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THROUGH: KRISTINE M. GEBBIE
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SUBJECT African-American Religious Leaders White House Summit on
HIV/AIDS on 02/28/94 and the Black Church National Day of Prayer
for the Healing of AIDS

On Monday, February 28, the Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) in conjunction with Black religious leaders across the nation will host a summit in the White House complex. We are anticipating around 50 guests. A rough agenda is attached.

The purpose of the summit is educate the African- American religious community and encourage them to make a commitment to work closely with the federal government in response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The summit will encourage the religious leaders to take a pro-active role in preventive education programs for their denominations/ congregations/communities; and to provide support for those already infected with HIV.

This summit is also a "kick-off" for the Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS. The National Day of Prayer will be on March 6, 1994 and will be a nation-wide unified day of prayer across hundreds of African-American churches.

In addition to the support lent to this process by hosting the summit, we are recommending that the President join in the day of prayer by attending services at one of the churches participating in the National Day of Prayer. A specific schedule proposal is attached.

THE BALM IN GILEAD, INC.

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**African American Religious Leaders Summit on HIV/AIDS
and
Press Conference for
The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS**

**Preliminary Schedule
Monday, February 28, 1994**

**8:00 a.m. Assemble
Lobby of The Old Executive Office of the White House Complex
17 Pennsylvania Avenue NW**

**8:15 a.m. Continenal Breakfast
4th Floor**

Greetings:

Blessing of the Food:

9:00 a.m. White House Complex Tour & Photo Opportunity

9:30 a.m. White House Conference Center

**Introduction & Welcome
Kristine Grebbie
Pernessa Seele**

**Introduction of Moderator
The Rev. Canon Frederick Williams
The National Chairperson, The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of
AIDS & Rector, The Church of the Intercession
New York, NY**

**Opening Prayer:
The Rev. Cecily Broderick
St. John Episcopal Church
Hempstead, LI**

Solo: Claude Jay Jones, II
There Is A Balm In Gilead

10:00 a.m. AIDS In The African American Community
????? Dr. Satcher?

10:30 a.m. The Politics of AIDS in the African American Community
????? Congressman Charles Rangel ?

10:45 a.m. The Faces of HIV/AIDS

Phil Wilson, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Denise Stokes

Sharon Flavors, Community Family Planning Council, New York City

11:15 a.m. Theological Perspectives & Responses

Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., Senior Pastor, The Riverside Church, New York City
"Hard Talk: Breaking the Silence"

Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, Ill
"The truth about Health Care & HIV from the African American Perspective"

Rev. Patricia Reeberg, Executive Director, Council of Churches of the City of NY
"Ideals & Practical Solutions: Healing Resources in the Black Church Tradition"

Rev. Dr. John Hurst Adams, Founder & Chairman Emeritus, The Congress of National Black Churches; Presiding Bishop, African Methodist Episcopal Church
"The Black Church Participation In the Political Process of the HIV/AIDS Crisis"

12:30 p.m. LUNCH (Roundtable Discussion)

1:30 p.m. PRESS CONFERENCE

The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS
(signing of an ecumenical statement during the press conference)

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AIDS & **THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY**

FACT: HIV/AIDS is a serious health threat to African American youth.

Today, 7 percent of the total reported AIDS cases are African Americans under the age of 30. AIDS cases among African American children account for more than 50 percent of all pediatric AIDS cases.

FACT: African American women are at risk.

More than 50 percent of AIDS cases are made up of African American women, injection drug use is the most common mode of transmission, accounting for nearly 54 percent of cases among African American women.

FACT: The rate of African Americans dying from AIDS is increasing.

Death rates for African American females is nine times more likely than for white females, and three times more likely for African American males than for white males. In less than a decade, AIDS has quickly become the second leading cause of death among African American men and women between 25-36.

FACT: AIDS is taking a tragic toll in the African American community.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

**African American Religious Leaders Meet at White House
to Sign
the African American Clergy Declaration of War on HIV/AIDS**

What: African American religious leaders from across the country will meet with National AIDS Policy Coordinator Kristine M. Gebbie at the White House to hold a summit on HIV/AIDS and will sign the African American Clergy Declaration of War on HIV/AIDS.

Who: In observance of this year's Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, African American religious leaders will announce their commitment to fight HIV/AIDS and sign the first African American Clergy Declaration of War on HIV/AIDS.

Speakers include:

Kristine Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator
Pernessa Seele, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, The Balm In Gilead, Inc.
Rev. Dr. H. Michael Lemmons, Executive Director, Congress of the National Churches
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Reverend Dr. John Hurst Adams, African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is endorsed by 18 African American religious caucuses.

When: Monday, February 28, 1994
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
White House Conference Center
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PERNESSA SEELE is the Founder/C.E.O. of The Balm In Gilead, Inc., an organization dedicated to healing the African American Community through prayer, health education and advocacy. The Balm In Gilead was incorporated in 1992 as the parent organization of "**The Harlem Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS**". Over the past four years The Harlem Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS has gained national and international recognition as a model for educating and empowering religious leaders and communities about AIDS. Several U.S. cities are presently duplicating this Harlem based project using the technical assistance of Ms. Seele. In 1993, Ms. Seele launched the **First Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS** throughout the United States. African American Churches in 31 states participated in this educational and empowerment effort. Over 7,000,000 media impressions were generated as a result of this national project.

Ms. Seele's dedication and commitment to social change through spiritual unity has evolved her unique idea--The Harlem Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS--into one of the most successful and talked about AIDS awareness programs in the country today. Theologians, members of the medical community and people living with AIDS come together during the Harlem Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS to establish effective communication and collaborative efforts to heal the devastating effects of AIDS and prevent its further transmission. The Annual Harlem Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS has emerged as an effective catalyst and vehicle for a radical revolution regarding AIDS and the Black religious communities on a national level. The concept received international recognition when it was presented at both the 7th and 8th International Conferences on AIDS in Italy and Amsterdam, respectively.

In addition, Pernessa Seele is the Vice President of Harlem Churches for Community Improvement, Inc. In this capacity she is responsible for developing programs that identify and respond to the needs of Harlem residents by promoting self-sufficiency, individual development, and wholesome, supportive communities. She is a consultant to Harlem Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (Columbia University); an adjunct professor at New York Theological Seminary where she teaches Ethics & The AIDS Epidemic and chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Upper Room AIDS Ministry.

In past years, Ms. Seele has worked as the Drug Addiction Program Administrator for Harlem Hospital's AIDS Initiative Program; as an AIDS Consultant for Narcotic Drug and Research Institute (NDRI); and was the first AIDS Coordinator for Interfaith Medical Center's Methadone Clinics. Ms. Seele has done extensive work with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention in Atlanta; Memorial Sloan-Kettering; Rockefeller University; and The Research Foundation for the City of New York. Ms. Seele has received numerous awards for her work in AIDS and the Black Church and has appeared on many television and radio programs. Ms. Seele received her master of science degree in Immunology from Atlanta University and a bachelor of science in biology from Clark College. She is a native of Lincolnton, South Carolina.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cindy Gire, Special Assistant to Mrs. Gore

FROM: W. Steve Lee, Executive Assistant, Office of National
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SUBJECT: February 25, 1994

We would very pleased to have Mrs. Gore stop to offer support to the African American Clergy Declaration of War on HIV/AIDS summit and press conference. It is an opportune time to speak on Federal/local partnerships and community empowerment. I would happily prepare the talking points.

