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May 16, 1994

Ms. Kristine Gebbie

Dear Ms. Gebbie:

In connection with the Swallen Lectureship Series on "A Christian's Response to AIDS," the Department of World Mission will be hosting a luncheon on Sunday, May 22, at 12:15 in the Lincoln Room at the Campus Center. We invite you to join us for lunch and enjoy a time of informal fellowship.

Please R.S.V.P. at (616) 471-6505.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce L. Bauer

Bruce L. Bauer, Chair
Department of World Mission

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Comments of

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

at

Andrews University

Fighting AIDS: Networking, Identifying Resources
and Friends

May 21, 1994

- I. Why fight HIV and why Network
 - A. Reminder about the ubiquitous nature of the epidemic
 - B. Reminder of the role community plays
 1. The impact of isolation on spreading the disease
 - a. Contrast with an airborne epidemic
 2. community "pods" of disease
- II. Where are we trying to go nationally
 - A. research - #1's - breadth - sexuality ?'s
 - B. services - local nature / ?'s for physicians / others
 - C. prevention - personalized messages -
- III. The particular role of faith communities - contrast & skill voices
 - A. Responding to the call to care
 - B. What does it really mean to "minister"
 - C. community leadership on difficult issues
- IV. Learning from each other
 - A. Learning about the epidemic
 - B. Learning what is needed in the community
 1. if you are coming late, it may not be food
 - C. Learning about the hard issues
 1. other faith groups may have discussed already
 2. there are few or no "pat answers"
 - D. deciding between serving self and serving all

or own church

Adventist AIDS Network

DATE: Sunday, May 22, 1994
TIME: 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.
PLACE: Andrews University, room 203 - Seminary building

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| 1. | Opening prayer | Eunice Diaz |
| 2. | Introduction of Committee members and special guests | DeWitt Williams |
| 3. | Self-introductions of assembly | DeWitt Williams |
| 4. | U.S. overview | Harvey Elder |
| 5. | Global overview | Bruce Moyer |
| 6. | Directions of HIV/AIDS & role of Faith communities | Kristine Gebbie |
| 7. | St. Louis plans | DeWitt Williams |
| 8. | Establish a means of communication | Bruce Moyer |
| | a. NAIN | |
| | b. CDC Online E-mail | |
| | c. SDANet (Compuserve) | |
| 9. | Exploration of areas of possible cooperation | Joyce Hopp |
| 10. | Determination of SDA AIDSNet needs
and how to meet them | Joyce Hopp |
| 11. | Specific agenda setting for immediate future | Lester Wright |
| 12. | Closing prayer and adjournment | Carolyn Watkins |

A Call to Compassion video - those who desire to remain

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I. Research:

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1. Is there Sufficient funding for research?

Are we making progress?

2. Is there any research showing the impact HIV education has on decreasing spread of AIDS?

II. Parent Issues

3. We can lovingly and compassionately bury our kids - but can't we help them abstain or do we need to marry them off at puberty?

III. Immunity and Natural History

4. When this virus damages the immune system, does the person become more vulnerable to the external environment's germs?
5. Is it more difficult to keep germs out? or, Does the body degenerate internally, like a muscular disease?



IV. Treatment:

6. Has there been any tentative experiments on discovering a cure done outside the US. that you are aware of?
7. I have heard of several "underground" networks that have discovered innovative cures. What is known about these?

V. International:

8. In view of the fact that many African Countries originally denied the incidence of AIDS or HIV seropositive, how accurate are the figures that you give about African Countries?
9. Do you have any information about the Bahamas and AIDS? I hear that Bahamas and Bermuda have the highest per capita of AIDS in the world?

VI. Transmission

10. Is there research supporting the common use of anal sex as a method of maintaining virginity and preventing pregnancy?
11. Teenagers that I have worked with report oral sex in this context (prevent AIDS and pregnancy. (I have never heard reports of anal sex being used for these purposes.)
12. In the USA, most teenage premarital sex occurs in family home of one of participants. Usually parents know it is occurring. How can we change parents permissiveness and quiet consent to this AIDS source
13. I read from a reputable periodical that AIDS virus can transmit through condoms. How true is this?
14. How do you live your homosexuality being a Christian...or can you?
15. Is it true that a baby can get the HIV antibody rather than the virus from the mother?

16. Would the baby then be immune to HIV? (not all babies of HIV infected mothers have HIV infection)

17. Can humans contact HIV from animals?

- a. Through bites from cats
- b. Eating meat, i.e. poorly cooked meat?
- c. Sexual contact with animals?
- d. Milk from cows?

18. I have heard from different publications that the transmission is much easier than the way you have mentioned. Behind this information were various doctors and spokespersons. They fight against special social status of AIDS because, as they say, it is a disease and infected people must be isolated. Who are these authorities behind this?



19. What is your objection to their view
20. Can you get HIV through saliva at all?
21. Since you say that it is not spread by saliva, tears, etc., how do you explain hospitals asking nurses to treat each patient as potential AIDS patient by asking nurses to wear protective gear when in contact with patient, i.e. goggles, masks, gloves for suctioning, etc.
22. The medical community seems united in saying that HIV cannot be communicated via saliva (although that has not been discussed ere much) Is this conclusion based on hard evidence through research that HIV cannot be transmitted this way, or simply by lack of evidence that it has been transmitted this way?
23. Are you aware of Dr. Loraine Day's research showing that HI can infect human cells after being transmitted through air in aerosolized blood from orthopedic surgical tools?
24. What implications does this have for HIV transmission in general?

VII. Origin of HIV

25. How much validity is there in the presumption that HIV was engineered as a biological warfare weapon?

26. It may seem senseless to argue about how AIDS originated when our greatest concern is to find a cure. But, what is your response to the allegations that AIDS was a laboratory mistake or even some say, a deliberate attempt to destroy the black population? (see *New Africa* magazine: March 1994)

VIII. AIDS and the Church

27. How do you feel we can mandate the church to change its attitude?

Etc.

28. Isn't it true that the gay community has infected the heterosexual community?

Dear Dr Williams

I'm looking forward
to the conference at
Andrews University.
By now you should have
heard directly from
Ted Kropf, Nat'l Episc
AIDS Coalition, about
the meeting next year,
and about the pine. If
not, he can be reached at

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Please let me know if I can
be of further help.
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March 14, 1994

Kristine Gebbie
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Dear Kristine:

Thank you very much for attending our Adventist AIDS committee. Knowing that you flew in from California the previous night and then spent the entire day with us made our time with you even more precious. We thank you for your wise comments, your input and for the update on the national AIDS policies. We will be praying that God will give you the wisdom, the courage and the strength to do what needs to be done to bring help to the victims of this horrible disease. I am glad that you are urging the Faith community to become an important partner.

There are several things that I hope you can help me with. One is the meeting in St. Louis. You mentioned that you will make contact with those who are organizing to see if the Seventh-day Adventists could be included. Do we have a contact person and what are the dates? Bruce Moyer is planning to get an announcement out to see if we can prepare a core of people who will attend the St. Louis Interfaith AIDS group. We hope to meet them at our AIDS conference in May at Andrews University.

You also mentioned that you have some buttons saying "Our Church has AIDS". I'd like a few of those. We're still in denial here. Well, I hope to hear from you very soon. Again, thank you for your help and your leadership.

Yours in the Master's Service

D. S. Williams, Ed.D., M.P.H., C.H.E.S.
Director, North American Division Health & Temperance Department
cc: Bruce Moyer
Robert Dale
Lester Wright