

FOIA MARKER

**This is not a textual record. This is used as an
administrative marker by the William J. Clinton
Presidential Library Staff.**

Collection/Record Group: Clinton Presidential Records
Subgroup/Office of Origin: National AIDS Policy Office
Series/Staff Member: Kristine Gebbie
Subseries:

OA/ID Number: 3773
FolderID:

Folder Title:
Meeting with Bishop Chilstrom 3/11/94

Stack:	Row:	Section:	Shelf:	Position:
S	66	5	4	2

American Medical Association

Physicians dedicated to the health of America

M. Roy Schwarz, MD
Senior Vice President,
Medical Education & Science

515 North State Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610

312 464-4370
312 464-4184 Fax

702 3/11
Jack's Restaurant
Park Hyatt - Chicago
800 N. Michigan Ave
(312) 280 2230.



RECEIVED

February 14, 1994

FEB 18 1994

Christine Gebbie, RN, MN
National AIDS Policy Coordinator
Office of National AIDS Policy Coordination
Room 738G, Hubert H. Humphry Building
200 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Dr. Gebbie:

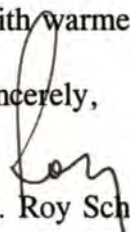
It was very nice to see you at the press conference for the release of the AHCPR Early HIV Treatment Guidelines. I am sorry that we did not have an opportunity to talk more. I did not try to extend our brief conversation at the AHCPR Press Conference since I was anticipating seeing you that afternoon. Unfortunately, airline cancellations for that evening forced me to leave Washington much earlier than I wanted. I had to be in New Orleans that evening and, consequently, missed your meeting. I understand that it was productive, and I look forward to talking with you about these issues at greater length some time in the future.

I do not know if you are aware that I was initially a bench researcher in immunology studying immunosuppression. I am quite confident that, as early as the 1960's, I saw an AIDS patient. As such, immunosuppressive disorders have been more than a passing interest to me. In my position at the American Medical Association (AMA), I spend a considerable amount of time on AIDS issues. I would, therefore, like to chat with you and get a first hand feeling about directions, priorities, and ways in which the AMA can help you and your office.

Again, my sincerest apologies for not attending the meeting.

With warmest regards, I am --

Sincerely,


M. Roy Schwarz, MD

MRS/drl

Int'l Framework HIV

Episcopal

US ~~Int'l~~ Policy — Research
Service
Prevention

Church voice in

Chelstrom

- African-American ingrat
- Family reconciliation

AIDS and the Church's Ministry of Caring

In the presence of the human suffering, anxiety and tragedy in the AIDS crisis, we commit ourselves anew to the ministry of caring. The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America recognizes with gratitude the service of those who care for people with AIDS and their loved ones. It urges church members to support this ministry and to serve those who are suffering with respect and compassion.

AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome), often with an intensity greater than many diseases, calls us to remember our common humanity. The suffering of persons with AIDS demonstrates anew that life for all is vulnerable, limited and broken, yet also graced with courage, hope and reconciliation. As a disease that affects women, men and children around the world, it shows how closely we are bound together in relationships of mutual trust, need and responsibility.

The church's ministry of caring is a grateful response to God's caring for us. The undeserved love of God announced for all in the Gospel of Jesus Christ is our reason for standing with our neighbor in need. Jesus responded graciously to persons who were sick without assessing their merit. In the same way we are called to "be Christs" for all in our midst who suffer and are ill. Our calling summons us to compassion for, acceptance of and service with people affected by AIDS both within and outside of our congregations.

This ministry of caring requires that we be well-informed about the nature of AIDS. We urge our members to read the Surgeon General's brochure "Understanding AIDS," and we encourage our congregations to discuss the subject in their educational programs. Knowledgeable and sensitive Christians are needed to help counter the prejudice and injurious discrimination that people with AIDS experience. Wise and informed people are needed to participate in the complex public policy debates surrounding the disease.