The schedule would accommodate Mrs. Gore's schedule at any point throughout the day. Thanks for your help and I look forward to hearing from you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

February 23, 1994

TO: Ricki Seidman, Assistant to the President for
Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: Kristine M. Gebbie
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

REQUEST: For the President to attend services at a church participating in
the Black Church Nat'l Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS

PURPOSE: To demonstrate support for community and religious
partnerships with the government in education and prevention
efforts regarding HIV and AIDS.

BACKGROUND: The African-American faith community has expanded what was
a New York event into a National Day of Prayer. This effort
has been lead by Pernessa Seele of Balm in Gilead, one of the
clergy who joined the President for breakfast in November to
discuss HIV issues.

The African-American community has been disproportionately
affected by the AIDS epidemic; their communities and churches
must have greater involvement in HIV and AIDS service and
prevention. Support for this day would be a very effective
statement from the President.

**PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION:** NONE

DATE AND TIME: Sunday, March 6, 1994 Time: TBD

DURATION: one and one half hour

LOCATION: TBD [Depending on where the President is that day, a
church participating in almost any major city could be
selected.]

DAY OF PRAYER CHURCH ATTENDANCE
FEBRUARY 23, 1994
PAGE TWO

PARTICIPANTS: TBD

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Church attendance

REMARKS REQUIRED: NONE

MEDIA COVERAGE: TBD

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: Yes, if she was already scheduled to be with the President that day.

RECOMMENDED BY: Carol Rasco, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

CONTACT: Steve Lee and John Paul Gurrola, Office of National AIDS Policy, 202/632-1090.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 24, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lt. Michael Lucas
White House Mess

FROM: Kristine M. Gebbie *W. Steve Lee for*
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

SUBJECT: February 28th breakfast reception

On Monday, February 28, 1994 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., I am sponsoring a reception for 60 people in the Indian Treaty Room. I would like coffee, juice and pastry service for the group.

Please contact Steve Lee in my office at 632-1090 to coordinate the details.

Religious Roundtable - Chris Bate - Andrea Steele.
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Steve -

Pernessa is revising her thinking on this, and may just want to do a press conference (w/ KOs and Joycelyn Elders and -- if possible -- POTUS).

I put her directly in touch w/ Susan Johnson-Cook and Flo McAfee in the White House. She knows to call you if she wants anything from this office.

Buck

Balma in Gilead

FAX 212-281-8102

① Letter from President

* 9-3 workday
→ ~~Adams~~
→ KG

② 2/28 or week before - OEOB if possible

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Nicole Parra
225-9308

FARA

① Register and Call for
Notice Nominations

② All meetings must be open or summaries
written

5515 Security Lane
Rockville II - Suite
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Rockville 20852

THE BALM IN GILEAD, INC.

*"An Organization Dedicated to Healing the African American Community
Through Prayer, Health Education and Advocacy"*

FAX SHEET

TO: BUCK BUCKINGHAM

FROM: PERNESSA SEELE

DATE: DECEMBER 8, 1993

NUMBER OF PAGES (INCLUDING TOP): 3

MESSAGE:

Good afternoon Buck!

Here is my contribution to our letter writing project. I have also attached a preliminary schedule on how I see the day. I would like to state in the letter the actual date of this meeting. I know this might delay the letter going out somewhat, however, I feel it is important to have a scheduled date stated.

I'm thinking that maybe Kristine can incorporate how the president's health plan services people with AIDS in her presentation. I can be reached at (914) 564-8678. My fax number is (914) 566-1357.
Looking to hear from you!!!

Dear:

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HIV/AIDS are having particularly devastating effects on African Americans, and I urge you to do everything in your power to lead your communities in providing forthright education which will prevent transmission of the virus, and in urging compassionate care for all who are affected.

I would like to invite you to the White House on Monday, February 28th at 9:00 a.m., to meet with me, my National AIDS Policy Coordinator, Kristine Gebbie, and the U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Joycelyn Elders, for a day long conference regarding the AIDS epidemic in the African American community. Activities of the day will include a national press conference for The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS. The White House staff is working with Pernessa Seele to make this an historic event.

You will receive additional details directly from The Balm in Gilead, Inc. concerning this important meeting. I hope you will plan now to be present. If you have any questions, please call Pernessa Seele at (212) 281-4887.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Clinton

DRAFT

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To assist you in providing this leadership, my National AIDS Policy Coordinator, Kristine Gebbie and the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders are working with the sponsors of the Black Church National Day of Prayer to present a day-long workshop at the White House in late February. You will receive additional details directly from The Balm in Gilead, but I hope you will plan now to participate in this event of so much importance to the African American community.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Clinton

Office of the National AIDS Policy Coordinator



Executive Office of the President
750 17th Street, N.W. Suite 1060
Washington, D.C. 20500

Phone: (202)632-1090

Fax: (202)632-1096



Deliver To: Pernessa Seele

Sent From:

Kristine Gebbie, RN, MN, National AIDS Policy Coordinator

Buck

Number of Pages: 1 + Cover Fax Number: 281-8102 212-225-9308 Date: 12/7/93

Message:

How's this for a start? Feel free
to change as you see fit.

Peace

Buck



Bishop William Brown
Salvation & Deliverance Church
Worldwide



Rev. H. Michael Lemmons
Congress of National Black Churches



Bishop Louis H. Ford
The Church of God In Christ



Bishop R. L. Speaks
African Methodist
Episcopal Zion Church



Rev. Dr. Richard L. Tolliver
Union of Black Episcopalians



Bishop John H. Adams
African Methodist Episcopal Church



Rev. Dr. Barbara King
Hillside International
Truth Center, Inc.



Rev. Dr. Preston R. Washington
Harlem Churches for Community
Improvement, Inc.



Rev. Dr. T. J. Jernison
National Baptist Convention, USA



Bishop G.D. Coleman
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church



Rev. Joseph Roberson
Black Methodist For Church Renewal
The United Methodist Church



Father Donald Sterling
National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus



Rev. Dr. Charles Adams
Progressive National Baptist Convention



Rev. Patricia A. Reeberg
Council of Churches of the City of NYC



Rev. Howard Bryant
National Black Presbyterian Caucus



Dr. Megan McLaughlin
Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies



Bishop James I. Clark
Greater Refugee Temple Church of Our
Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith



Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery
Southern Christian Leadership Conference



Rev. Horace Britt
Black United Christians
The United Church of Christ



Rev. Jerome B. Dorsey
African American Ministries
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Rev. Dr. Timothy Mitchell
Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc.
Ecumenical Clergy Caucus



Rev. Dr. E. Edward Jones
National Baptist Convention of America



Fernessa C. Soele
Founder/C.E.O.
The Balm In Gilead



Rev. Canon Frederick B. Williams
D. Min. D.C.L.
National Chairperson
The Balm In Gilead



the Black church national day of prayer FOR THE HEALING OF AIDS

A Campaign for a Spiritual Commitment to Fight AIDS

MARCH 6, 1994

A Program of The Balm In Gilead, Inc.
In Association With Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS
For Further Information Call (212) 281-4887

Please send me a registration kit for the
Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS
Sunday, March 6, 1994

Name of Church _____
Name of Pastor _____
Church mailing address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone () _____
Contact Person _____
Address (If different from above) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone () _____

Mail to: **The Balm In Gilead, Inc.**, P.O. Box, 86, Lincolnton Station, New York, N.Y. 10037

If you would like to receive a complete registration for your church to participate in this important spiritual campaign, please complete the form below and mail to:

The Balm In Gilead, Inc., P.O. Box 86, Lincoln Station, New York, N.Y. 10037

For further information or to register your organization as a convener of this campaign, call: (212) 281-4887.

