Institute of Applied Buddhism
Rev Aiah Foday-Khabenje, Association of Evangelicals in Africa
Dr Kezevino Aram, Director, Shanti Ashram
Rev. Christo Greyling, World Vision International and INERELA+
Rev. Rachel Carnegie, Archbishop of Canterbury's Secretary for International Development
Prudence Mabele, Nyangazezizwe Traditional Healers
Dr Syeda Sultana Razia
Dr Farid Esak, University of Johannesburg

MAKE YOUR PERSONAL COMMITMENT