

HIV/AIDS Ministry
2007 Report

The HIV/AIDS Commission's mission is to minister to those living with HIV/AIDS by supporting organizations and health providers that serve those with the virus and disease and their caregivers. I continue to serve on the board of the St. Stephens HIV/AIDS Ministry as a personnel committee member. The ministry increased its outreach efforts and HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention efforts. The ministry is financially sound and for the second year held an annual successful fundraiser that will allow for necessary expenditures that are not covered by government grants. All of the HIV/AIDS organizations and health providers worked together on awareness and prevention on World HIV/AIDS Day and throughout the weekend. This was a big first, and we hope to continue this kind of collaboration. Board members from St. Albans and The Church of the Good Shepherd continue to serve faithfully.

Activities for the year include: The St. Stephen's Annual Meeting in February, monthly St. Stephen's Board meeting with the Mayor of Augusta to explain St. Stephen's mission and operation, attending the annual Kanuga Province IV HIV/AIDS Conference (I and 14 HIV/AIDS survivors attended.), the annual Red Ribbon Ball fundraiser on November 29th, the annual HIV/AIDS awareness program at St. Paul's on December 1st, World HIV/AIDS Day and the HIV/AIDS awareness and testing cookout at the lake on December 2nd.

Thank you to the clergy and parishioners of the Augusta Convocation for their support of this ministry.

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