CONVENERS

Harlem Churches For Community Improvement
New York, NY

Jackson State University National AIDS Alumni Program
Jackson, MS

Multicultural AIDS Coalition
Boston, MA

SCIC Women & AIDS Project
Atlanta, GA

African American Community Coalition
Albuquerque, NM

AIDS National Interfaith Network
Washington, DC

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
Atlanta, GA

Congress of National Black Churches
Washington, DC



The Balm In Gilead, Inc.
P.O. Box 86, Lincoln Sta.
New York, New York 10037

Warren Buckingham
Office of Natl AIDS Policy
750 17th St, NW #1060
Washington, DC

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THE 2ND ANNUAL BLACK CHURCH NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF AIDS A Campaign for a Spiritual Commitment to Fight AIDS *There are over 500,000 Black Churches in the United States*

Approximately 30% of all AIDS cases occur in the African American community, yet African Americans constitute only 12% of the U.S. population. It is estimated that in 1993 one African American per hour dies of AIDS in the United States.

The most significant African American Institution in the U.S. is the Church.

The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS-A campaign for a spiritual commitment to fight AIDS-will mobilize support, awareness, compassion and raise funds for the thousands of African Americans affected by the AIDS epidemic.

The goal of this campaign is to call Black Churches across the nation into prayerful action. On Sunday, **March 6, 1994**, we are inviting churches to focus their morning worship activities on the healing of AIDS-through prayer, education, support for persons living with HIV/AIDS, and fundraising.

Participating churches will be provided with liturgical resources to be used throughout the campaign which will include litanies, responsive readings, and suggested sermon topics. In addition, a handbook on AIDS education & prevention will be included. The packet will also include guidelines for participation in our Care Bond Drive.

A Care Bond is a non-redeemable, tax-deductible certificate in denominations of \$10-\$1000. Each Care Bond features the likeness of an African American celebrity as well as their autograph and quote about why they have enlisted in the **WORLD WAR AGAINST AIDS**. Care Bonds are mechanisms to raise funds to assist Black churches in the establishment of AIDS ministries and to support African Americans affected by HIV/AIDS nationwide.

The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is a program of **The Balm In Gilead, Inc.**, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to mobilizing African American religious communities in fighting HIV/AIDS. **Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS**, the entertainment industry's most active and vital foundation addressing the challenges of AIDS, has joined forces with The Balm In Gilead, Inc. in this historic collaboration of faith.

This campaign for a spiritual commitment to fight AIDS is endorsed by every major African American religious denomination and caucus within Anglo Saxon institutions. The Care Bond campaign begins on December 1, 1993 and culminates on Sunday, **March 6, 1994**.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 24, 1993

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: ✓ Kristine Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator
Alexis Herman, Assistant to the President
and Director of Public Liaison

FROM: W. W. Buckingham III, Special Assistant to Ms. Gebbie *W. W. B.*

SUBJECT: National Black Churches Day of Prayer for the End of AIDS

- I. **ACTION-FORCING EVENT** Sunday, March 6, 1994 is the date scheduled for this year's National Black Churches Day of Prayer for the End of AIDS. Pernessa Seele, of Balm in Gilead/Harlem Churches has asked our assistance in raising the profile of the event and securing broader observance of it across the country.
- II. **BACKGROUND ANALYSIS** Black churches have traditionally been major forces for social change in their communities, but few have until very recently--if at all--been willing to confront the devastating affects of HIV/AIDS on the African American community. The Day of Prayer for the End of AIDS is intended to confront that resistance and empower Black denominations, and churches at the community level; to respond more compassionately and effectively to the epidemic.
- III. **RECOMMENDATION** It is recommended that we assist Balm in Gilead and Ms. Seele in the following ways:
 - provide space in OEOB for a meeting in late February (preferred date is 02/28/94) of approximately 50 African American religious leaders, and secure letters of invitation signed by the President
 - have both of you, Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, and other appropriate Administration officials participate in the agenda
 - ask Presidential Scheduling to include a drop by and brief remarks by the President, or at minimum a group photo opportunity with the participants.

It has been made clear to Ms. Seele that all costs associated with the event (e.g., travel and lodging for participants, catering -- if any -- by the White House Mess, etc.) will have to be borne by her organization.

IV. **DECISION**

[Signature] ☒ Approve ☐ Approve as Amended ☐ Reject ☐ No action

*copy this to Carol Rizzo
Surgeon General*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 23, 1994

Dr. Michael Lemmons
Congress of National Black Churches
1225 I St., NW, Suite 750
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Dr. Lemmons:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 23, 1994

Rev. Joseph Lowery
SCLC
334 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

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Bishop John H. Adams
African Methodist Episcopal Church
400 Arbor Lake Drive
Suite B 300
Columbia, SC 29223

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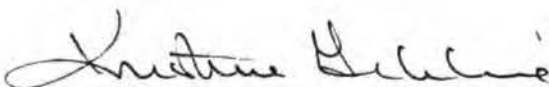
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HCCI
2858-64 8th Avenue
New York, NY 10039

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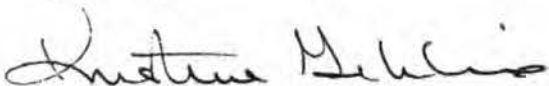
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2330 Sutter Street
Dallas, TX 75216

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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February 23, 1994

Rev. John Cato
African American Council of the
Reformed Church of America
475 Riverside Drive - 18th Floor
New York, NY 10115

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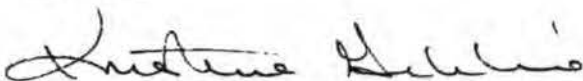
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Council of Churches of NYC
475 Riverside Drive
Suite 439
New York, NY 10115

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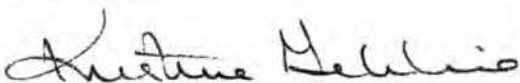
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African American Ministries
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
8765 W. Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631

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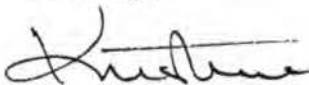
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36-12 Prince Street
Flushing, NY 11354

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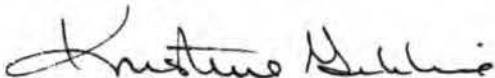
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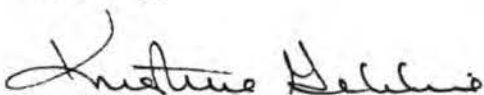
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Divinity School - Room 221
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Nashville, TN 37240

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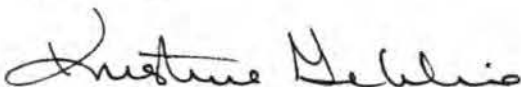
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Concord Baptist Church
833 Gardner C. Taylor Boulevard
Brooklyn, NY 11216

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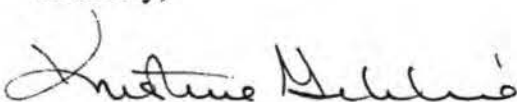
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Atlanta, GA 30311

