I. IMPACT FOR LUPUS MODEL OVERVIEW

Health disparities are a major challenge to the health and well-being of underrepresented minority and other disadvantaged populations impacted by lupus and many other diseases. The IMPACT for Lupus model creates awareness of education regarding lupus, clinical trials and resources (such as lupus centers, the LFA, etc.). The model provides exposure to education, state of the art care and potentially promising new therapies. This model focuses on the patient to increase awareness of the clinical trial process and lupus disease in the African American community by improving engagement between healthcare providers and lupus patients and working through the health ministry of the church.

The church plays an integral part in the IMPACT for Lupus model to provide effective awareness of lupus and identify health navigators and community ambassadors that will build sustainable relationships between each stakeholder. Health navigators and community ambassadors serve as trusted advocates to help lupus patients make informed decisions about their health needs, including speaking with their physicians about whether a clinical trial is right for them.

II. DIAGRAM