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Welcome to Houston

**Kristine Gebbie, RN MN FAAN
National AIDS Policy Coordinator**

Wednesday, March 2, 1994
Wyndham Warwick Hotel

Program

Kristine M. Gebbie, RN MN FAAN is the National AIDS Policy Coordinator and is currently developing the Clinton Administration's AIDS policy. Ms. Gebbie is a nationally recognized leader in the area of public health policy, particularly as it relates to HIV/AIDS. Prior to her current appointment, Ms. Gebbie served as Secretary of the Department of Health for the State of Washington. Previously she served as Assistant Director, St. Louis University Hospitals. She has held faculty positions at the University of Washington, the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland and St. Louis University. She has chaired both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on the Prevention of HIV Infection, and the Environment, Safety and Health Advisory Committee of the U.S. Department of Energy. Ms. Gebbie is a DrPH Candidate in the PEW Doctoral Program in Health Policy at the University of Michigan School of Public Health in Ann Arbor. She has been named a Distinguished Scholar at the American Nurses' Foundation, a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, and received the Mary Tolle Wright Award for Excellence in Leadership from Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society in nursing.

7:00 AM	Registration, Coffee Service <i>Prefunction area</i>
7:30 AM	Breakfast served <i>Please be seated</i>
7:50 AM	Program Welcome <i>James Halloran, RN MSN OCN AIDS Regional Education & Training Center</i> Introduction of Featured Speaker <i>Deborah Brimlow PhD UTHHSC School of Public Health</i> Remarks by Featured Guest: Kristine Gebbie, RN MN FAAN National AIDS Policy Coordinator Dialogue with audience <i>Please use microphones provided</i> Presentation and thanks <i>Charles Domingues, LMSW HIV Service Providers, Inc.</i>
8:40 AM	Program concludes

No smoking in the meeting room, please.

V O L U N T E E R I N G

People who become members of the Northwoods AIDS Coalition come for their own reasons. Because their own family has been touched by the disease. Because they know someone who is infected or has died. Because they simply want to help.

As a small, grassroots organization, every single member, every single volunteer is precious. In a world where one person can rarely make a difference, in this group, one person can.

You can make a difference by joining a specially-trained AIDS Care Team, providing care for people in Montgomery County through home visits, meal preparation, transportation, childcare, household chores and other tasks.

You can help by coordinating transportation with area churches and social organizations, so area patients can get needed medical treatment.

You can volunteer to serve on one of the Coalition's many committees, using your experience for community relations, fund-raising or in a host of other areas. Just call. We need you.

Northwoods AIDS Coalition
P.O. Box 9653
The Woodlands, TX 77387-9653



Northwoods
AIDS Coalition

Houston, Texas area

People throughout the world understand that AIDS is a tragic problem. But it's easy to think "not here."

Yet at last count, metropolitan Houston had over 8,600 reported cases of AIDS, including more than 5,400 deaths, since the epidemic was detected in 1981. This number ranks seventh nationally. Those are the official cases.

More troubling: Some estimates put the number of people with HIV/AIDS in our community at 35,000. One in 90. Men, women and children. Black, brown and white. Homosexual and heterosexual. People who live and work throughout the Houston area.

Even here.

The Northwoods AIDS Coalition was founded in 1990 to provide support to individuals and families touched by HIV/AIDS in Montgomery and North Harris Counties. The people we serve are often geographically isolated from the services and support networks in Houston. At times, we are the only place they can turn for help.

Our members include people with the disease, their families and friends, along with caregivers, social workers, medical professionals and other concerned citizens.

As a non-profit, all-volunteer organization, the Northwoods AIDS Coalition brings a range of needed services to our communities.

S U P P O R T G R O U P S

A weekly support group provides a place for people whose lives are touched by HIV/AIDS to openly discuss their health and emotional needs. The group is a diverse mix, including HIV-positive people, non-infected family members and caregivers. Members make hospital visits and check on each other when sick at home. With no set agenda, meetings range from detailed medical discussions to social events.

E D U C A T I O N A L S E R V I C E S

A variety of printed and audiovisual educational materials are available on AIDS symptoms, transmission and prevention. These materials are provided through the Coalition's office and the Montgomery County Library in The Woodlands.

R E F E R R A L S E R V I C E S

If you're unsure where to turn for information or help, referrals for services such as anonymous, confidential testing, social work and advocacy are available.

A S S I S T A N C E

Individuals who are in need of financial assistance for essentials such as food, prescriptions and utilities may apply for help which will be disbursed as funds allow. Donations to this fund are always welcome.

P U B L I C S P E A K E R S

Speakers are available to address groups and answer questions about AIDS-related issues.

P U B L I C F O R U M S

Speakers and current informational programs on HIV/AIDS are offered throughout the year and at monthly meetings.

Northwoods AIDS Coalition.....713-367-3949

AIDS Foundation Houston.....713-623-6796

National AIDS Hotline.....1-800-342-AIDS



Diocesan AIDS Ministry

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Houston, Texas 77006 713/524-0182

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Diocesan AIDS Ministry

needs your help. To become a volunteer or to provide for the financial needs of our clients and programs

please complete the following information and return to the Ministry.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

Please send me the following: ☐ Volunteer Information ☐ Retreat/Days of Reflection Information

Also, to help further the work of the Diocesan AIDS Ministry,

enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution in the amount of \$ _____

About the Ministry

Diocesan AIDS

Ministry was founded on

December 5, 1988 by Bishop Joseph

A. Fiorenza to affirm a compassionate

response to persons with HIV and

AIDS and their families and/or loved

ones by promoting and supporting

ministries in the parishes of the

Galveston-Houston Diocese. It does

this by identification and coordination

of diocesan efforts in AIDS ministry;

development of spiritual and education

programs; collaboration with city,

county and interreligious efforts;

planning and development of

identified, needed services; ongoing

evaluation of diocesan efforts in regard

to HIV and AIDS.



Services We Provide

Diocesan AIDS

Ministry provides the following

services:

- Education
- Case management
- Information and referral services for persons with HIV and their families
- Support groups
 - parents of adult children
 - married couples
 - men
 - women
 - significant others
- Counseling and spiritual support (bilingual)
- Days of prayer and reflection for caregivers and persons with HIV disease
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Limited direct assistance
- Volunteers who are "good friends" to clients and their families

Your Donations Help

Contributions help the

Ministry provide direct assistance for

the items listed:

Assistance with rent

Utility bills - gas, water, electric and telephone

Assistance with prescription medicine (AZT, etc.) when the client is not eligible for hospital district

Assist families when they come from out of state to see loved ones

Clothes

Bus tokens

Transportation

Counseling (therapeutic)

Nutritional supplements, e.g. Ensure

Please note: All donations to Diocesan AIDS Ministry for direct assistance are 100% for clients.



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El Ministerio Diocesano Del Sida

necesita su ayuda. Para ser un voluntario o para proveer ayuda financiera a

nuestros clientes y programas, haga el favor de completar la siguiente información y de devolver al Ministerio.

Nombre: _____

Dirección: _____

Ciudad: _____ Estado: _____ Zona Postal: _____

Telefono (Residencial): _____ (Trabajo): _____

Favor de enviarme lo siguiente: ☐ Información para Voluntarios ☐ Información sobre Retiro/Días de Reflexión

Tambien, para mas ayuda al trabajo del Ministerio Diocesano del SIDA,

incluida esta mi donación exenta de impuestos, en la cantidad de \$ _____

Acerca Del Ministerio

Diocesano del SIDA

fue fundado el 5 de diciembre de 1988 por el Obispo Joseph A. Fiorenza para dar una respuesta compasiva a las personas afectadas con VIH y SIDA, y sus familiares y/o seres queridos, promoviendo y sosteniendo ministerios en las parroquias de la Diócesis de Galveston-Houston. Esto se hace con la identificación y coordinación de los esfuerzos diocesanos en el Ministerio del SIDA; desarrollo espiritual y programas de educación, en colaboración con la ciudad, condado y otros esfuerzos intra-religiosos; planeamiento y desarrollo para servicios necesarios; constante evaluación de los esfuerzos diocesanos con respecto al VIH y SIDA.

Servicios Que Proveemos

El Ministerio

Diocesano del SIDA provee los

siguientes servicios:

- Educación
- Manejo de Casos
- Servicio de información y referimiento para personas con VIH y sus familiares
- Grupos de Ayuda/Apoyo
 - Padres de Hijos Adultos
 - Parejas Casadas
 - Hombres
 - Mujeres
 - Otros Seres Queridos
- Consejos y ayuda espiritual (bilingüe)
- Días de oración y reflexión para los que dan cuidado a personas con la infección de VIH
- Transporte para citas médicas
- Asistencia directa limitada
- Voluntarios quienes son "buenos amigos" para los clientes y sus familias

Tu Donativo Ayuda

Las donaciones

ayudan al Ministerio a proveer

asistencia directa para los siguientes

items:

Asistencia financiera con la renta

Pago de utilidades — gas, agua, electricidad y telefono

Asistencia con recetas médicas (AZT) etc., cuando el cliente no es elegible para el hospital del distrito

Asistir a familias cuando vienen de otros estados a visitar sus seres queridos

Ropa

Fichas para autobuses

Transporte

Consejos (terapeuticos)

Suplementos nutricionales, e.g., "Ensure"

Note: Todas las donaciones al Ministerio Diocesano del SIDA para asistencia directa son 100% para los clientes.



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OUR HISTORY

Given as a vision by God to one man, the ministry was originally established in 1985 as an education and information resource center to prepare churches to face the AIDS epidemic. His Touch has been transformed into not only an education and resource center, but also a ministry offering social, emotional and spiritual support to the AIDS victim and their families.

In 1989 with the unwavering support of Pastor Richard Heard of Christian Tabernacle, a Hot Line was established to answer questions and give information on the disease from the Christian perspective in an anonymous setting. Classes were offered at Christian Tabernacle for anyone who felt a calling to be involved in this ministry.

God has specially called over 30 people to participate in the care teams that have assisted more than 30 clients in the last two years. Christian Tabernacle has opened their doors and hearts to the victims and their families and friends. We have seen a number of our clients **RESTORED** to a rightness with God and some of our clients have come to a never before relationship Jesus Christ.

With your prayers and support, this vital ministry will continue to grow in Jesus Christ.

HOW YOU CAN HELP US

- ***Prayer***

Prayer remain the only viable defense we have against this dreaded disease. God offers strength to both the victim and care giver. Prayers offered in the name of His Touch Ministry are coveted by all who are involved.

- ***Finances***

The need is always greater than the available resources. Monies are required for assistance to the sick, and to continue staff education. Your financial assistance will enable His Touch to continue to complete our goals.

- ***Time***

There are never enough hours in the day to complete all the tasks. Time seems to be in such limited supply that **MORE HANDS** are needed to meet the increasing demands of this ministry as the need continues to grow.

- ***Materials***

As the ministry grows and new programs are implemented; computers, medical equipment, household items and vans particularly are needed.

His Touch Ministries



...Touching
you

A Letter for our Director "OUR MISSION"

Jesus taught us how to deal with dreaded disease of AIDS over 2,000 years ago. He TOUCHED the leper.

Compassion runs free in the veins of all Christians when they encounter the devastation of AIDS. From Infants to Adults our care team has ministered to the needs of these precious people. Looking it right in the face, it suddenly seems immaterial how the disease was contracted.