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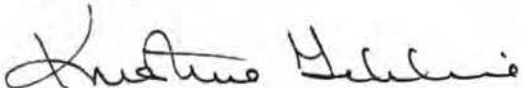
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5520 Meredith Drive, #2
Des Moines, Iowa 50310

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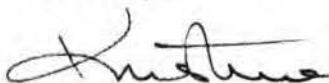
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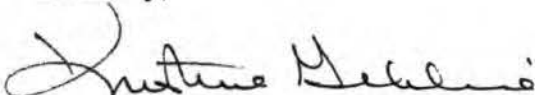
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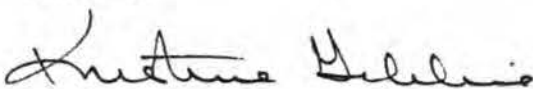
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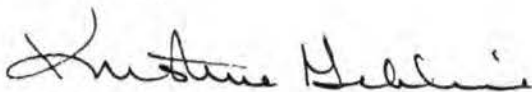
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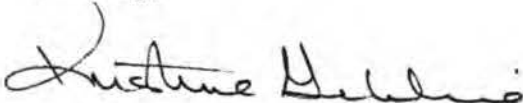
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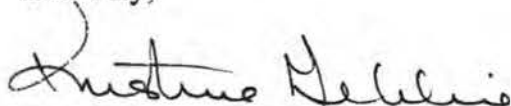
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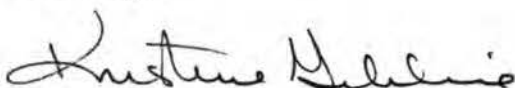
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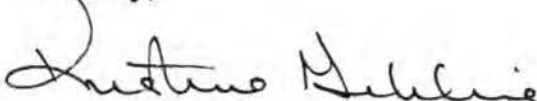
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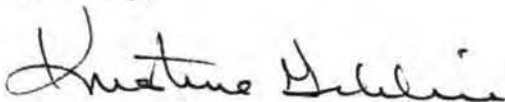
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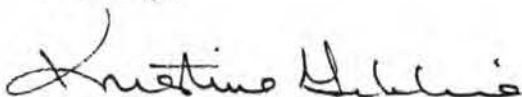
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Church on the Intercession
550 W. 155th Street
New York, NY 10032

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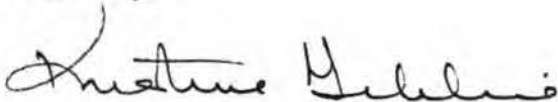
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Trinity United Church of Christ
532 W. 95 Street
Chicago, IL 60628

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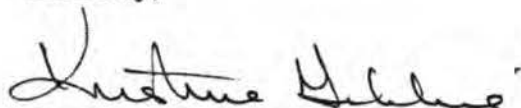
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Virginia Union Seminary
1601 W. Leigh Street
Richmond, VA 23220

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C.M.E. Church - Dallas District
102 Pearly Top Drive
Glenn Heights, TX 75115

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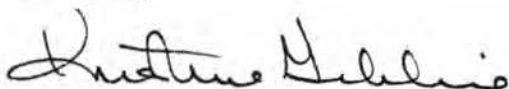
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Susanne Ishee
Broadway Cares
165 W. 46 Street
Suite 1300
New York, NY 10036

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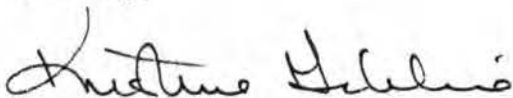
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Friendship Ministries
2857 Mercer University
Macon, GA 31204

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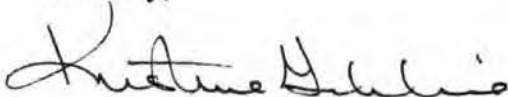
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121 Avenue of Americas
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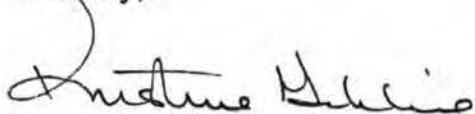
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NY Episcopal Mission Society
18 West 18th Street
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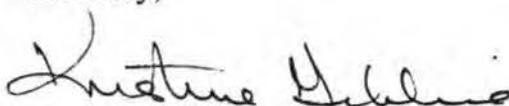
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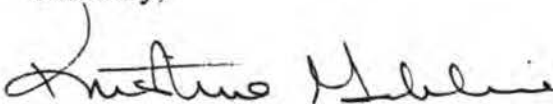
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110 Maryland Avenue
Suite 504
Washington, DC 20002

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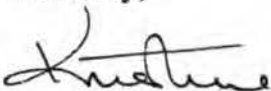
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Lilly Endowment
2801 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208

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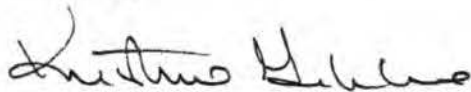
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World Finance Center, South Tower
New York, NY 10080-6106

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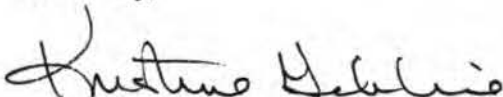
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Episcopal Diocese of Ohio
412 Sycamore Street
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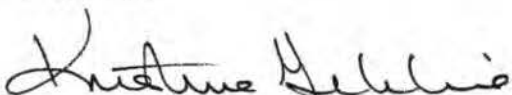
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601 50th St., NE
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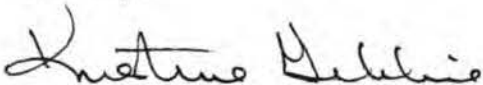
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1400 Shepard St., NE
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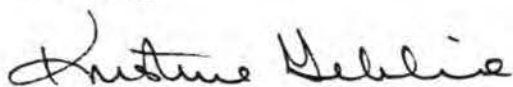
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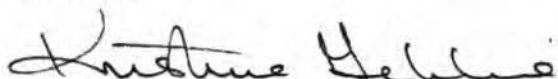
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February 23, 1994

Mary Grant
United Black Christians
172-17 Linden Boulevard
St. Albans, NY 11434

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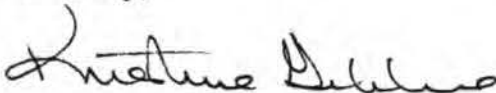
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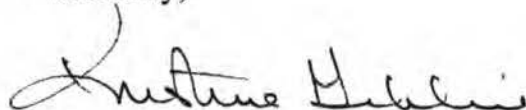
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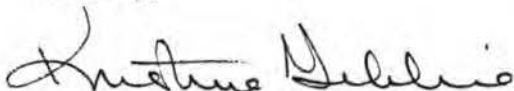
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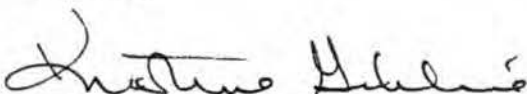
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Child's Memorial COGIC
1763 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, NY 10031

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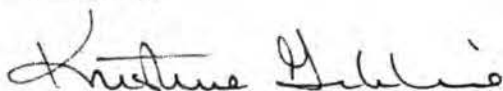
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St. James Paseo United Methodist Church
5540 Wayne Street
Kansas City, MO 64110

