



Tentative Agenda

**United Methodist Global AIDS Conference
September 8-9, 2006
Doubletree Hotel Washington, DC**

Lighten the Burden....A Call to Action!

Friday, September 8

8:00-11:00 a.m. **Pre-Conference Mission Experience** – Venture into Washington, DC for a glimpse of AIDS initiatives in this city that has the highest HIV/AIDS rate in the nation. (Space is limited)

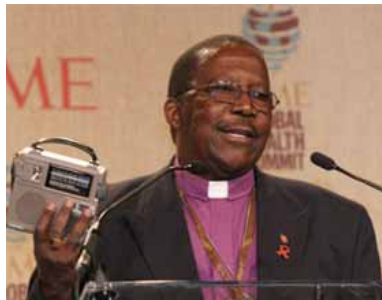
10:00-1:00 **Registration**

1:00-1:45 p.m. **Opening worship:** *God's Call to Commitment* – Preacher, Professor Musa Dube.



Musa Dube is Associate Professor at the University of Botswana and has served as a consultant to the World Council of Churches on Theological Institutions and HIV/AIDS curriculum. She is based in Gabarone, Botswana and author of *Preaching to the Converted: Unsettling the Christian Church* and *The HIV and AIDS Bible: Selected Essays*.

1:45-3:00 **Plenary:** *Facing the Global AIDS Pandemic* – Keynote Speaker, Bishop João Somane Machado, Mozambique Annual Conference. Bishop Machado is a leading advocate in the UMC for the eradication of HIV/AIDS and Malaria (tentative)



3:15-3:45 Break

3:45-5:15 Panel: *Up Close and Personal—Persons Living With and Impacted by HIV/AIDS*

5:30-7:00 Dinner & Video: *Excerpts from “A Closer Walk”*

7:00-8:15

Workshops

- *Loving Our Neighbor – Dealing with Stigma and Discrimination* – Don Messer & Musa Dube
- *Addressing the Gender Explosion- Women and Girls and AIDS* – Chenda Innis, Wesley Theological School student and native of Liberia
- *Crisis with Orphans and Vulnerable Children* – Dr. Paul Zeitz, Executive Director of the Global AIDS Alliance and Jennifer Delaney, Coordinator, Global Action for Children Campaign
- *A Glimpse into AIDS Prevention, Care and Treatment* – Dr. Pauline Muchina, UNAIDS (invited)
- *Poverty, Hunger and AIDS* – Sarah Turner, National Church Outreach Associate, Bread for the World

8:15-8:45 Evening Vespers shared in workshops

Saturday, September 9

7:00-8:00 a.m. Breakfast (on your own)

8:30-8:45 Devotions

8:45-9:00 Announcements

9:00-9:30 *Bringing Hope, Health & Help: UM Global AIDS Fund*

- How the fund works
- Achievements to-date
- What UM Global AIDS Fund can do

Facilitators: Bishop Fritz Mutti, Dr. Cherian Thomas and Ida Powell

- 9:30-10:30 *A Practical Perspective on How To Raise Funds For UM Global AIDS Fund*
- Ideas that have proved successful
 - Ideas that need to be tried
 - Why this is so imperative
- Presenter: Lynda Byrd, Director of Development, General Board of Global Ministries
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:00 Workshops
- *Teaching and Preaching About HIV/AIDS in the Local Church* – Rev. Kent Millard, pastor, St. Luke’s UMC, Indianapolis, IN
 - *Engaging Young People as AIDS Activists* – Sarah Gillespie, facilitating
 - *Engaging the Media in Telling the Story of AIDS and the Church* – Gretchen Hakola, Director of Communications, GBCS
 - *The Church and Public Policy Advocacy: Global AIDS* – Mark Harrison, Director, Peace with Justice Program, General Board of Church & Society
 - *Fund Raising in Local Churches* – Greg Jenks, Director of the Zimbabwe Orphans Endeavor, North Carolina Annual Conference
- 12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45-1:45 *Loving God and Neighbor: What Will I Do?*
- Break into small groups to discuss personal, local church, and conference plans
- 1:45-2:30 *Where Do We Go From Here?* – Don Messer, facilitator
- Plenary sharing of dreams, ideas, and plans
- 2:30-3:00 *Responding to God’s Call To Commitment*—Closing worship – Preacher: Dr. Mpho Tutu, Clergy Resident at Christ Church in Alexandria, Virginia and daughter of Anglican Archbishop Emeritus of Capetown, Desmond Tutu.



