

Africa is facing a health crisis not seen in modern times: some **27 million** Africans suffer from HIV/AIDS. About 12 million African children are AIDS orphans. Asia and other developing regions are also under threat. Current trends predict **40 million** AIDS orphans globally before the year 2010.



How should Vanderbilt and other Nashville religious, educational, and political communities respond to this crisis?



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A CONFERENCE ON AIDS & AFRICA, SCIENCE AND RELIGION

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
OCTOBER 19, 2002



AIDS & AFRICA, SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Saturday, October 19, 2002 · 8:00 am-5:00 pm · Vanderbilt University Campus · Wilson Hall: Room 103

REGISTRATION

8:00-8:30 am — Coffee

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

8:30-9:00 am

Presentation of *The aWAKE Project*

SESSION ONE: 9:00- 10:30 am

HIV/AIDS AND AFRICA: SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Speakers: Richard D'Aquila, M.D.; Steve Raffanti, M.D.; David Haas, M.D.; Ernst Madu, M.D.; Vladimir Berthaud, M.D., Meharry.

- What should the non-expert know about HIV/AIDS?
- What can we hope for from research at VUMC and other centers?
- How does HIV/AIDS appear in Africa?
- What seems to work best?
- What would an ideal solution look like for Africa, if money were no object?

MID-MORNING COFFEE

10:30-11:00 am

SESSION TWO: 11:00 am-12:30 pm

HIV/AIDS AND AFRICA: RELIGION AND ETHICS

Speakers: Victor Anderson, Ph.D.; Gerard Shu Tangyie, M.D.; Rev. Ed Sanders; Shaiya Baer, Ph.D.; Rabbi David Davis; Imam Abdisshakur Ibrahim; Pastor Rubel Shelly.

- On what ethical and religious principles should we draw to assess these facts?

- How do indigenous African religious traditions and 'world' religious traditions, like those of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam prompt us to respond?

LUNCH: WILSON HALL LOBBY

12:30-2:00 pm

SESSION THREE: 2:00-3:30 pm

HIV/AIDS AND AFRICA: POLITICS AND ACTION

Speakers: James Foster, Ph.D.; Ambassador Rachel Gbenyon Diggs; Justin Ukpong, Ph.D.; Stephanie Bailey, M.D. Director of Public Health, Metro-Davidson County.

- What happens if we do nothing?
- What problems do we confront when addressing development in Africa?
- What political realities do the US, Europe, and African countries confront?
- Does America's involvement with the African Slave Trade and our African-American heritage compel us to respond?
- How can we motivate elected representatives?

AFTERNOON COFFEE

3:30-4:00 pm

SESSION FOUR: CONCLUDING COMMENTS

4:00 – 5:00 pm

THE NASHVILLE CARES AIDS WALK AND WELLNESS FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 20, 2002, 11:00 am-4:00 pm

A 5k pledge walk to raise money for Nashville CARES' critical prevention education programs in Middle Tennessee and life-extending direct services for people with HIV, their families and caregivers. Come out to walk, cheer on the participants, and join the Wellness/ Food Festival. For registration forms, vendor applications or other information, contact T. Allen Morgan at 259-4866 extension 249, or go to <http://www.nashvillecares.org>



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