The pain and agony of these people and their families compels the Church of the Living God to respond—

David said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." Many AIDS victims are abruptly ushered into the valley of the shadow of death.... and their fear is usually the first emotion our care team encounters. What a blessing to watch fear turn into trust and confidence under the influence of the love of God.

I challenge you to GIVE YOURSELF to prayer regarding this very needed ministry, YOUR LIFE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN!

In Christian Love,

Ray Highfield

Services We Offer

- ***Transitional Housing***
Housing is available to HIV positive individuals who are ambulatory but are unable to work.
- ***Care Teams***
Working in conjunction with FIRM (Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry) to offer care to people in our community afflicted with HIV. This care includes meal preparation, shopping assistance to family members and basic nursing care.
- ***Support Groups***
Offering social, emotional and spiritual support to AIDS victims and those closely associated with them, including family members, caregivers and friends. Ongoing groups include Strength for the Journey meeting weekly and friends and family support as needed.
- ***Education***
Education programs are conducted primarily in local congregations, schools, civic groups and any other local forum as requested. These programs present current, factual information about the HIV virus, personal and social effects of the epidemic and risk reduction.

Our Goals

- ***Education Programs for Public & Christian Schools***
Programs are being developed that would offer alternatives to young people not currently being offered in the public sector.
- ***Assistance to the Ministry***
Support groups are desperately needed to assist ministerial personnel infected with HIV. These individuals have special spiritual and emotional needs that need to be met.
- ***Hospice Care***
Christian care for the dying remains a paramount need in the AIDS community. This is a vision for His Touch that has been birthed and is beginning to materialize.
- ***Adult & Child Day Care***
Day care for adults and children infected with HIV will allow them to remain at home with family support. This allows for emotional and spiritual growth to continue in a family devastated by this disease.

HIS TOUCH MINISTRIES
13334 Wallisville Road
Houston, Texas 77049

Agencies represented today:

AIDS Education & Training Center	Harris County Sheriff's Dept.	Omega House
AIDS Foundation Houston	Healix	Park Plaza Hospital
American Red Cross	HealthCor	Planned Parenthood
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care	HIV+ Individuals	PWA Coalition
AVES, Inc.	HIV Service Providers, Inc.	SRI
Body Positive	HMSS	Texas Dept. of Health & Human Services Aged & Disabled Program
The Bridge	HNS	Texas Triangle
Bristol Myers Squibb	Hospice at Texas Medical Center	Thomas Street Clinic
Care Group of Texas	Hospice Center	United Home Health
Casa, A Special Hospital	Houston Chronicle	University of Texas School of Public Health
City of Houston Early Intervention Program	Houston Volunteer Lawyer's Program	Visiting Nurse Association
Continuecare	Loving Arms Foundation	Vitas
Critical Care America	Medical Innovations	VGS
Curaflex	Memorial Southwest Hospital	
Diocesan AIDS Ministry	Methodist Hospital	
Family Service Center	Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection	
Gulf States Hemophilia Center	Milam House	
Harris County Health Dept.	Montrose Clinic	
Harris County Hospital District	NMC Homecare	
	Nursefinders	
	Olsten Kimberly Quality Care	

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AIDS / HIV RESOURCES

For Greater Houston

**A Categorical Index and Alphabetical Listing
of Agencies with AIDS / HIV Related Services or Resources**



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RECURSOS SIDA / VIH PARA HOUSTON

**Un Índice por Categorías y una Lista en orden Alfabético
de Agencias que ofrecen Servicios o tienen Recursos
Relacionados con el SIDA / VIH**



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**Preparado por la Oficina de Epidemiología
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ACT Health Services	867-7710	523-7110
795-4590	Ft. Bend Family Health	Park Plaza Hospital
AIDS Education Training	Center 342-4530	527-5000
Center 794-4075	Gulf States Hemophilia	Planned Parenthood
AIDS Equity League	Center 792-5321	522-6363
871-0092	Harris County Health	Progressive Healthcare
AIDS Foundation	Dept. 526-1841	952-2273
623-6796	Harris Cnty. Hospital	PWA Coalition
American Red Cross	District 746-	522-5428
526-8300	6510 Harris Cnty.	Quality Care
Association of Nurses in	Sheriff's	462-3920
AIDS Care 524-	Dept. 755-	SRI
9277	7315	680-0343
Aves, Inc.	HealthCor	TDHS Aged & Disabled
640-2837	586-7578	696-7677
Bering Foundation	HMSS	Total Health Services
529-6071	748-1170	797-
Blood Center	HNS	1660
791-6222	796-9844	Twelve Oaks Hospital
Body Positive	Hospice TX MD Ctr.	964-
524-2374	467-7423	8881
Bristol Myers Squibb	Houston Vol. Lwys.	United Home Health
800-788-2350	Pgrm. 228-	956-
Burroughs Wellcome	0732 Jewish Family	8892
933-1539	Services	VNA
Care Group	667-9336	796-
660-6781	Life Physical Therapy	1166
Care Team	871-9565	Lisa Weaver, PhD.
526-5999	Lifetec	977-
Casa, A Special	999-8566	9397
Hospital 796-2272	Loving Arms Foundation	1994 Board & Staff
Christian Community	526-8798	Officers:
Services 961-3993	M. C. C. R.	President:
Community Endowment	861-9149	Charles
Foundation 528-0037	Milam House	Domingues
Critical Care America	520-9248	Vice President:
688-7878	Montrose Counseling	MaryAnn DePoe
Curaflex	Center 529-	Treasurer:
868-1500	0037	Neoma Harris
Dapa	NMC Homecare	Secretary:
783-8889	795-4343	Toby Newman
Diocesan AIDS	Nursefinders	
Ministry 524-0182	797-1140	
Family Service Center	Omega House	

THE HIV SERVICE PROVIDERS, INC.

MISSION

The HIV Service Providers, Inc. was organized in 1989, to enhance service delivery for all who are affected by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. Our organization develops and shares expertise and educational information among members, as well as public, private and voluntary entities. The primary focus of our efforts is within the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area.

MEMBERSHIP

Our Membership is comprised of non-profit, proprietary and governmental agencies which include community based organizations, individual service providers and health care entities. These agencies serve persons who are infected or affected by HIV.

COMMITTEES

Throughout the year, members can work on any one of our committees (legislative, data management, finance, community awareness, membership, HIV+ advisory, and others). These committees play an important role in helping to achieve our mission.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- * Have maintained a computerized database for four years of over 300 Southeast Texas organizations that provide services for those infected or affected by HIV
- * Since 1990, have edited The AIDS/HIV Resource Guide For Greater Houston in cooperation with The Harris County Health Department
- * Coordinated 1993 World AIDS Day Planning Committee
- * Mary Davis Fisher guest speaker at 3rd Annual Membership Breakfast, October, 1993
- * Co-sponsored a conference for the business community on HIV/AIDS in 1991
- * Assisted in providing Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners at the Thomas Street Clinic
- * Exhibited at various events, including the Texas First Conference, Fifth Annual Houston Conference on AIDS, Texas Business Group on Health
- * Board members and staff presented at the 1993 National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference on "HIV Service Providers: Who We Are and What We Do"

MEMBER BENEFITS

- * Houston Area AIDS Resource Team (HAART) - Case managers,

(Member benefits continued)

- social workers and others meet monthly to share resources and educate each other in order to better help their clients
- * Networking opportunities at monthly general meetings
- * Free or reduced admission to official HIV Service Provider, Inc. events (Conferences, Membership Breakfast, workshops)
- * Members promoted at conferences and workshops through slide presentations and brochures
- * HIV Service Providers, Inc. maintains active membership in and shares information obtained from such organizations as The Texas AIDS Network and The American Association for World Health

MEETINGS

General meetings are held the second Friday of every month at the American Red Cross, 2700 SW Freeway at Kirby, 8:30 AM.

HAART Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Palmer Memorial Church, 6221 S. Main, 8:30 AM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please call our office at (713) 521-9862, or visit our office at 3400 Montrose, Suite 811.

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April 4, 1994

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Kristine M. Gebbie, R.N., M.N.
National AIDS Policy Coordinator
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

Dear Kristine:

I apologize for the delay in writing to express our appreciation for your visit and useful interactions with the staff and patients at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. I enjoyed your presentation at the conference, interacting with you on Friday morning and, particularly, your presence along with Ms. White, at the opening of our new Virology clinic. My impression of your visit is extremely positive. The presence of a HIV policy maker, such as yourself, at local sites is very beneficial. Not only do you get a sense of what happens out of Washington, D.C. but the personnel at the local level gain insight of the broader viewpoint that you bring to HIV. While many of us try to provide that to our colleagues, having it come from someone like yourself is extremely valuable.

I hope that you will continue in your efforts as a focus point for the issues that you have developed to bring to the struggle against this disease. All of us wish you the best and will continue to play our part in this epidemic. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can ever be of assistance to your efforts and also please feel free to visit anytime you are in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. B. Pollard".

Richard B. Pollard, M.D.
Professor of Internal Medicine,
Microbiology and Immunology
and Pathology

RBP/nt

December 14, 1993

Mrs. Charles H. Fay
5403 Beverly Hill Lane, #1
Houston, TX 77056

Dear Mrs. Fay;

Thank you for writing, and for your continued
interest in my work. I will keep your
invitation handy and hope that I can see you in
Houston.

Sincerely,

Kristine M. Gebbie, R.N., M.N.
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

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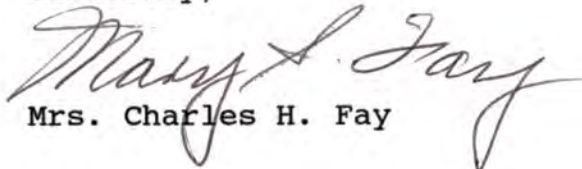
Dear Kristine,

Please forgive my informality, but I was absolutely charmed with your talk to the National Board of the Medical College of Pennsylvania last Monday evening. Also, I was pleased to get to visit with you and mention The Rev. Randy Frew who is doing such an outstanding job for the Episcopal Church, in my opinion. I thought you might enjoy seeing this little writeup from *The Texas Episcopalian*, November issue.

If you should visit Houston, I'm aware how close your schedule would be, but I know you'd like to tour Milam House for which our St. Stephen's church is an important sponsor. Our Rector Helen Havens has been in the forefront of welcoming all to our church and in cooperating with the AIDS educational activities. Helen and I would be very pleased to set up the visit and tour and to take you to lunch or whatever activity you might have time for.

Your talk was excellent and your enthusiasm contagious. Thank you so very much for coming to speak with us last week.

Sincerely,


Mrs. Charles H. Fay



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The attendance of three presiding bishops made the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Claude E. Payne, Bishop Coadjutor of Texas, an historical event in both the diocese and the nation. Pictured (l-r) The Rt. Rev. Maurice Benitez, Bishop of Texas; The Most Revs. John Allin (retired), Edmond Browning, and John Hines (retired); and the Rt. Rev. Scott Field Bailey, former Suffragan Bishop of Texas and retired Bishop of West Texas. Bishop Payne kneels before them during the examination portion of his Consecration in Houston on October 9, 1993.

Strong Heritage, Bright Future Celebrated at Consecration

(ed. note: A full transcript of Bishop Scott Field Bailey's sermon will be reprinted in the December issue of the *Texas Episcopalian*.)

