

BUILDING A FAITH-BASED RESPONSE TO HIV/AIDS IN THE CARIBBEAN

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**GUIDELINES FOR CARIBBEAN FAITH – BASED ORGANISATIONS
IN DEVELOPING POLICIES AND ACTION PLANS
TO DEAL WITH HIV/AIDS**

Questions for Consideration

Leadership

1. Does your FBO have any established programs for the education of its leaders on HIV issues?

Prevention

1. Is your FBO actively seeking to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS among its membership?
2. Do you have a stated responsibility for such prevention in the wider community?

Care, Support and Counselling

1. Does your FBO have a policy on confidentiality, including the question of disclosure of HIV/AIDS status of persons who are part of its membership?
2. Does your FBO have any established programs for the training of its leaders on HIV/AIDS issues including care and support and counselling?

Human Rights and Advocacy

1. Does your FBO advocate for the rights of HIV positive persons in the work place and in the wider society?
2. Does your organisation's policy on death and final rites consider the right of people with HIV/AIDS to dignified final rites?

Education

1. Does your FBO have a policy on sex education, and specifically on matters pertaining to HIV/AIDS?

Gender

1. Does your FBO address issues of gender relations particularly as related to women and their vulnerability to HIV/AIDS?

Further Questions for Consideration

1. Does your FBO have any stated (written) policy on HIV? If no, are you interested in creating or adopting such a policy?
2. Does your FBO have a declared commitment to the education of its leaders on HIV issues?
3. Does your organisation have a policy on the following:
 1. Members who are HIV positive?
 2. Non-members who are HIV positive?
 3. Families belonging to your organization who are infected and/or affected by HIV?
 4. Employment of leaders and other staff who are HIV positive?
5. What is your FBO's policy with regard to interacting with PLWHA who belong to the general community?
6. What is your FBO's policy with regard to interacting with the families of PLWHA?
7. Is your organisation willing to work with other FBOs?