This ministry of caring challenges us to support efforts in the churches and in the wider community that serve those with AIDS, their friends and families. We will continue to encourage

nurses, doctors, caregivers and pastors who witness to God's grace in their daily ministry with people with AIDS.

This ministry of caring embraces the hospitality of our congregational life, whose center is worship. There through Word and Sacrament the Holy Spirit offers to all the comfort and the hope of the victorious God of the cross. There persons who suffer come to know that they are not forgotten, since God cares. There we participate in the concerns and care of the sick through prayer, the laying on of hands and services of healing. United by baptism, all are invited to receive the touch of care. "Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7).

The above message was developed and brought by the Commission for Church in Society to the ELCA Church Council, where it was affirmed on November 13, 1988.

For a free single copy of this document, contact:

Department for Studies
Commission for Church in Society
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
8765 West Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631
(312)380-2715

Quantities of this document may be obtained from the ELCA Distribution Center. In Minnesota call toll-free (800)752-8153. In other states call (800)328-4648.

This document is also available in Spanish.

For further resources and information contact:

The Steering Committee on AIDS
Attention: Adele Resmer
Division for Social Ministry Organizations
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
8765 West Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631

Copyright © 1989 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
Produced by the Department for Studies, Commission for Church in Society. Permission is granted to reproduce this document as needed provided each copy carries the copyright notice printed above.

67-1181

CLINTON LIBRARY PHOTOCOPY

Reaching out to people with AIDS

The disease is painful enough without the whispers. It is no wonder that many of those who suffer from AIDS choose not to share the diagnosis. They fear being shunned by co-workers, friends, and family just when their support is needed most—as the AIDS victim is dying.

So that those who suffer from AIDS might find loving care and compassion in their final days, the South Carolina Christian Action Council is working to establish AIDS care teams in congregations throughout the state. Thus far, four Lutheran congregations have participated in The Ecumenical AIDS Ministry (TEAM) training for those who are interested in helping victims of AIDS. The training includes information on legal issues, issues related to death and dying, infection control, and care-team management.

"Christ ministered to those in need, and as Christians, we should be compassionate to those who are suffering," said Susan Fulmer, synod representative on the Christian Action Council's TEAM project and AIDS resource person on the outreach committee.

Working with AIDS patients is not for everyone, however. Fulmer warned, "Volunteers must be nonjudgmental, compassionate, loving people."

They must also be resilient. It is emotionally intense and stressful to work with people who are dying.

Death with dignity

The care team, which may include as many as 12 members, offers general assistance to an AIDS victim, known as a Friend. The team provides whatever support is necessary so that the Friend can die with dignity in his or her own home. That support is much like what someone in the family might offer, such as shopping for groceries, preparing meals, cleaning, washing clothes, or providing transportation to a doctor's appointment.

"Also the AIDS care teams can offer involved family members respite care," Fulmer said.

Some volunteers may choose not to become directly involved with a Friend. Instead, they may help by preparing foods for others to deliver. Or, they may choose to offer AIDS awareness education in their congregations or become part of a speaker's bureau on AIDS-related issues.

"We don't know exactly how many teams are operating currently," Fulmer said. "We believe some churches are doing related or similar activities, but this is a new initiative for South Carolina congregations. Many are not reporting their activities, and that makes it difficult to keep up with who is doing what."

The next TEAM training is scheduled for April 30 in Charleston. Anyone who is interested in establishing or supporting an AIDS ministry is encouraged to call Susan Fulmer, 276-5769 or 734-3105.



*Keith
Interesting
Kurt*

We need to connect after Houston w/ them.

One congregation's story

Friends offer spiritual gifts to care team

In 1992 a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia approached Pastor Mel Amundson and expressed an interest in establishing an AIDS ministry.

A meeting was held with the outreach committee, which offered support, and those who wanted to participate received training through the Christian Action Council.

"It was wonderful to see people called to serve," Pastor Amundson said. "They wanted to help those who were suffering—but as it turned out, many of them feel they received much more from our first Friend than they were able to give."