In an historic service that took place on October 9th, in Houston, Texas, the Rev. Dr. Claude E. Payne became the new Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Texas, co-consecrated by three presiding bishops. The Most Rev. Edmond Browning, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, was joined by two former Presiding Bishops, the Most Rev. John Allin and the Most Rev. John Hines as co-consecrators along

with the Rt. Rev. Maurice M. Benitez, Bishop of Texas and the Rt. Rev. Scott Field Bailey, former Suffragan Bishop of Texas and retired Bishop of West Texas. Among the 2000 in attendance were former President and Mrs. George Bush, personal friends and members of Bishop Payne's previous parish, St. Martin's, Houston. A 380 voice choir, with members from forty-six churches, rang jubilant under the direction of John Marsh as twenty-four other bishops processed with 250 clergy and presenters. Among the visiting bishops

were the Rt. Revs. Peter Nyanja, Bishop of Lake Malawi, Africa; Peter Lee, Bishop of Virginia; Alex Dickson, Bishop of Tennessee; Sergio Carranza-Gómez, Bishop of Mexico; and Anselmo Carral, Asst. Bishop of Texas (retired), who traveled from Florida. The Rev. Joseph Di Paola, St. Martin's, Houston and the Rev. David Galloway, Christ Church, Tyler acted as attending presbyters.

In his remarks, Bishop Payne, thoughtful and calm throughout the service, said, "Even though we have a strong heritage, this is a celebration of hope for the future." "Together we should aim high, work hard, serve well and love much," and he added, "in doing that we will honor and give praise to God, we will be productive and we will enjoy it." Bishop Payne will become the seventh Bishop of Texas upon the retirement of Bishop Benitez.

In his sermon, Bishop Bailey commented that it was "easier to please God as a saint than as a bishop," and addressing

(see *Consecration*, page 10)

Conference Addresses Specifics of AIDS Ministry

"Our faith depends on the truth of the living Word in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. It is this truth which has made us free to speak AIDS and HIV in our churches and to welcome all those who are living as well as dying with HIV/AIDS and who have come to believe and to expect the terms of the Baptismal Covenant that we are a people who "strive for justice and peace among all people" and who "respect the dignity of every human being".

The Rev. Rand Frew doesn't pull any punches. With an unflinching approach to HIV/AIDS education, an exuberant laugh and sparkling blue eyes, Frew has been staff consultant for the Episcopal Church Center's office on AIDS ministry for the last four years. He was also an effective part of the Diocesan AIDS Conference, held in October at Camp Allen.

(see *Candid Discussion*, page 7)

"Mission" Partnership from Parish to Diocese is Goal of New Proposal

The Executive Board, at a special called meeting at Camp Allen, Oct. 12, endorsed in principle "Shaping our Future: The Diocese of Texas", a potentially far-reaching proposal for developing diocesan mission planning and strategy that will begin with a diocese-wide questionnaire during Lent, 1994. The Rt. Rev. Claude E. Payne, bishop coadjutor, presented the report of an expanded Executive Board subcommittee, which is "intended to provide a way that will involve the grassroots of the diocese in mission, in partnership with the Executive Board". If the proposal is adopted by Council in February, every congrega-

(see *Shaping our Future*, page 12)

Constitutional and Canonical Amendments Due November 21 For Nomination Deadlines, see article, page 2

Any proposed amendments to the constitution or canons of the Diocese of Texas should be in the hands of the Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, the Rev. John Donovan, 2216 Ball St., Galveston, TX 77550, by November 21st which is 75 days before the first session of the 145th Council. If necessary, materials could be faxed to Trinity Episcopal School to the attention of the Rev. John Donovan at 409/765-6675.

The committee will meet on Monday, November 29th, at the office of the Chancellor.

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The Bishop's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ,

A short while back a person in the Diocese asked me, "What is the program of the Diocese of Texas?" I frankly was a bit startled because I suppose I forget that we who are constantly involved in carrying out this program forget that some of you might not be nearly as familiar with it as we are.

I suppose I should first say that the program of the Diocese of Texas is to try the best we can to do the Mission of Jesus Christ in the world, to know Christ and make him known, to make disciples of Jesus Christ of all persons whom we can, or, as the Prayer Book states it, to reconcile all people to God and to each other in Jesus Christ. The program of the Diocese is the way we try to carry out that Mission.

To review some of the highlights of the program of the Diocese of Texas, I happen to think that our first task is to support the 160 congregations of the Diocese, as they engage in doing Christ's mission in the communities in which they are located. We support them first by doing the best we can to get for each one the best clergy that we can, the most talented in leadership, preaching, teaching and pastoral skills. Although we do not always do as well as we should, we try to help the congregations of the Diocese work with each other and support each other in their common ministry. We also try to start new congregations in different parts of the Diocese wherein there are people whom we can serve and to whom we can relate the Gospel of Jesus Christ more effectively.

Next, through our Missionary Budget, supported by the Missionary Commitments of each of our congregations, we subsidize the operating cost of about 35 of our 45 mission congregations. The financial support of those newer congregations that have recently built new facilities and are struggling, therefore, under heavy mortgage payments amounts to a very large portion of the support of the priests who are serving those congregations. In other cases, the amount is a relatively small part of the support which the congregation provides for the priest, and these congregations are working ardently toward full financial self-support, with our strong encouragement. In each of these cases, our mission strategy is how best to reach the most people for Christ and His Kingdom, enabling them to become and be nurtured as His disciples. Next, the Missionary Budget includes over \$400,000 to support our college ministry in the Diocese of Texas, which includes full-time chaplains and the operation of college centers, along with funds for programs at four universities within the Diocese (Univ. of Texas - Austin, Texas A & M - College Station, Rice - Houston, UTMB - Galveston). In addition, the Missionary Budget supports part-time chaplaincies at a number of other universities (Prairie View, Sam Houston State, Stephen F. Austin, Texas Southern, Univ. Of Houston, Baylor, Southwestern), not to mention a number of volunteer chaplaincies served by parish clergy at local community colleges. My comment at this point is that there are a great many clergy and lay persons in the Diocese of Texas who first became acquainted with the Episcopal Church through a chaplaincy on a university campus or, alternately, were already Episcopalians but made their first serious commitment to Christ while participating in a college ministry.

Of course, another integral part of the diocesan program is reflected in almost half a million dollars out of the Missionary Budget that is sent to support the national and worldwide program of the Episcopal Church, a major portion being the support of the domestic dioceses of the Church, mostly smaller ones located in rural areas, as well as generous support to a great many foreign dioceses of the Episcopal Church, mostly located

(see Bishop's Column, page 12)



Bishop Benitez is pictured with Dr. John Bunk (r-l), sons, Craig and Charles, and wife Nanci at the side altar of Episcopal High School's Benitez Chapel. The side altar and other chapel furnishings were recently dedicated in memory of their son and brother, Blake Bunk, EHS Class of 1990.

EHS Chapel Windows and Furnishings Dedicated

In the last month, dedicatory services were held at the Benitez Chapel at Episcopal High School in Houston for Chapel furnishings and nineteen magnificent stained glass windows.

In a ceremony held September 22, the Rt. Rev. Maurice Benitez, Bishop of Texas, dedicated the Chapel furnishings in memory of Blake Newman Bunk, EHS Class of 1990. In his address, Bishop Benitez recalled Blake's faith and his courageous fight with cancer, saying that "countless students will follow these crosses and will worship in this holy place. I pray that they will follow Christ in their daily lives and follow the courageous and radiant spirit of Blake Bunk." Besides the processional crosses, a side altar, altar cloths and hangings, altar vessels, main altar hangings and the Pascal candle stand

and torches were given by friends and family in memory of Blake.

On October 14th, the nineteen windows depicting scenes from the life of Christ were dedicated October 19, 1993. The windows, designed by renowned, stained-glass artist Leslie Wicker, were six years in the planning. Wicker spent three contemplative days in the chapel before beginning his designs, working closely with Bishop and Mrs. Benitez to meld the contemporary feeling of the chapel with a traditional interpretation of the scenes in fourteen of the windows. Four small windows representing the Gospels surround the sanctuary and another depicting the cross and crown is centered above the Altar. The windows were dedicated in honor of significant benefactors of the school.

Nominations for the 145th Diocesan Council

A third and final reminder that nominations for the elections of the 145th Diocesan Council must be made before very long. All clergy, vestries, and Bishop's Committees should have received nomination forms by October first to be completed and returned by the first of December. Please note that it is *one lay, not clergy* to be nominated as trustee for the University of the South, as was erroneously printed in a letter to clergy.

As you prayerfully begin considering various strong leaders to nominate, pray also for the process, the Nominations Committee and next February's Council to be held at Trinity Church, Houston. Please obtain consent of the person you wish to nominate.

The offices to be filled are:

1. Secretary of the Diocese
2. Treasurer of the Diocese
3. Standing Committee (1 lay, 1 clergy)
4. Executive Board (3 lay, 2 clergy)
5. Trustee of the Church Corporation (1 lay or clergy)
6. Trustee of the University of the South (1 lay)

Nominations are to be sent to the chairman of the Nominations Committee, the Rev. Richard (Dick) Grant, St. Thomas, P. O. 586, Wharton, Texas 77488. Other members of the committee are the Rev. Johnny Cook, St. Cyprian's, Lufkin; Cynthia Swift, St. Paul's, Waco; the Rev. Sharon Turner, Holy Spirit, Houston; Juan Vasco, Santa Maria Virgen, Houston; Sidney McClendon, Chancellor of the Diocese; the Rev. Canon Leo Alard, Standing Committee representative; and James Anderson representing the Executive Board.

The Nominations Committee will meet the first of December to draft the slate presented at Council. Nominations not received prior to the December committee meeting cannot be considered for the slate, but can be presented from the floor of Council.

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Annual Meeting

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Mpango especially thanked the ECW for a UTO grant recently received in his country and requested prayers for his country, an unstable part of the world at this time.

The following board members and four delegates and four alternates to Triennial were duly elected: Mary MacGregor, president; Laura Gilpatrick, UTO Chairman; Muriel Kearby, Bishop Kinsolving Memorial Fund Chairman, Charlotte Hillbolt, Austin Coordinator; Dianne Stropp, Central Coordinator; Virginia Pette, Southwest Coordinator; Una Flemings, Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Chairman; and Sue Brown, Communication Chairman. The Revised Bylaws were adopted. As the Rev. Amy Donohue, Deacon, St. Francis Houston offered the Necrology Resolution, the chimes on the clock in the hall appropriately rang the toll for the women who had died in the past year in our Diocese. Linda Lindsey, Christ Church, Nacogdoches extended a warm invitation to all in 1994 for the Annual Meeting. The meeting was closed with a prayer by the Rev. Merry Rideout, St. Paul's, Waco.

ECW ROUNDUP

* **Women of St. Mark's, Beaumont** will once again open their doors to the community for their Annual Chili Supper and Bazaar. The event will be held on Thursday, November 4th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to join them for this fun filled day.

* **The ECW of St. Christopher's, Houston**, will hold it's Annual Bazaar on November 6th. Outside vendors are welcome. For details contact Parish Coordinator Becky Mills at the church office (713) 465-6015 or St. Christopher's ECW President, Gladys Pace at (713) 870-8657.