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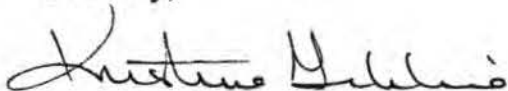
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82 Brisbane Drive
Charleston, SC 29407

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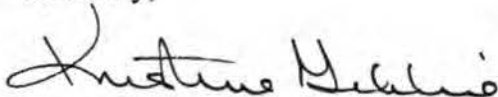
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252 Bryant Avenue
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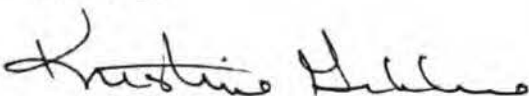
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Rainbow Coalition
1700 K St., NW
Washington, DC 20006

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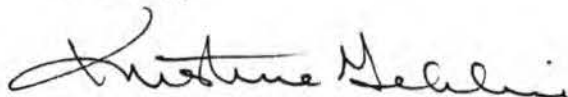
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lt. Michael Lucas

FROM: Kristine M. Gebbie, R.N., M.N. W-Steve Lee for
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

SUBJECT: February 28 breakfast reception

On February 28, 1994 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., I am sponsoring a breakfast reception for 60 people in the Indian Treaty Room. I need coffee, juice, fruit and pastry service for the group. Please call Steve Lee at 632-1090 on my staff to work out the details.

**Proposed Media Materials
for
the African American Religious Leaders Summit
& Press Conference on HIV/AIDS
for
Monday, February 28, 1994**

Media Materials

1. Press conference agenda
2. Press release & media advisory
3. African American Clergy's Declaration of War on HIV/AIDS
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5. HIV/AIDS & the African American community fact sheet
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**National Press Conference on
the African American Religious Leaders Summit on HIV/AIDS
White House Conference Center
725 Jackson Place
February 28, 1994
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Agenda

- 1:30 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.** Kristine Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator. Welcome and opening remarks.
- 1:35 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.** Charles Rangel, U.S. Representative (D-NY), 15th District, New York.
- 1:40 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.** Pernessa Seele, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, The Balm In Gilead, Inc. Ms. Seele will announce this year's Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS and will make a statement on the significance of signing the African American Clergy Declaration of War on HIV/AIDS. Ms. Seele will ask Dr. Lemmons to join her and make a statement.
- 1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Rev. Dr. H. Michael Lemmons, Executive Director of the Congress of the National Churches will make a statement. Following his statement Dr. Lemmons will ask Rev. Canon Frederick Williams, Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Rev. Jerimiah Wright, Rev. Patricia Reeberg, and Rev. Dr. John Hurst Adams to sign the Declaration of War on HIV/AIDS.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.** Question and answers from the press.
- 2:10 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Complete declaration signing by all religious leaders (photographer will be available).

MEDIA ADVISORY

African American Religious Leaders Meet at White House to Sign the African American Clergy Declaration of War on HIV/AIDS

What: African American religious leaders from across the country will meet with Kristine Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator at the White House to hold first summit on HIV/AIDS and will sign the **African American Clergy Declaration of War on HIV/AIDS**.

Who: In observance of this year's Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, African American religious leaders will announce their commitment to fight HIV/AIDS and *sign* the first African American Clergy Declaration of War on HIV/AIDS.

Speakers include:

Kristine Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator

U.S. Representative Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)

Pernessa Seele, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, The Balm In Gilead, Inc.

Rev. Dr. H. Michael Lemmons, Executive Director, Congress of the National Churches

Reverend Canon Frederick Williams, National Chairperson, The Balm In Gilead, Inc.

Reverend Dr. James Forbes, The Riverside Church, New York City

Reverend Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago

Reverend Patricia Reeberg, Council of Churches of New York City

Reverend Dr. John Hurst Adams, African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is endorsed by 18 African American religious caucuses.

When: **Monday, February 28, 1994**
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PRESS RELEASE

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AFRICAN AMERICAN CLERGY SIGN DECLARATION OF WAR ON HIV/AIDS

**RELIGIOUS LEADERS
GATHER AT WHITE HOUSE FOR FIRST SUMMIT MEETING
ON HIV/AIDS**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Monday, February 28 , 1994 -- For the first time, black church leaders from across the country will meet today with Kristine M. Gebbie, President Clinton's National AIDS Policy Coordinator to discuss the impact of HIV/AIDS in the African American community and to rally support for increased awareness and education about HIV/AIDS in the African American community. Announcing their commitment to fight the AIDS epidemic, African American religious leaders from more than 18 different religious caucuses signed a Declaration of War to fight HIV/AIDS.

"As religious leaders, we have a responsibility to respond with compassion, creativity and competence to the AIDS epidemic," said Bishop John Hurst Adams, Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. "We have a direct relationship to our members, their families and friends. We can make a real difference in reaching out to raise awareness about AIDS in our communities and what persons, organizations and institutions ought to do."

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Organized by The Balm In Gilead, Inc., this one day summit meeting is in honor of this year's annual Black Church Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS on Sunday, March 6, 1994, which invites black churches nationwide to present a message to their congregations about HIV/AIDS.

"This summit is long overdue. There is no question, we must fight together to reverse the tragic impact of HIV/AIDS in the African American community," said Kristine Gebbie, President Clinton's National AIDS Policy Coordinator.

AIDS is taking a tragic toll in the African American community. In less than a decade, AIDS has quickly become the second leading cause of death among African American men and women between 25-36. It is estimated that in 1994 one African American per hour will die of AIDS in the U.S.

Many HIV prevention and education efforts for African Americans are failing because they don't take into consideration or understand how to address the epidemic in the African American community.

"This summit is an exciting first step toward building a network of religious leaders and church congregations who know and understand the African American community and are sensitive to the issues surrounding the epidemic in their communities," said Pernessa Seele, founder and chief executive officer, The Balm In Gilead, Inc.

Dedicated to educating the African American community about HIV/AIDS, The Balm In Gilead, Inc. encourages community leaders to establish programs to help eradicate HIV/AIDS and provides technical assistance and educational materials to religious and community-based organizations about HIV/AIDS and related health conditions.

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For more information about events and activities surrounding the Balm In Gilead, Inc.'s upcoming Sunday, March 6th, National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, contact Pernessa Seele, The Balm In Gilead, Inc. at (212) 860-7715.

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THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CLERGY'S DECLARATION OF WAR ON HIV/AIDS

THE TIME HAS COME TODAY to face the depth of devastation caused by AIDS in the African American community; to recognize that African Americans are the most disproportionately represented community of color with respect to HIV/AIDS; that AIDS continues to be the leading cause of death nationwide of African American men between the ages of 35 and 44, and of African American women between the ages of 25 and 44; that the number of teenagers infected with HIV nearly doubles each year; and that each and every American knows someone, or in the next 12 months will know someone who has died of AIDS.

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCH has a long and distinguished tradition of leading its people to light in times of great suffering, and of caring for its parishioners. It has a proud history of pastoral activism and has proven itself a formidable mobilizer of congregations, but the time has come today to recognize that as far as our churches have come in the night, there are steps yet to go before dawn; that the African American religious community, despite this legacy, has too long been negligent on the most pressing subject of HIV/AIDS. The church's godly mission is to minister love and support to its congregations, and to forsake no one, yet, until today, it has not assumed its proper mantle of responsibility in this time of chaos caused by the ravages of AIDS to mind, body and soul of our people.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the leaders of the African American churches in America, deem it necessary to acknowledge by means of this proclamation that only through stalwart commitment, strength of mind and courage of heart on the part of the religious community can we ever hope to combat the AIDS epidemic. By this proclamation, we declare our intent to do all in our power to eradicate the scourge of AIDS in our time; to wage a war on fear and ignorance of HIV/AIDS, from the pulpit and in our institutions, until such a time as AIDS is no longer a threat to the lives of the people, and we call upon our fellow clergy, men and women, to do the same.