DeAnn Ellisor is among the many volunteers who are grateful for having come to know this Friend. He was someone she knew prior to his illness—and considered to be less than pleasant. "Once I knew what was going on, though, my opinion of him changed completely," she said.

"Here was this brilliant man, suddenly ostracized and abandoned. I came to understand: What I had judged on the surface was not the human being who lived inside."

Throughout the Friend's illness, Elli-

sor had daily contact. Just before he died, the Friend called every member of the care team. "He thanked us for allowing him to die in his own home with dignity, not in an institution like 'a piece of trash,'" Ellisor said.

"Grieving for this man was a very moving, spiritual experience for members of the team," Pastor Amundson said. "He had spoken openly of his death, and his ability to deal with it gave strength to those who had worked with him—and grieved for him."

Ellisor still grieves. "I feel as if I have lost an old, dear friend. He was truly someone special," she said.

So are care team members.

"In this ministry, you have to stay upbeat while you stand beside the bed of a dying person. You have to see things you don't want to see and forget you saw them. To stay in this ministry, you need something special inside—and some days I wonder if I have it," Ellisor said. "Still, I thank God for allowing me to be a part of the AIDS ministry. My spiritual journey is light years ahead of what it would have been had I not become involved."

Clinton Presidential Records Digital Records Marker

This is not a presidential record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

This marker identifies the place of a publication.

Publications have not been scanned in their entirety for the purpose of digitization. To see the full publication please search online or visit the Clinton Presidential Library's Research Room.

It almost goes without saying that AIDS is currently one of the major concerns facing our society. Newspaper and television reports concerning AIDS have begun to crowd other major issues as the public hungers to know more and more about this deadly disease.

AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. It is caused by a virus which has been labeled HIV. In persons infected with the virus who develop AIDS, there is breakdown in the body's natural immune system. As a result, these persons cannot fight off infectious diseases and certain cancers, which are the major causes of AIDS-related deaths.

The epidemic spread of the virus is even more shocking. The Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimate that by 1994 approximately 500,000 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with AIDS; approximately 1.5 million are estimated to be infected with HIV. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that by the year 2000 as many as 10 million worldwide will be diagnosed with AIDS and 40 million will be infected with HIV.

At the present time there is no known cure for AIDS. Researchers are working frantically to develop a vaccine against the AIDS virus, but an effective vaccine is still years away. AIDS will be with us for some time to come.

The Church and the Challenge of AIDS

*by James M. Childs, Jr.
with Adele Stiles Resmer*

We have a mammoth medical problem on our hands, but the grim reality of AIDS presents us with more than just a public health crisis. The many faces of AIDS involve issues of moral, spiritual, economic, political, and social concern. It challenges the church, which has been slow to respond to this problem, to marshal all its resources for a clear and vigorous ministry and witness in our society, one that reaches out to the needs of the afflicted, one that speaks to moral issues and ethical dilemmas associated with AIDS, one that courageously speaks to those features of our life-style that foster the spread of AIDS, and one that addresses the fear and anger of society.

The spread of AIDS tests our ethic of unconditional love and calls on the Christian community to set an example of compassion and caring, as Jesus did among lepers, outcasts, tax collectors, and sinners.

The objectives of this study are to assist participants to:

- ◆ provide for an open discussion of the social, economic, health, ethical, and faith issues associated with AIDS;
- ◆ stimulate educational efforts for all ages in understanding and responding sensitively to AIDS-related concerns;
- ◆ help prepare individuals and congregations in carrying out a compassionate and caring pastoral ministry to those whose lives have been, are, and will be affected by AIDS;
- ◆ move beyond the debate of how God views homosexuality, drug use, and promiscuity to an appreciation of God's loving and caring for all persons and families affected by AIDS;
- ◆ assist persons in dealing with their attitudes of fear and judgment in the light of the gospel;
- ◆ foster outreach to persons and families who are touched by AIDS.