* **St. Mary's ECW, Cypress** will hold it's 9th Annual Holiday Bazaar and Tea on Friday, November 12, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Holiday decorations, homemade crafts, gift items, and jewelry will be displayed. The Tea Room will feature seafood gumbo, 21 bean soup, sandwiches, and sweets. On Friday, November 12, food will be served until 8 p.m. Food take-outs will be available. Proceeds will benefit area outreach programs, such as KIDCARE and Cypress Assistance Ministries. For more information, please contact Ann Broadfoot at (713) 469-0343.

* **The ECW of Christ Church, Temple**, will host their annual fund-raiser, the Flavors of Fall Luncheon on Monday, November 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A freezer and bake sale will be held in conjunction with the luncheon. Tickets will be \$5 and are available in advance by calling the church office (817) 773-1657, and will be available at the door.

* **St. Paul's, Waco, ECW** will be having their annual Advent Retreat on Thursday, November 18, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Retreat leader will be The Rev. Mark Crawford, Rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Waco. Anyone interested in attending should make a reservation by calling the church office at (817) 753-4501.

* **St. David's ECW, Austin**, will hold a Holiday Gift Fair and Silent Auction on November 21. A Special Preview will be held on November 14th. For more information contact the Chairman, Marty Terry at (512) 453-7956.

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Candid Discussion is Key to AIDS Education for Youth and Adults says Frew

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Frew joined a panel of doctors, attorneys and a parent of an HIV infected child at the two-day forum and discussion, designed to address persistent questions about the twelve year old AIDS/HIV pandemic. Some 25 parishes were represented by seventy persons attending the conference.

AIDS has killed 200,000 Americans. Currently there are 300,000 cases of AIDS, most of whom will die in 2-3 years. AIDS is a leading killer of men between 25-44 in 64 cities with a population over 100,000. More startling is that in five cities with a population of over 100,000, AIDS is also the leading cause of death in women of the same age group. Over 40 million people will die of AIDS worldwide in the next decade.

The enormity of the problem, said Frew in his keynote address, is approachable by starting in small, specific ways, in the "context of community and cooperation," on the parish level. "Start by making the congregation a base for open, maturing conversation," he told the audience, "beginning with theological and biblical language." "The Church is the appropriate place to have conversations about human sexuality," he said, pointing out the Episcopal Church's relatively long history in dealing directly with the disease.

A rapidly growing group of people infected with HIV/AIDS are youth. Speak-

ing of the vulnerable youth population, Frew stressed the need to speak frankly and candidly.

"We adults must treat our kids with dignity and with the respect to which they are entitled," he said. Most adults are not willing to learn what concerns and pressures face the youth of today and are therefore ill-prepared to discuss something as important as AIDS/HIV in a helpful manner.

Sandy Bartlett, AIDS educator (AIDS Services of Austin) said peer education within the faith community seems to be the best avenue for reaching youth, but he warned, "you cannot talk about AIDS unless you can talk about sex and drugs." "Youth Ministry in the Ages of Aids," a resource packet, is available from Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, NY, NY, 10017. Currently, multicultural resources for adults and youth are being developed.

Other members of the forum discussed the 100% preventable nature of AIDS/HIV and need to reach both adults and youth. "It is not a question of if we will be affected but when," said Bartlett.

Two attorneys from Austin spoke of employer/employee rights and the laws that have been changed to protect an infected person's right to work and to maintain health insurance. Patricia Presley described how family law has been changed to allow for the disposal of an estate and setting forth the type of burial desired by the person suffering from AIDS.

Until September of this year, family members could change the burial instructions after the person died, but no longer. A special health-care power of attorney has also become important, she said, explaining that "We have had to get aggressive in protecting a person's rights with AIDS because for so long those rights were taken away."

Don Horton, representing employers, says he advises his clients not to discriminate. In 1992, HIV/AIDS became a legal disability which protects a whole spectrum of employee benefits. "Most employers," he said, "are more knowledgeable today, some have seen friends and employees with AIDS who do not fit the original stereotype," making them more sensitive.

In a more personal picture of this disease, the Rev. Jim Abernathy, vicar of Christ the King, Atascocita, spoke eloquently about his 34 year old daughter, Penny Knox, who is HIV positive. He spoke of the power issues faced at work

when Penny was not recommended for a raise because she was "not considered a long-term employee"; the fear of isolation from people that overrides the fear of death and dying; the worry of a safe place for her son. He also spoke with great pride about the lives Penny has touched in speaking out about HIV/AIDS, her courage and good heart. At a time when many are cut off by their families, Abernathy stressed family love and support as an important part of the continuing health for those infected with HIV/AIDS.

Examining the best of the AIDS programs across the country, Frew explained



"Begin AIDS ministry in small, specific ways," says Rand Frew.

the common thread in each was their non-judgmental and immediate response to the person living with AIDS. The most successful programs recognize that they are dealing with people who are sick, people who are powerless and who are discriminated against. "These people and their friends and family need help immediately, not next week when the committee has formulated a plan for the vestry to look at and possibly fund.

Among those mentioned are the Omega House in Houston, All Saints AIDS Service Center in Pasadena, California, the Episcopal Caring Response to AIDS (ECRA) in Washington, D.C., AIDS Memorial at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, the AIDS Commission at Christ Cathedral in St. Louis and Jerusalem House in the Diocese of Atlanta.

Materials on HIV/AIDS concerning education, programs and speakers are available through the Diocesan AIDS Commission of the Diocese of Texas through the office the Suffragan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. William Sterling, 713/520-6444, 3203 W. Alabama, Houston, Texas 77098.

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Bishop Peter Nyanja was a guest of Nan Johnson on his recent visit to Houston.

African Diocese Seeks Division to Better Address Vast Area, Communicants

It's not an easy thing to minister to more than three million Anglicans when an eighteen-thousand square mile lake sits in the middle of your diocese. Six or eight hours navigating to a confirmation service by boat is not uncommon. Other times transportation by bus over roads in grave disrepair makes the job of some 40 clergyman slightly more difficult than on the highways of East Texas. The good news is that it is not uncommon to have 500 confirmands waiting when you arrive.

A proposal by the Diocesan Division of World Mission requests a special relationship with the Diocese of Malawi which would financially support dividing the cumbersome African diocese into two more manageable dioceses. The proposal will be presented at Diocesan Council in February, 1994. The Rt. Rev. Peter Nyanja, Bishop of Lake Malawi, was in Houston recently for the consecration of Bishop Claude Payne and spoke of matters in his country.

"It is a time of great growth for the Anglican church in Lake Malawi," said Bishop Nyanja, adding that some of the priests take care of up to 17 missions and parishes. "You get to know your congregation well," he laughed, explaining that clergy often ride bicycles between churches and usually spend the night. Here the priest functions as a jack of all trades—medic, administrator, clergy and teacher. Because of the critical need for more clergy, many churches depend on licensed laity to function in the absence of priests who are only able to visit infrequently.

While in Houston, Bishop Nyanja celebrated with the Bishop of Mexico, the Rt. Rev. Sergio Carranza at the AIDS mass held at Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, October 10th, and attended the Diocesan AIDS conference at Camp Allen. HIV/AIDS education and offering support to those dying of the disease are priorities of

Among the many visitors at the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Claude Payne in Houston recently was a humble, quiet guest from Galilee. The Rev. Elias Chacour is an Arab Palestinian Christian, a Melkite priest who came to be part of a celebration and left his Christian brothers and sisters in this country with a passionate message of reconciliation. The Melkites are royalists, who followed King of Constantinople in 1054, when the split between Rome and Constantinople took place.

Chacour has a long standing relationship with many in the diocese who have

the church in Lake Malawi. Bishop Nyanja described inadequate hospitals in his homeland where AIDS has taken such a toll. "Often there is more than one patient in a bed and always there are people sleeping under the beds." As a participant in the Diocesan AIDS Conference, Bishop Nyanja will return to Lake Malawi with information to help implement stronger programs to fight the disease in Lake Malawi.

Lake Malawi has a 10 year history as a companion diocese with the Diocese of Texas first as Niasaland, Malawi, then Lake Malawi (three years each). If Council approves the Diocesan World Mission plan, the Diocese of Texas would pledge \$100,000 to assist with the election and endowment of a new bishop which will allow the Diocese of Lake Malawi to divide into two dioceses.

Bishop Nyanja has been bishop of Lake Malawi for 17 years and during his current visit to the United States, will travel to Mississippi and Oregon to meet with some of the many friends who have done missionary work in Malawi in the past. He and his wife Irene, have nine children.

AIDS in Africa

Sixty-four percent (64%) of the worlds reported cases of AIDS are in Africa where the disease is mainly transmitted through heterosexual intercourse. The religious community throughout the world is mobilizing its resources to fight AIDS and care for the sick and orphaned.

The churches of the Anglican Communion have 70-million members worldwide, 30-million of whom are in Africa. In January of this year, the twelve Anglican archbishops, who oversee the largest Protestant denomination on the continent, sponsored an AIDS resolution adopted by the Anglican Communion, pledging to use their infrastructure and membership to help stop the spread of the disease. The plan calls for education, training and development of pastoral ministries, as well as urging governments to recognize and develop measures to deal with the epidemic on all levels.

Chacour Brings Message of Reconciliation from Christians in Palestine

over the years supported his work in Ibillin, Israel.

Attending the consecration of Bishop Payne was a remarkable experience, because Chacour noted, "I am from an oppressed society where we have to go to God for recourse, we have nothing else." The sight of 2000 people who, in Chacour's words "need nothing, who have everything...coming to God for joy and meaning in their life was very moving for me."

"It was very impressive to see President Bush, who had a great impact on the whole world, singing, praying and taking communion, next to me," said Chacour.

The following day as a guest speaker

at St. Matthews, Austin, Chacour's gentle nature became passionately animated about Israel and Palestine, Christians and Jews. He said it was time to stop the atrocities of persecution that both Jew and Arab have suffered. In addressing the "one-sided" support the US historically offered in the Middle East conflict, Chacour stressed the "need to start sending something else—friendship, forgiveness and reconciliation."

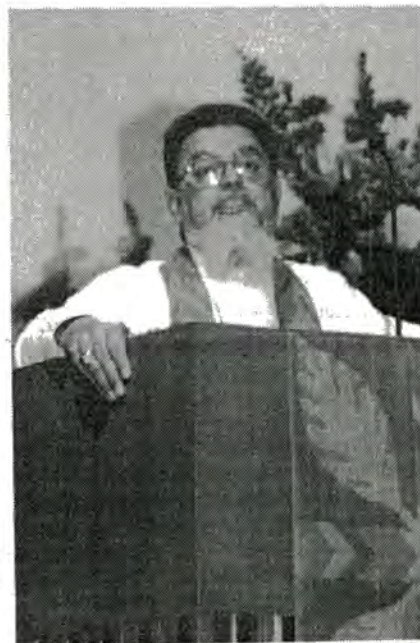
"When you say Palestinian," he asked, "do you think Moslem, terrorist, blood thirsty?" adding that the terms were "not so easily interchangeable." He asked for solidarity from Americans, "Don't travel to the Holy Land without visiting those who witnessed the living God, the risen Lord," he said, pointing out that there are 125,000 Palestinian Christians, part of the 12-15 million Christian Arabs in the world.

War in the Middle East is not about religion-Islam vs. Judaism, it is not a racial conflict of semite against anti-semites, but two nations with identical claims to the same land, as it regards their national consciousness.