WE, MEMBERS OF THE clergy of African American churches in America, recognizing that as one human being remains uneducated, as long as one human being suffers from AIDS, it is one too many, vow to develop comprehensive AIDS prevention programs for our youth; to develop effective AIDS awareness and prevention strategies for and with our congregations and communities; to provide supportive counseling to Persons Living with AIDS and to their un-infected families and loved ones; and to preach consciousness-raising sermons about AIDS prevention and compassion for all, regardless of sexual orientation, drug dependency, or lifestyle choices.

WE FURTHERMORE AFFIRM our commitment to working with grassroots organizations, corporations, and governmental bodies on the federal, state, and municipal levels to secure generous financial support of AIDS awareness and prevention and to educate our congregations in those programs; and to work throughout our own institutions, the seminaries and schools of theology, to combat silence on the subject of AIDS and promote an enlightened, non-judgmental clergy, unimpeded in the war on AIDS by nonproductive biases.

WE FURTHERMORE AFFIRM our commitment to identifying tangible goals and means of assessing progress on those goals, formulating policy, and engaging in advocacy on behalf of our communities with respect to the issues around AIDS.

WE FURTHERMORE AFFIRM our support for The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS as a vehicle for mobilizing African American religious institutions to fight AIDS through prayer, education, and advocacy nationwide.

WE FURTHERMORE AFFIRM that from this day forward, we resolve to open our eyes and acknowledge those persons among us living with AIDS and their families and loved ones, and to encourage others to see; to open our hearts in compassion, and expect others to do the same, and in so doing, cast off the denial that has hindered our churches in the past, and in so doing move forward with a sense of divine mission to educate our communities, our congregations and our fellow clergy about AIDS, and in so doing, say at last,

Surely, There Is A Balm in Gilead.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this twenty-eighth of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred ninety four, on the occasion of the first African American Religious Leaders Summit on HIV/AIDS, convened by The Balm In Gilead, Inc., at the White House, in Washington, District of Columbia.

The Balm In Gilead, Inc.
March, 1994

The Balm In Gilead was incorporated in 1992 to continue the on-going work that began in 1989 with the establishment of the Annual Harlem Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS. The organization's mission is to mobilize African American religious leaders to fight AIDS through prayer, education and advocacy. This project has become a landmark in the history of AIDS and the education of African American churches in this country.

Over the past 5 years, approximately 500 religious institutions in New York City along, including churches, mosques, synagogues, and theological seminaries have participated in the organization's activities and over 550,00 African Americans in New York City have been reached. The response locally and nationally to organizing activities has been overwhelming. The Balm In Gilead, Inc. through its organizing activities has brought theologians, members of the medical community and people living with AIDS together to establish effective communication and collaborative efforts to address the devastating impact of AIDS and to prevent its further transmission in African American communities.

The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is endorsed by the following African American religious caucuses:

- Progressive National Baptist Convention
- African Methodist Episcopal Church
- National Black Presbyterian Caucus
- African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
- United Black Christians of the United Church of Christ
- Salvation and Deliverance Worldwide Ministries
- Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
- National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.
- National Baptist Convention of America
- Congress of National Black Churches
- National Missionary Baptist Convention of America
- Harlem Churches for Community Improvement
- Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- Black Methodists for Church Renewal
- Black Roman Catholic Caucus
- Union of Black Episcopalians
- Church of God in Christ
- Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies

AIDS & **THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY**

FACT: HIV/AIDS is a serious health threat to African American youth.

Today, 7 percent of the total reported AIDS cases are African Americans under the age of 30. AIDS cases among African American children account for more than 50 percent of all pediatric AIDS cases.

FACT: African American women are at risk.

More than 50 percent of AIDS cases are made up of African American women, injection drug use is the most common mode of transmission, accounting for nearly 54 percent of cases among African American women.

FACT: The rate of African Americans dying from AIDS is increasing.

Death rates for African American females is nine times more likely than for white females, and three times more likely for African American males than for white males. In less than a decade, AIDS has quickly become the second leading cause of death among African American men and women between 25-36.

FACT: AIDS is taking a tragic toll in the African American community.

Many HIV prevention and education efforts for African Americans fail because they don't take into consideration or understand how to address the epidemic in the African American community.

NAME & ORGANIZATION	TELE/ FAX	# CB SENT	DATE SENT	FOLLOW-UP DATE & CONTEXT
Pastor Aletha Geiger Royal Family & Friends Missionary Baptist Church 2943 N. Camac Street Philadelphia, PA 19133-1330		701- 705	12/13	
Rev. Varlyna D. Wright Emmanuel U.M. Church 17 & York Streets Philadelphia, PA 19132		706- 710	12/13	
Rev. Barbara Ndovie 103A Wilson Road Maple Shade, NJ 08052		711- 715	12/13	
Dr. J. Jerome Cooper Berean Pearl Church 2101 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19122		716- 720	12/13	
Rev. Kenneth E. Taylor St. Barnabas-Bethsaida U.M. Church 1814 Wharton Street Philadelphia, PA 19146		721- 725	12/13	
Gloria J. Cocker 53 Ridge Drive Westbury, NY 11590		726- 730	12/13	
Rev. Simon P. Bouie Bethel A.M.E. Church 420 Main Street Freeport, NY 11520		731- 735	12/13	

Rev. James E. Jennerett Bethel A.M.E. Church 8216 Park Avenue Pennsauken, NJ 08109		736- 740	12/13	
Ethel M. Williams C.H.A.A.T. 125 Northfield Avenue, A21F West Orange, NJ 07052		741- 745	12/13	
Rev. Jeanne E. Mackenzie Westminister Presbyterian Church 400 Eye Street, SW Washington, DC 20024		746- 750	12/13	
Dr. Ise Samuel Ratliff Brentwood Baptish Church 13033 Landmark Houston, TX 77045		751- 755	12/13	
Rev. Troy A. Bronner Calvary Baptist Church 1184 Genesee Street Buffalo, NY 14211		756- 760	12/13	
Quennie Jones 1821 Summit #110 Cincinnati, OH 452367		761- 765	12/13	
Rev. Bill McGill, Exec.Dir. P.E.A.C.E. P.O. Box 1180 Des Moines, LA 50311		766- 770	12/13	
Pastor Ruth Jordon Jordon Memorial Temple 1971 Payne Avenue Columbus, OH 43209		771- 775	12/13	