Lutheran Welfare Service of Northeast
Pennsylvania
901 Stacie Drive
Hazleton, PA 18201

Tressler Lutheran Services
960 Century Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Lutheran Social Services—South Region
1050 Pennsylvania Avenue
York, PA 17404

Lutheran Social Services—Allegheny Region
915 Hickory Street
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Lutheran Children and Family Service of
Eastern Pennsylvania
2900 Queen Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19129

Lutheran Youth and Family Services
P. O. Box 70
Zelienople, PA 16063

Lutheran Home at Germantown
6950 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19119

Lutheran Services of the Lehigh Valley
533 16th Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota
600 W. 12th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57117

The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan
Society
1000 West Avenue N
Sioux Falls, SD 57117

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin
and Upper Michigan
3200 West Highland Boulevard
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Bethel Home and Services, Inc.
614 South Rock Street
Viroqua, WI 54665

Luther Child Center
4526 Federal Avenue
Everett, WA 98203

Grace Lutheran Foundation, Inc.
816 Porter Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Lincoln Lutheran of Racine, Wisconsin, Inc.
P.O. Box 081280
Racine, WI 53408-1280

Lutheran Social Services of Washington
and Idaho
4040 S. 188th Street
Seattle, WA 98188

For more information about services for
persons living with AIDS or to learn what you
and your congregation can do to be part of the
healing mission of the church with people with
AIDS, please contact these or other social
ministry organizations serving in your
community.

Division for Social Ministry Organizations
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
8765 W. Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631-4187

68-7015

“By 1991, one in
four hospital beds in
New York City will be
occupied by a person
living with AIDS.”

Christianity and Crisis, July 4, 1988

The church's ministry of caring:

Lutheran social ministry organizations and the AIDS crisis

AIDS: A worldwide epidemic

More than 68,000 men, women and children in the United States have died of AIDS. Experts estimate that between 1 and 1.5 million people in the U.S. and between 5 and 10 million people worldwide may be infected with HIV, the virus that causes the disease. To date, there is no cure. Precious few drugs are available to treat it.

AIDS is a disease of epidemic proportions affecting the entire human family. It commands our attention and demands responses from compassionate Christians.

The church responds to the crisis

Lutheran social ministry organizations in the United States have responded to the crisis in a variety of ways. They provide direct services such as information hotlines, education, counseling, home health care and hospice care. Several agencies have opened residential facilities for persons with AIDS.

Listed below are the social ministry organizations affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that are providing services for persons living with AIDS. Note: this list does not include congregations or Lutheran social ministry organizations that are not affiliated with the ELCA.

Lutheran Social Ministry of the Southwest
805 E. Camelback Road
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Lutheran Social Services of Northern California and Nevada
1101 O'Farrell Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Lutheran Social Services of Southern California
5015 Eagle Rock Road, #204
Los Angeles, CA 90041

Lutheran Social Services of the National Capitol Area
5112 Colorado Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20011

Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida
P. O. Box 41514
Jacksonville, FL 32203

Lutheran Ministries of Florida
4015 S. Westshore Blvd., Suite 3
Tampa, FL 33629

Lutheran Ministries of Georgia
756 W. Peachtree Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

Lutheran Family Services of Northwest Indiana
575 W. 84th Drive, Suite A
Merrillville, IN 46410

Lutheran Social Services of Kansas and Oklahoma
1855 North Hillside
Wichita, KS 67214

Lutheran Social Services of Maryland, Inc.
5000 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan
8131 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit, MI 48214

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
2414 Park Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Ebenezer Society
2500 Park Avenue
South Minneapolis, MN 55404

Bethesda Sponsor, Inc.
559 Capitol Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55103

St. Luke's Lutheran Home
1219 South Ramsey
Blue Earth, MN 56013

Council of Lutheran Churches
3558 South Jefferson
St. Louis, MO 63118

Lutheran Mission Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
634 North Grand Avenue, Suite 528
St. Louis, MO 63103

Lutheran Social Services of New Jersey
189 South Broad Street
Trenton, N.J. 08601

Lutheran Medical Center
150 55th Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11220

Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota
1325 11th Street South
Fargo, N.D. 58107

Emanuel Hospital and Health Center
2801 N. Gantenbein Avenue
Portland, OR 97227