"It has taken 45 years to convince political leaders on both sides to admit that we all belong to the land, not the land belongs to us," said Chacour. "Both nations have to share their lives together on that land, otherwise they will be condemned to be killed together on that land."

He spoke of rebuilding, side by side with Israel and the importance of reconciliation through forgiveness and negotiation. He spoke of a Palestinian state with its own flag, own economy, education, hopes and its own mistakes. Once independent, Chacour feels, the countries will become strengthened by interdependence. He closed saying, "We (Israel and Palestine) are the hope for each other."

While in this country, Chacour is speaking with many educators to gain support, both financial and academic, for the Prophet Elias Christian College, the first college to exist in Galilee under Christian auspices. He is also working with members of Habitat for Humanity to begin the project in the Holy Land that would assist those in refugee camps. The Rev. John Pitts of St. Matthew's, Austin, described Chacour as a man who has "lived a life that none of us can imagine" and praised his work in the name of Jesus Christ in the Middle East. St. Matthew's EYC is planning a work trip to Ibillin next summer for Jr. and Sr. High students to live and work with Christian Palestinians.



The Rev. Elias Chacour spoke at St. Matthew's, Austin, on his visit to the United States.

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GROUP AFFILIATIONS

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REFERRALS

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BENJI HOUSE

HISTORY:

Founded in September 1992, named for Benjamin Michael Quiroz who died of AIDS last year. This house is part of His Touch Ministries in conjunction with Christian Tabernacle.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

To provide housing for ambulatory self-care AIDS or HIV+ patients and those newly diagnosed who find themselves homeless. An atmosphere of peace and healing is maintained at the house which allows patients to obtain direction for their lives.

Support groups are part of the Benji House activities. These help not only the patient but also their loved ones and family deal with living with HIV and AIDS.

ELIGIBILITY

- Self care ambulatory AIDS and HIV+ persons.
- Drug and alcohol free.
- Receiving SSI/SSDI or in process of applying for benefits.
- Willingness to contribute to the house with food stamps, etc.

HOW TO HELP

We need those who can offer help financially or with their time. The residents have continuing needs that include meeting appointments, doing personal shopping and constructively using their daily time when they are able. Volunteers to transport residents, help with support groups and give themselves in friendship and love are always welcome at Benji House. If you would like to help you may contact:

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March 1, 1994

**SCHEDULED INTERVIEW
FOR
KRISTINE GEBBIE
NATIONAL AIDS POLICY COORDINATOR**

ONAPC STAFFER: John Paul Gurrola

DATE/TIME OF EVENT: 10:30am March 3, 1994 5-10 minutes [taped interview]

LOCATION: [VIA TELEPHONE]

you call him

ORGANIZATION: KPRC News/Talk Radio - Houston

CONTACT: Brian Hill 713/588-4841

PURPOSE: To interview the NAPC

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Brian will interview you

MEDIA COVERAGE: NONE

REMARKS REQUIRED: Discuss ONAP generally

Discuss you Texas visit

BACKGROUND: KPRC is one of the two largest talk/radio stations in the Houston area.

KPRC reaches Galveston listeners.

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February 22, 1994

Kristine M. Gebbie
Office of National AIDS Policy Coordination
Executive Office of President
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Washington, DC 20201

Dear Ms. Gebbie:

This is sent to confirm that portion of your visit to the School of Nursing at UTMB that will focus directly on the developing doctoral program in nursing. The meeting listed on your schedule will be held from 4:00 - 5:00 pm in the Dean's Conference Room. You will be meeting with a small group of faculty (six to eight people) who serve as the Doctoral Program Nursing Faculty Advisory Task Force.

For this portion of your visit, I am requesting that you briefly discuss with the group the dimensions of health care policy that you believe are particularly germane to doctoral education in nursing. I would also like you to describe those things that you think are essential to include in a doctoral program that will prepare nursing students for the future.

We are very pleased that at last the long planned visit to our school is becoming a reality. Thank you in advance for your gracious acceptance of our invitation, and for your contribution to our doctoral program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phyllis".

Phyllis B. Kritek, RN, PhD, FAAN
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Home gives patient new start

By WILL BLACKLOCK
News Editor

Jesse Scott is living in paradise -- or so it seems, until he can secure his finances.

Scott is one of the first residents of Benji's House, a home for people who are HIV positive and are struggling financially after losing their job or income, because of the disease.

"People with the disease need something clean, warm and dry without any hassles," says Scott. "There is a peace about this house. The people here want to help and make us comfortable."

Through the help of his case worker, Scott was able to move from a crumbling garage apartment into Benji's House.

"The only heat I had was from an oven that was downstairs," says Scott. "I really think the disease responds to emotional factors and you have to try your best to find a place to relax. I believe in prayer and I want to exercise my faith and I can do that here."

Scott found out he was HIV positive in August, and after many months of struggle he has found a

peace through his faith.

"If you aren't careful you will lose your dreams, and if you can't hold on to them, it really wrecks you," says Scott. "My first thought was of the things I couldn't do, but now I feel good about myself and the things I

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—Scott

have to do, and I will accomplish them.

"When I first heard it, it was extremely traumatic. I didn't know what to do, but I resorted to what I knew best - my faith and the Lord," says Scott. "I don't know what I would have done without it. This is a test of your faith, because when times are good you don't think of your

faith."

One dilemma Scott faced that only made his coping harder was the pressures from society that often didn't understand or want to understand what he was facing.

Scott says many members of his family supported him when he

first told them of his disease, but one aunt refused to be around him, because she literally didn't want to breathe the same air he did.

"It was very hard to tell my brother and sister, but the last time I visited them we really had a ball," says Scott. "So many horrid lies have been put out and for such a long time."

With Benji's House, volunteers hope more people can be educated and made aware of the needs of the people with HIV.

"There is still a lot of ignorance out there, especially in the religious community, that is why I appreciate the churches and business people who give support," says Ray Highfield, director of Christian Tabernacle's His Touch Ministry.

"It's not just a gay disease, it's everybody's disease," says Tommy Baimbridge, a volunteer at Benji's House. "It is something people need to be made aware of. You can't get it by shaking hands or hugging someone with the disease."

"I was ignorant of it, but when my son got AIDS I started asking questions and learned about it," says Baimbridge. "It won't help anybody by not talking about it."

Highfield says it is essential to do something soon to care for those with AIDS and educate those who don't.

"In Houston they predict by 1995 30,000 to 40,000 people will be HIV positive. And possibly, right now, one in every 100 high school student is HIV positive," says Highfield.

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Haven for HIV patients opens

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The hours of hammering, sweeping, hauling and weeding are over. From the remains of a decaying home stands Benji's house - a home for residents with the HIV virus.

After several months of cleaning and rebuilding by volunteers, the house opened recently, and its director says the opening didn't come soon enough.

"We already have a waiting list," says Ray Highfield, director of Christian



Baimbridge

Tabernacle's His Touch Ministry. "When people are diagnosed with HIV. They lose their job and they suddenly find themselves with no income or their income is greatly reduced. We want to help them."

In October, the house became available for leasing. It was the realization of a dream for Highfield.

"This was a long-range goal of ours, and we jumped on it as soon as we heard about the house," says Highfield.

Most residents will stay at the house for only three months until they are able to afford other living arrangements, but those residents who need more time will stay longer says Highfield.

"This gives them a footing, so they can find a more permanent place down the road," says High-

field. "We want the house to be a stepping stone for them."



Highfield

Besides providing a clean, safe environment for the residents, Highfield says the house will give the residents a chance to save money, because the house is inexpensive to stay in.

"We are only charging \$165 a month, and if they can't afford that, we will work something

out," says Highfield.

For several months, money was a key concern of Highfield, but his faith kept him going.

"We would often wake up in the morning without any money for the house, but by the end of the day we would have enough to keep on going," says Highfield. "It seems no matter how much help we get, there is never enough for all of the things we want to do, but the support we have been getting is tremendous."

Plans are also in the works for a home for patients who are in the final stages of AIDS to provide them with a peaceful environment in their remaining days.

The house would be named after Tommy Baimbridge's son, Wesley, who died of AIDS. Baimbridge, who owns a tile company in the Heights, has contributed his

time and resources to build Benji's house.

"Doing this has been a good experience," says Baimbridge.

"Once people knew what I was doing, they would come help and ask me questions about AIDS. Before we wouldn't talk about it, and now more people are becoming aware of the facts about AIDS."

Benji's House will have a three-member staff to help the residents with transportation and assistance, but Highfield says volunteers will be needed to help.

"Most of the guys who will live here can get around on their own, but we need people to take them to the doctor, go shopping and just being there as a friend," says Highfield.

Those interested in helping can contact Highfield through his pager at 490-6428.

Churches beginning to see human side of AIDS crisis

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A giant cross hovers over the front lawn of the sprawling First Baptist Church complex — the bowling alley, the restaurants, the sanctuaries nestled amid hundreds of yards of red carpet.

This is an ultra-ultra-ultra conservative church, "and you can add another ultra to that," says the Rev. Bill Heston.

But when a popular choir member named Troy came down with AIDS, even the "old coots" had to think twice. Today, First Baptist and its nearly 20,000 members offer six AIDS care teams, helping people with the disease.

"When AIDS took on a face at First Baptist, then it could no longer be avoided," Heston said. "It became a person that we care about, that we loved, and AIDS is secondary."

Slowly, over the last couple of years — as worshipers find the courage to reveal their struggles with the great disease of our age — a new awareness is growing in the churches, AIDS advocates say.

In the early years of AIDS, many of these same churches had succumbed to apathy, or fear, or disgust, and had turned their backs to the disease and its sufferers. The doctrine of unconditional love did not seem to apply to the homosexuals and drug abusers who were most often infected.

But now, some 1,800 churches have AIDS relief and education programs, making the religious community the second largest provider of services to people with AIDS outside the government, according to the National AIDS Interfaith Network in Washington.

And as Easter 1993 approaches, some observe remarkable parallels in the religious response to AIDS in the United States with events 2,000 years ago.

"That's exactly the story of Jesus Christ — suffering, misjudged, dying young and coming back from the dead," said the Rev. David Jaeger, coordinator of AIDS ministry for the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle.

No one is saying the process of acceptance has been easy, or complete.

"I don't care if it's a liberal congregation or a conservative congregation. People aren't solely religious," said ethicist Earl Shelp. "If they only had on their reli-



AP photo

INDIANAPOLIS — The Rev. Howard Warren comforts AIDS patient Jeff Barnett at the Damlen Center in Indianapolis this March. Warren, who has the HIV virus himself, is president of the AIDS Network.

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The Rev. Bill Heston, on his congregation's reaction to the illness of one of the choir members

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The Rev. David Jaeger, coordinator of AIDS ministry for the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle, comparing the Easter story to people with AIDS

away before he finally turned his back on the church.

