

FAITH-BASED CONFERENCE ADDRESSES HIV/AIDS



Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Metro-Urban Institute will host "The Faith Initiative—

Treatment as Prevention: A Battle Against HIV/AIDS" during which time participants will discuss how to respond to HIV/AIDS in the Africa American community. This event will be held Sat., May 19 from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The full-day program will address the unique roles of the faith community in promoting HIV testing and HIV prevention as well as identifying how to collaborate with health services provided for persons living with HIV. Attendees will focus on the need to reduce stigma and raise awareness in the faith community. Health care providers, AIDS-serving organizations, social workers, outreach workers, clergy, members of the faith-based community, and HIV infected and affected individuals are encouraged to attend.

Keynote speaker will be Linda Scruggs, MHS, director of programs for the AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families in Washington, DC. She brings more than 19 years of experience in the HIV/AIDS and mental health communities. Scruggs has served on numerous committees and boards both nationally and internationally.

A variety of workshop will be offered including those focusing on women and youth, as well as one for pastors. For more information on the conference and the FAITH Initiative contact Shennod Moore, director of community outreach and the FAITH Initiative, at 412-345-0585 or smoore@patf.org. Registration fee is \$25. **Learn more online.**

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