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✓ Rev. Albert Rainier Inner Light Unity Fellowship Church 10th & G Streets, NW Washington, DC 20013-2045		786- 790	12/13	
Yvonne M. Leacock Heritage United Church of Christ 3106 Liberty Heights Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215		791- 795	12/13	
Rev. Frank L. Williams, Jr. St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church P.O. Box 246 Quogue, NY 11959		796- 800	12/13	
Rev. Delroy Murdock St. Paul United Methodist Church 173-01 108th Avenue Jamaica, NY 11433		801- 805	12/13	
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Rev. Alfred Baptist Lamott A.M.E. Church 1505 W. Chettenham Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19126		816- 820	12/13	
Rev. Ruth M. Jackson Miracle Restoration Tabernacle 3012 W. Girard Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19130		821- 825	12/13	
Daniel Best New Testament Assembly 1901 Stenton Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19138		826- 830	12/13	
Pastor Rosie W. Brown First Church of Love, Faith & Deliverance 3101 Ridge Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19121		831- 835	12/13	
Rev. George E. Gibson, Jr. Christian Love Baptist Church 1801 N. 32nd Street Philadelphia, PA 19121		836- 840	12/13	
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Patricia Crauton 2991 N. 6th Street Harrisburg, PA 17110		846- 850	12/13	
Sis. Helen Harper Macedonia Baptist Church 330 Beach 67th St. Arverne, NY 11692		1126- 1130	1/5	
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African American Religious Leaders Summit on HIV/AIDS and Press Conference for The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS

**Preliminary Schedule
Monday, February 28, 1994**

**8:00 a.m. Assemble
Lobby of The Old Executive Office of the White House Complex
17 Pennsylvania Avenue NW**

**8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
4th Floor**

Greetings:

Blessing of the Food:

9:00 a.m. White House Complex Tour & Photo Opportunity

9:30 a.m. White House Conference Center

**Introduction & Welcome
Kristine Grebbie
Pernessa Seele**

**Introduction of Moderator
The Rev. Canon Frederick Williams
The National Chairperson, The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of
AIDS & Rector, The Church of the Intercession
New York, NY**

**Opening Prayer:
The Rev. Cecily Broderick
St. John Episcopal Church
Hempstead, LI**

Solo: Claude Jay Jones, II
There Is A Balm In Gilead

~~10:00 a.m.~~ ~~AIDS In The African American Community~~
~~?????~~ ~~Dr. Satcher?~~

10.15 *Kristine Pollock*

~~10:30 a.m.~~ The Politics of AIDS in the African American Community
~~?????~~ Congressman Charles Rangel ? *Kristine*

10:45 a.m. The Faces of HIV/AIDS

Phil Wilson, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Denise Stokes

Sharon Flavors, Community Family Planning Council, New York City

11:15 a.m. Theological Perspectives & Responses

Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., Senior Pastor, The Riverside Church, New York City
"Hard Talk: Breaking the Silence"

Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, Ill
"The truth about Health Care & HIV from the African American Perspective"

Rev. Patricia Reeberg, Executive Director, Council of Churches of the City of NY
"Ideals & Practical Solutions: Healing Resources in the Black Church Tradition"

Rev. Dr. John Hurst Adams, Founder & Chairman Emeritus, The Congress of National Black Churches; Presiding Bishop, African Methodist Episcopal Church
"The Black Church Participation In the Political Process of the HIV/AIDS Crisis"

12:30 p.m. LUNCH (Roundtable Discussion)

1:30 p.m. PRESS CONFERENCE

The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS
(signing of an ecumenical statement during the press conference)

NATIONAL AIDS HOTLINE NUMBERS

STD Information Line
Fairbanks AK
(907) 451 - 2949

Arkansas AIDS Foundation
(501) 663 - 7833

Arizona AIDS Info Line
(602) 234 - 2752

Alaskan AIDS Hotline
(907) 276 - 4880

Alabama AIDS Hotline
(800) 228 -0469

Health Information Line
(602) 972 - 1114

Tucson AIDS Hotline
(602) 326 - 2437

SC HIV/AIDS Hotline
(800) 922 - 2437

Indian AIDS Hotline
(800) 283 - 2437

San Francisco AIDS Foundation
(415) 863 -2437

Colorado AIDS Hotline
(800) 252 - 2437

AIDS Project Hartford
(203) 247 - 2437

DC AIDS Information Line (202)
332 - 2437

HIV Treatment Hotline
(800) 822 - 7422

HIV/AIDS Nightline
(415) 668 - 2437

Connecticut AIDS Hotline
(203) 566 - 1157

Stamford AIDS Hotline
(203) 967 - 2437

**Nat'l Association of People
With AIDS**
(202) 898 - 0414

**Federation of Parents &
Friends**
(202) 638 - 4200

Delaware AIDS Hotline
(800) 422 - 0429

AIDS Hotline for Women
(404) 888 - 9991

**Statewide AIDS Hotline
(IOWA)**
(800) 445 - 2437

Illinois AIDS Hotline
(800) 242 - 2437

Florida AIDS/HIV Hotline
(800) 352 - 2437

Georgia Information Line
(404) 876 - 9944

Hawaii AIDS Hotline
(800) 922 - 1313

**Idaho AIDS Foundation
Hotline**
(208) 345 - 2277

Indiana HIV/AIDS Hotline
(800) 848 - 2437

HIV/AIDS Hotline
(317) 639 - 5937

New Orleans AIDS Hotline
(504) 944 - 2437

Mass. AIDS Hotline
(617) 536 - 7733

**Maryland Statewide AIDS
Hotline**
(410) 945 - 3427

**AIDS Clinical Trials
Information Service**
(800) 874 - 2572

Wellness Networks, Inc.
(800) 872 - 2437

**Central LA Support
Services**
(800) 444 - 7993

Latino Health Institute
(800) 637 - 3776

**AIDS Alliance of Martha's
Vineyard, Inc.**
(508) 627 - 8868

American Red Cross
(410) 764 - 4610

Maine AIDS Hotline
(800) 851 - 2437

Minnesota AIDS Line
(612) 870- 0700

**Missouri AIDS Information
Line**
(800) 533 - 2437

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American Red Cross
(314) 658 - 5850

Eastern Montana AIDS Hotline
(406) 252 - 1212

Western Montana AIDS Hotline
(800) 633 - 9002

CDC National AIDS Hotline
(800) 342 - 2437
(800) 344 - 7432

Mississippi AIDS Hotline
(800) 826 - 2961

Montana AIDS Program
(800) 233 - 6668

Lesbian and Gay Health Project
(919) 455 - 3377

North Dakota AIDS Hotline
(701) 224 - 2376

Nebraska AIDS Hotline
(800) 782 - 2437

NJ Prison Information & Education
System
(800) 624 - 2377

Nevada AIDS Information Line
(800) 842 - 2437

New York State SIDS Hotline

AIDS Communication Services of
NY
(716) 847 - 2437

NH AIDS Hotline
(800) 752 - 2437

New Mexico AIDS Hotline
(800) 545 - 2437

AIDS for AIDS of Nevada
(702) 474 - 2437

AIDS Hotline
(212) 289 - 1957

NY State AID/HIV Hotlines
(800) 541 - 2437

Long Island Association for
AIDS Care
(516) 385 - 2437

National Hemophilia
Foundation
(800) 424 - 2634

Oklahoma AIDS Hotline
(800) 535 - 2437

Pennsylvania Dept. of
Health
(800) 662 - 6080

People With AIDS Coalition
Hotline
(800) 828 - 3280

Gay Men's Health Crisis,
Inc.
(212) 807 6655

Ohio AIDS Hotline
(800) 332 - 2437

Oregon AIDS Hotline
(503) 223 - 2437

Puerto Rico Dept. of Health
(800) 981 - 5721

PALSS of SC
(803) 779 - 7257

South Dakota AIDS Hotline
(800) 592 - 1861

AIDS Helpline for Health
Professionals
(800) 548 - 4659

Rhode Island Project AIDS
Hotline

(800) 726 - 3010

SC HIV/AIDS Hotline
(800) 322 - 2437

Tennessee AIDS Hotline
(800) 525 - 2437

Texas AIDS Line
(800) 299 - 2437

Utah AIDS Foundation
(801) 487 - 2100

Virginia STD/AIDS Hotline
(804) 371 - 7455

WA State HIV/AIDS
Hotline
(800) 272 - 2437

Wisconsin AIDS Hotline
(414) 273 - 2437

Mountain State AIDS
Network
(800) 585 - 4444

Wyoming AIDS Hotline
(800) 327 - 3577

Vermont Dept. of Health
(800) 882 - 2437

NW AIDS Foundation
Information Line
(206) 329 - 6923

WV of Health & Human
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(800) 642 - 8244