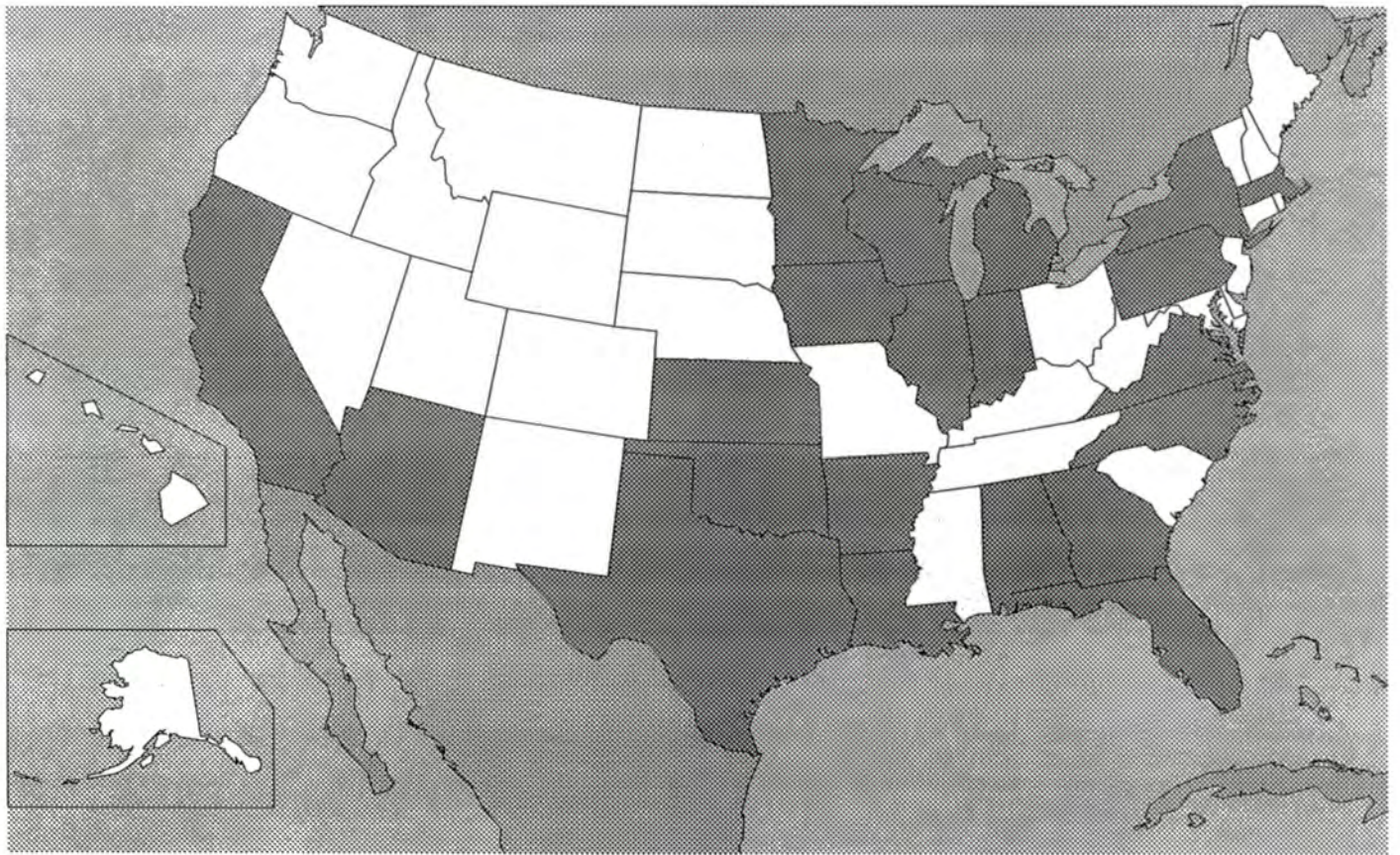
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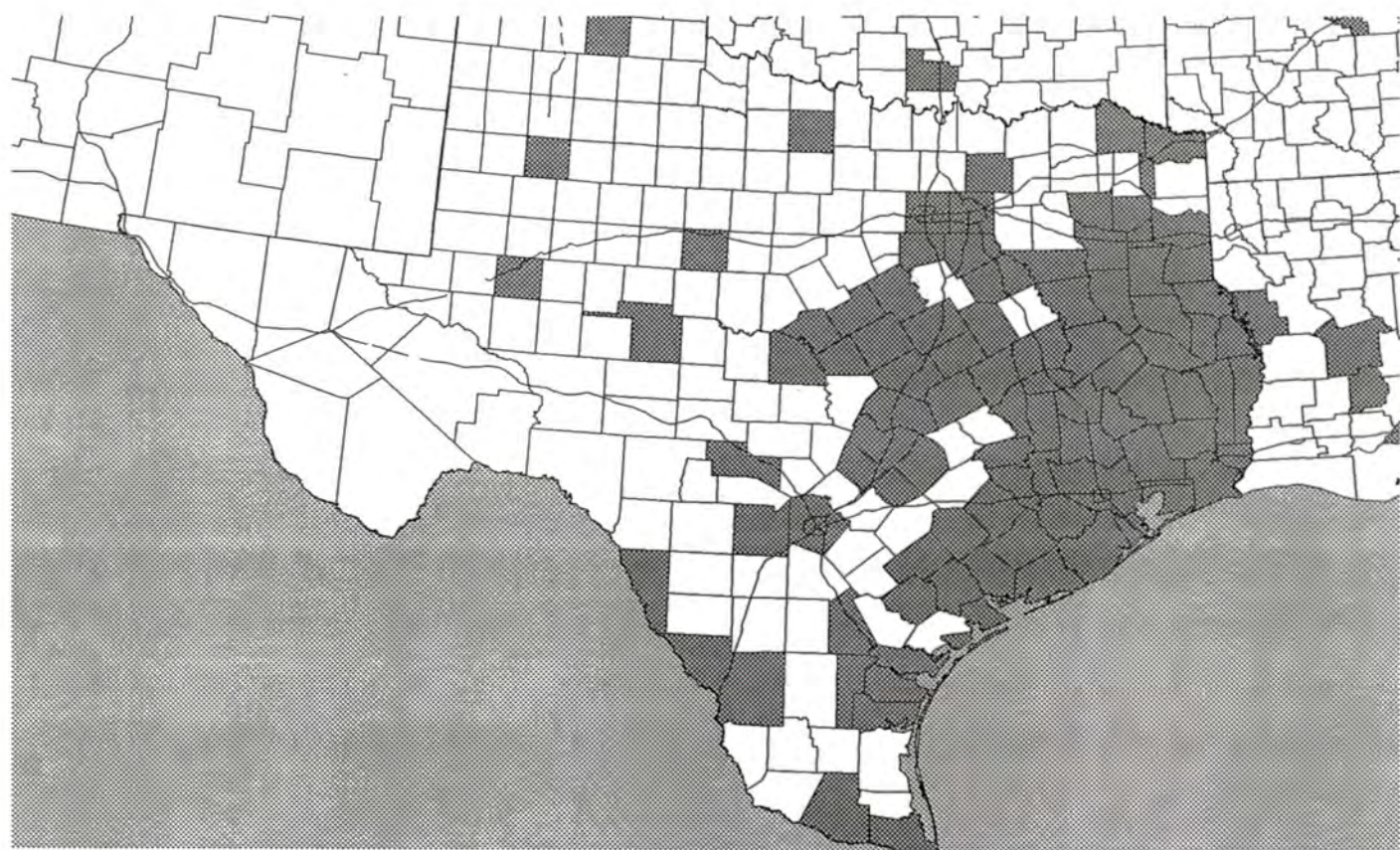
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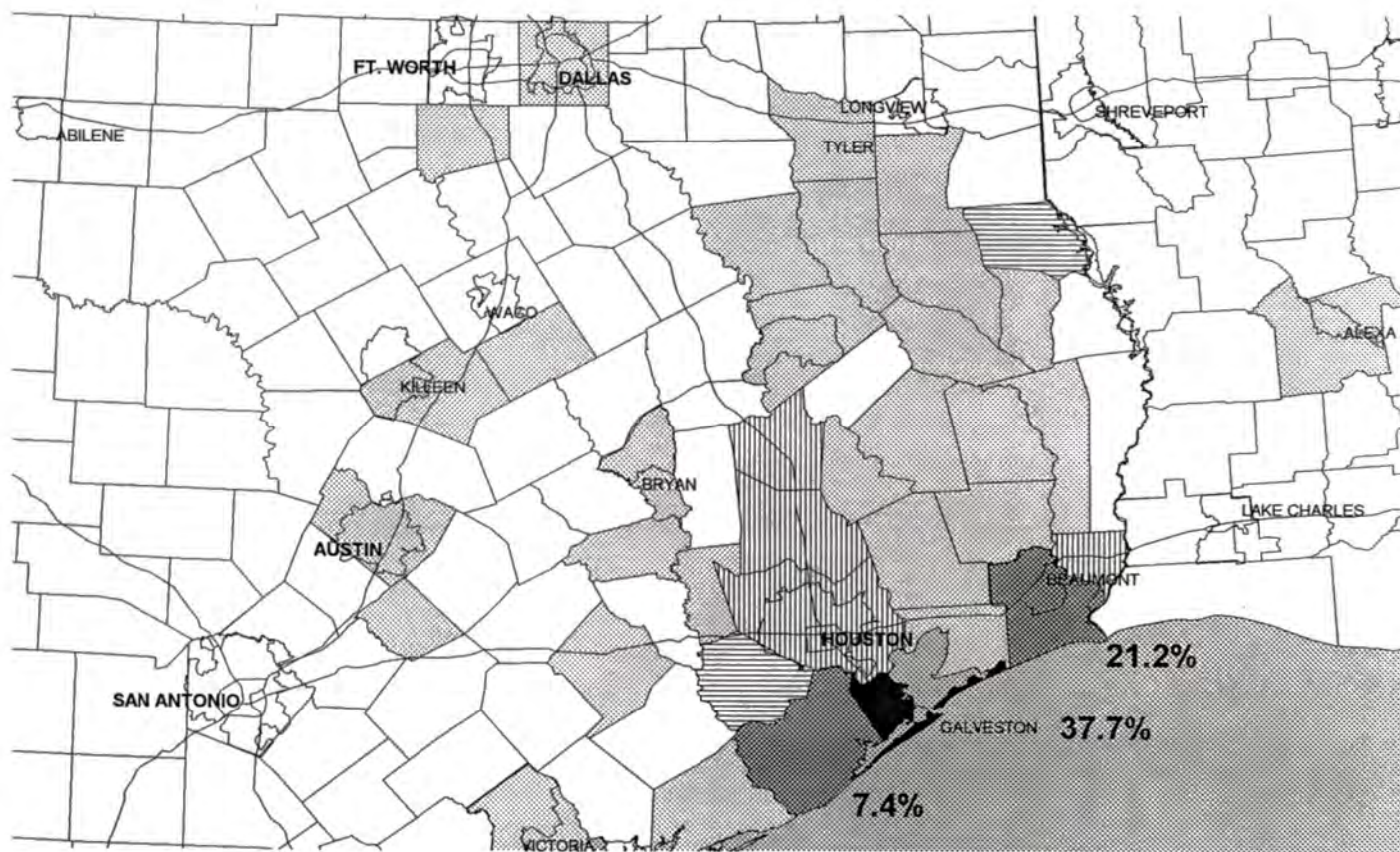
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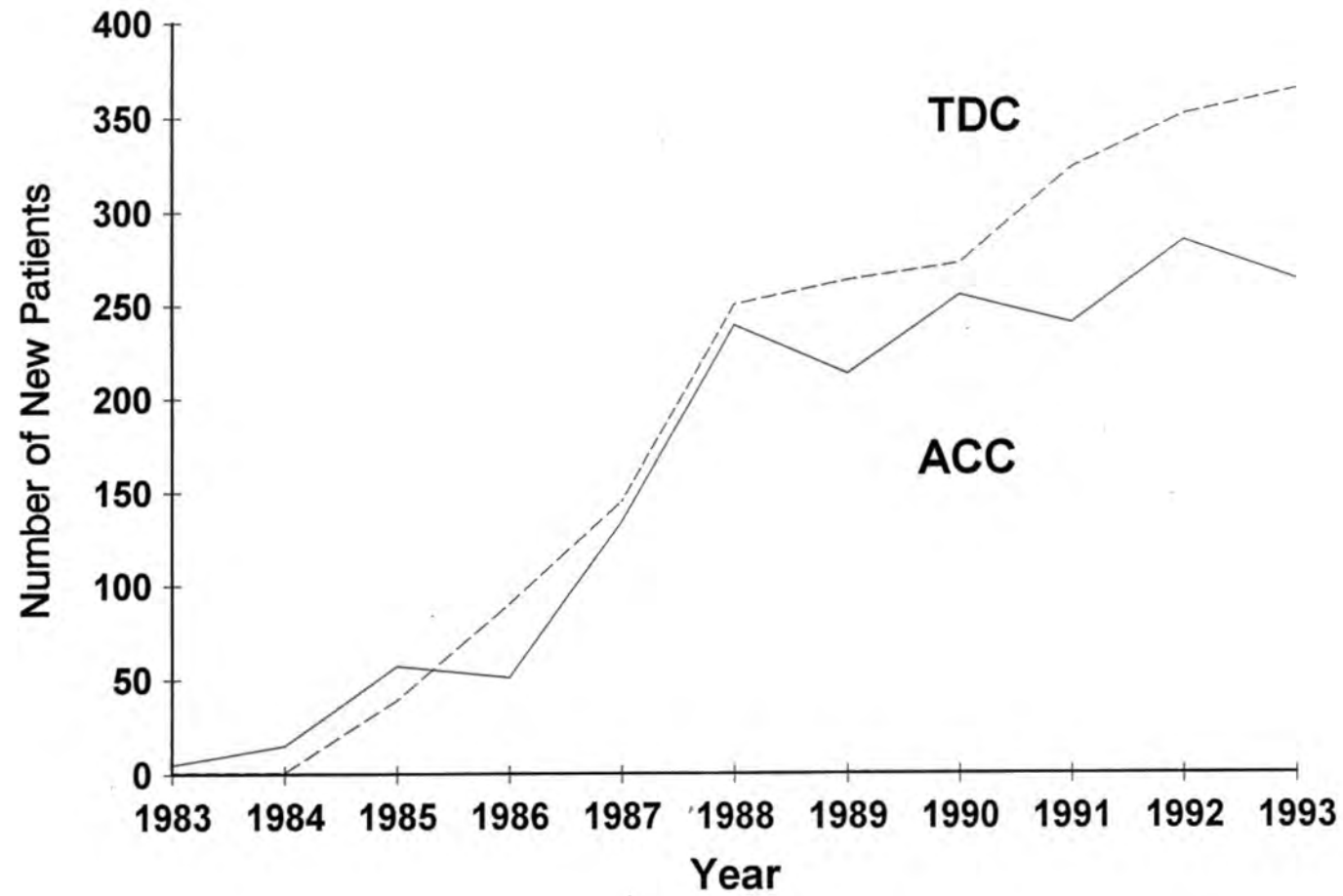
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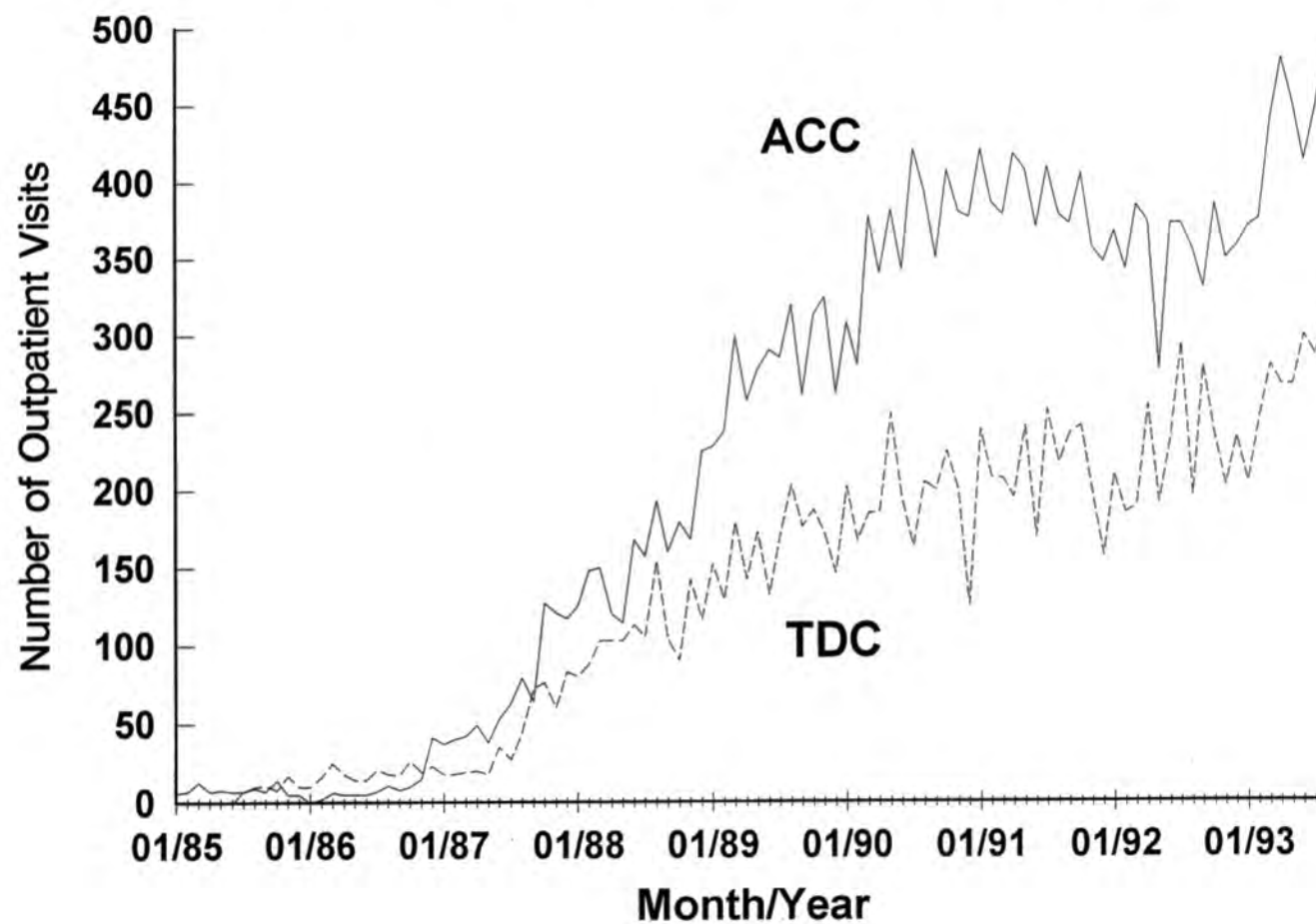