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50 Guests
February 28, 1994

Grilled Chicken Breasts
Boneless Breast served with a
Black Bean Tequila Salsa
A

Chicken Dijon
Grilled Marinated Boneless Breasts
Served Hot with a Tarragon Cream Sauce ✓
B

Italian Roasted Potatoes
with Rosemary and Garlic
A or B

Wild and Bosmoti Rice ✓
with Herbs and Pecans
B

Fresh Snowpeas
with Julienne Red Pepper
Balsamic Viniagrette
A

Broccoli Florettes ✓
with Julienne Tomato ✓
and a Lemon Thyme Dressing
B

Gourmet Bread Selection ✓
A and B

Chocolate Ganaché Cake ✓
A and B

Assorted Beverages
Tumblers and Ice ✓
Set - Up

Menu	\$750.00
Beverage	N/C
Set - Ups	N/C
Delivery/Pick Up	\$18.00
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Total	\$768.00
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REV. ALFONSO WYATT serves on the Boards of the Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, the New York Regional Association of Grantmakers, and on the Advisory Board of the National Urban League's Education Initiative. He is part of the ministerial staff of Allen A.M.E. Church, in Jamaica, New York, and writes a monthly column for the Christian newspaper, Sunday Morning.

BISHOP JOHN HURST ADAMS is Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the South Carolina Area and Founder-Chairman Emeritus of the Congress of National Black Churches. Since his beginnings as a student pastor in Massachusetts some four decades ago, Bishop Adams has ministered to congregations throughout the United States, and initiated 60 new congregations for the A.M.E. church during his long career.

Among his many illustrious appointments, Bishop Adams is Past President of Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas, and Past President of A.M.E. Church General Board and Council of Bishops. A longtime community activist, his special ministries over the years include the Children's Defense Fund Black Community Crusade for Children, and the First Funded War on Poverty Program in Seattle, WA, as well as Seattle's Central Area Civil Rights Committee. He has served on the boards of various religious, philanthropic, university and development organizations.

Bishop Adams was named one of Ebony Magazine's Great Preachers in America in 1984. He has been the recipient of numerous other honors since his election to the episcopacy, including the NAACP Community Leadership Award, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Ecumenical Leadership Award, and several honorary degrees.

DR. JAMES A. FORBES, JR. is the fifth Senior Minister of The Riverside Church in New York City. Prior to assuming the pastorate at Riverside Church, he was the Joe R. Engle Professor of Preaching at Union theological Seminary in New York. He previously served as Director of Education at Interfaith Metropolitan Theological Education, Inc., in Washington, D.C., a seminary without walls for the preparation of pastoral ministry in Protestant, Catholic and Jewish traditions.

Dr. Forbes has held pastorates in Virginia and North Carolina, and has been a frequent visiting preacher in churches and conferences. He has provided leadership for many denominations and ecumenical groups, including those of the World Council of churches, the National Council of Churches of Christ, USA, the American Baptist Churches, and the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Forbes has been a longtime advocate of wider community service, and is Past President of the Richmond Urban League and the Richmond Committee of Black Clergy, both in Virginia. He holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, NY and numerous honorary degrees.

REV. PATRICIA A. REEBERG was named the first female Chief Executive Officer of the Council of Churches of the City of New York in 1990. The CCCNY comprises 37 denominations and communions, supporting the missional efforts of over 2,000 churches. In her short tenure, she has received numerous community accolades, including selection as Chaplain for NYC Public Schools Division of School Safety, and the Certificate of Merit from The New York Board of Rabbis for her work in strengthening ties between African American and Jewish clergy.

Rev. Reeberg serves as a volunteer on several advisory boards and committees, including Harlem Churches for Community Improvement, Inc., and the New York State Governor's Committee on Scholastic Achievement. She was also appointed by the former Mayor David N. Dinkins to serve as a Commissioner on the Civilian Complaint Review Board. In addition to Rev. Reeberg's work at the Council, she is Assistant Pastor at The St. Paul Baptist Church in Manhattan, where her responsibilities to her congregation and community include preaching, teaching, and counseling.

DR. JEREMIAH A. WRIGHT, JR. was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and after completing his primary education there, matriculated at Virginia Union University where he completed three and a half years of college. He left college to go into the military service and following six years of service and an honorable discharge, he transferred to Howard University where he received both his Bachelor of Arts and his Master of Arts Degrees. He then entered the University of Chicago Divinity School where he received a Master of Arts in the History of Religions and it was while he was a student at the University of Chicago that he began pastoring at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago.

When Pastor Wright went to Trinity, the congregation had 87 members. Today, 22 years later, the congregation has 4,400 active members and an annual budget in excess of \$3 million. Pastor Wright completed his doctoral studies while at Trinity and is author of several publications, including What Makes You So Strong?, published in 1993 by Judson Press.

Pastor Wright was named "Number Two Preacher among the Fifteen Greatest Black Preachers in America" for 1993, by Ebony Magazine.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is observed each year on the First Sunday of March in African American churches throughout the United States of America; and

Whereas The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is calling African American churches into prayerful action by inviting these institutions to present an AIDS education message to their congregation, including a special prayer for those infected and affected by AIDS, as part of their Sunday worship service; and

Whereas The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS addresses the devastation of AIDS in African American Communities;

■ By 1990 AIDS had become the leading cause of death nationwide for African American men between the ages of 35 and 44 and the second leading cause of death for African American men and women between the ages of 25 and 36;

■ African American children account for more than half of all the reported pediatric AIDS cases;

■ African American women account for 53 percent of AIDS cases in all women;

Whereas The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is a campaign for a spiritual commitment to fight AIDS through prayer, education, and advocacy through the education and empowerment of African American religious leaders and congregations. This organizing campaign will mobilize support, awareness, and compassion for persons living with HIV/AIDS; and

Whereas The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is endorsed by every major African American religious denomination and caucus within Anglo Saxon institutions. This campaign is recognized by the Office of the President of the United States as a significant contribution to the eradication of HIV/AIDS in this country and to the support of African Americans who are being ravaged by this disease; and

Whereas The Black Church National Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is a program of The Balm In Gilead, Inc., a not-for-profit organization dedicated to mobilizing African American religious institutions to fight AIDS through prayer, education and advocacy. The Balm In Gilead, Inc. in association with Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, the entertainment industry's most active and vital foundation addressing the challenges of AIDS will assist African American churches in the establishment of AIDS ministries and offer support to African Americans affected by HIV/AIDS nationwide.

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