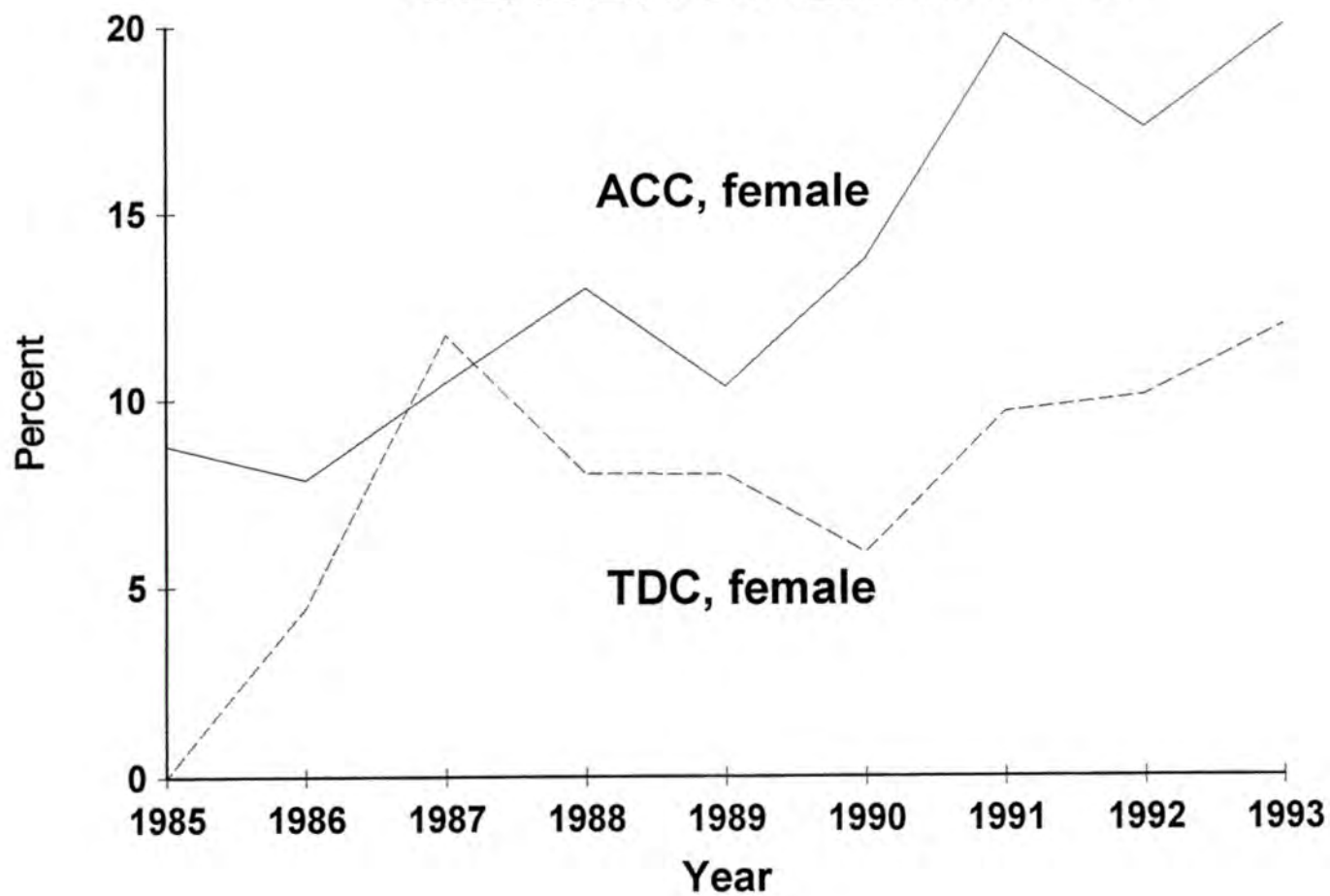
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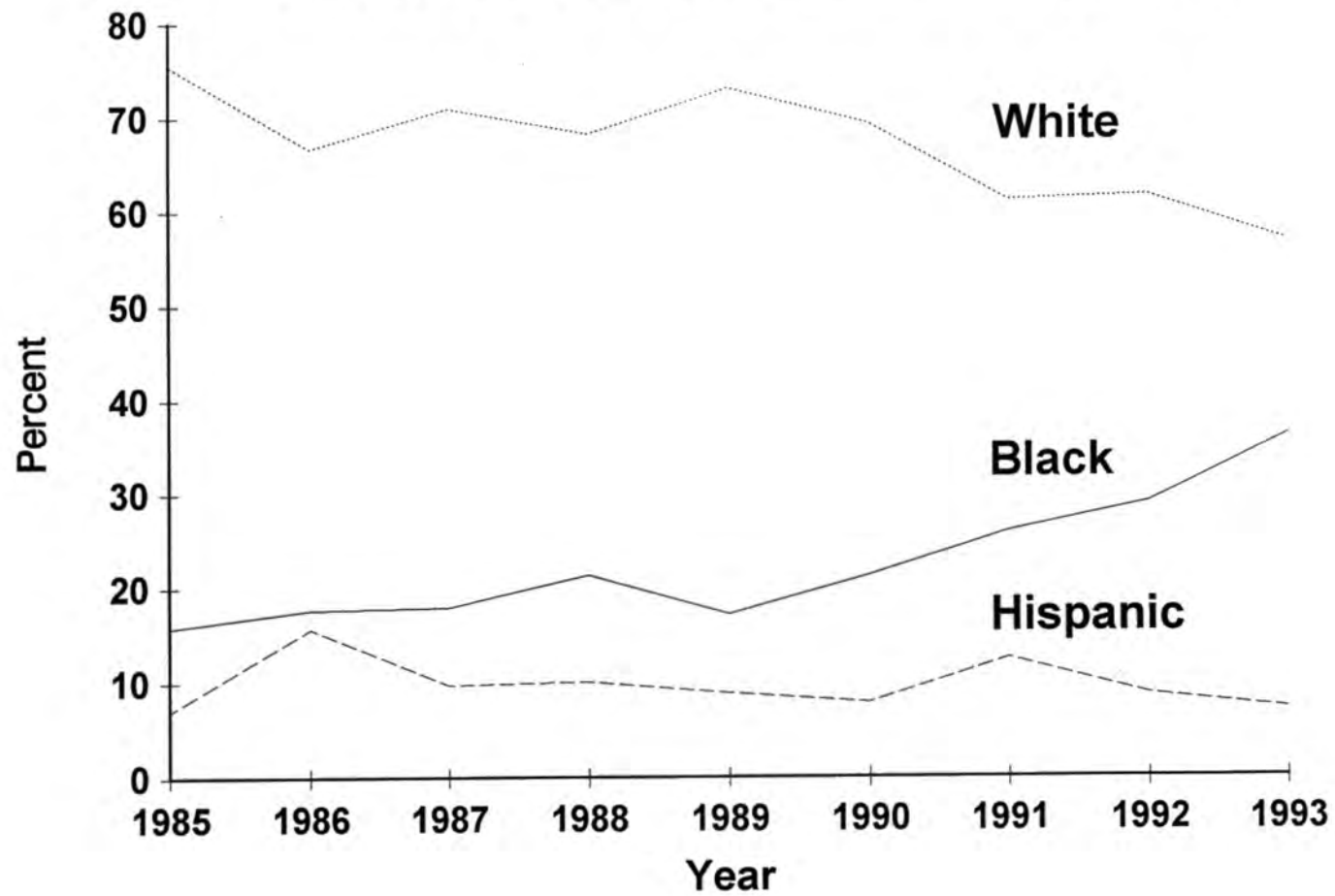
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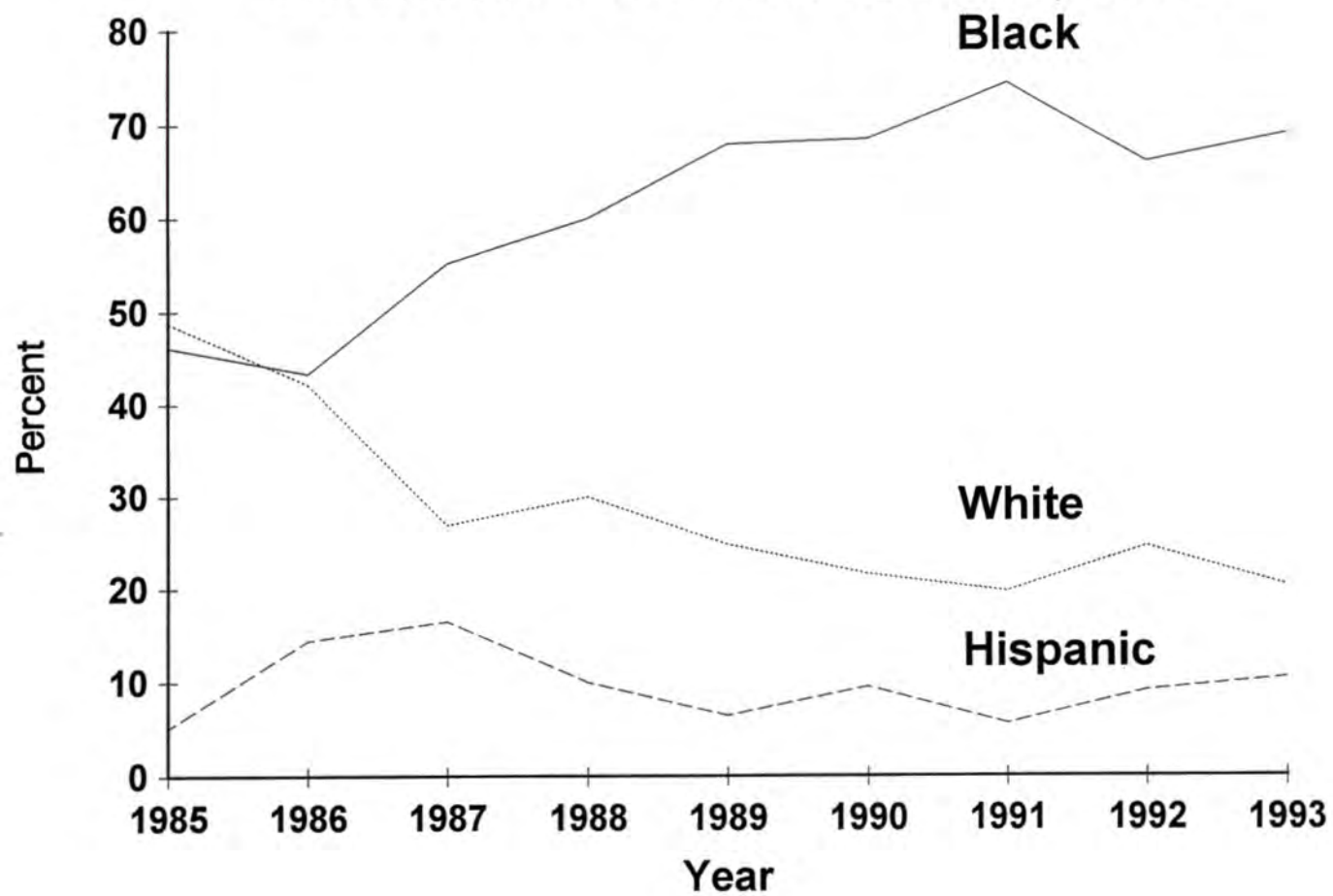
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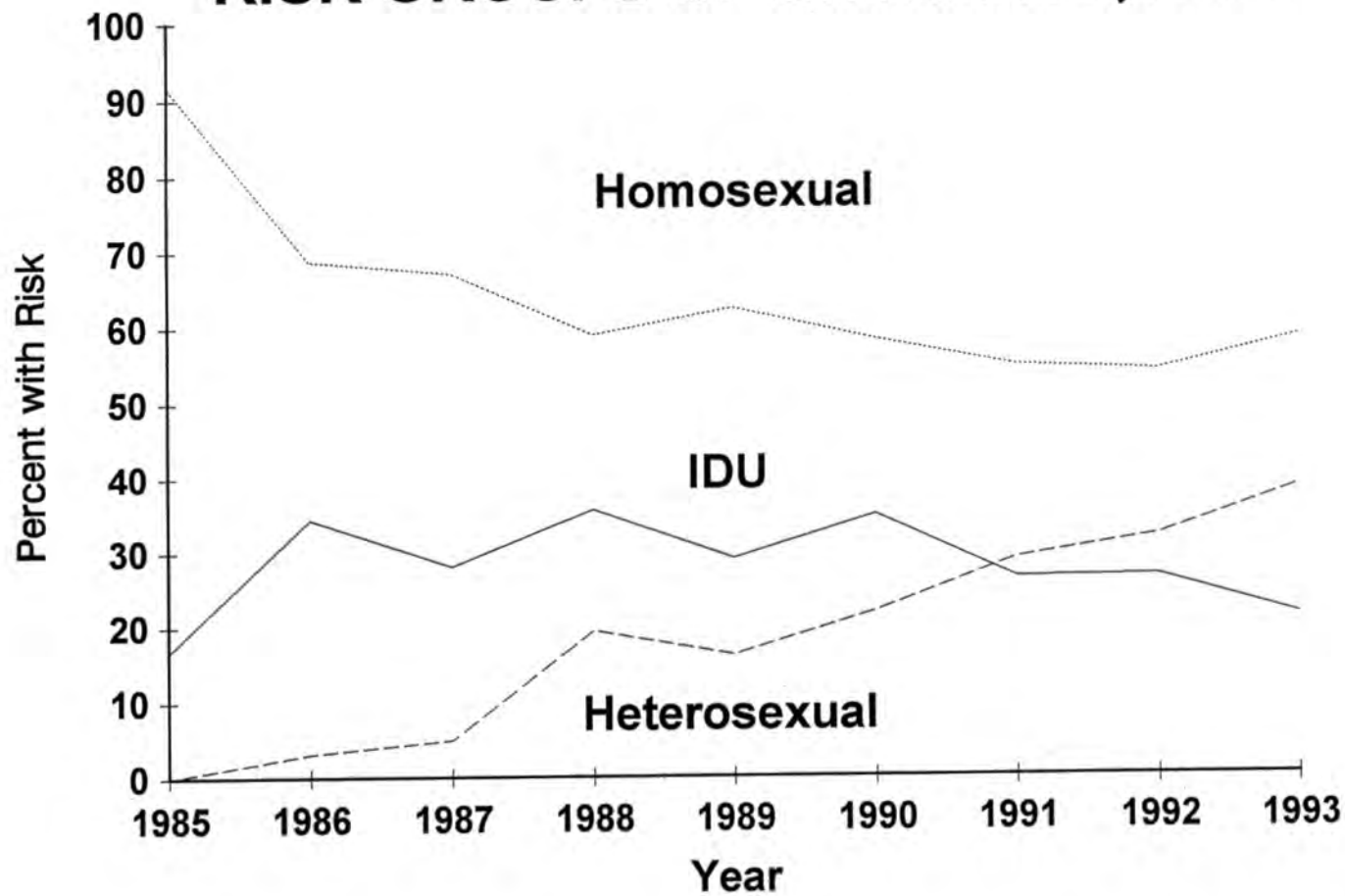
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