



ALTERTM
INSPIRING AND EQUIPPING FAITH COMMUNITIES

What do our churches have to do with the epidemic of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias? *Everything.*

For so many people, their church is the place where they uplift more than just their spirit. It's also the center of their social and emotional lives. But the impacts of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias can push those affected away from their churches for all the wrong reasons.

Why We Are Here?

We're a collaborative group of healthcare professionals who are also people of faith. Our goal is to give churches and faith leaders the tools they need to ensure that all members of their congregations are welcome, supported, and accepted—whatever their burdens might be.

Even if our sisters and brothers in faith lose their memories, we will not forget them.

What Do We Do?

Alter guides and equips predominantly African American churches to become trailblazing dementia-friendly faith communities. We have lots of tools to help faith communities learn and grow:

- Training sessions, materials, and videos for church leaders
- In person and virtual support for members with dementia and their families
- Education sessions for all members on becoming more dementia-friendly
- Tools and techniques for addressing the cultural taboos associated with dementia

The spiritual needs of people with dementia are the same as everyone else. Together, we can serve and enrich the lives of all members, including those with dementia and the families who love them by providing education, worship, and support.

Are you ready to Alter your faith community?

Please call 770.686.7730, email outreach@alterdementia.com or visit alterdementia.com

*Bear one another's burdens,
and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

- Galatians 6:2 ESV



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2x

Alzheimer's is 2x more prevalent among African Americans than whites

Source: Alzheimer's Association

4th

Alzheimer's is the 4th leading cause of death among older African Americans

Source: UsAgainstAlzheimer's



While overall membership may be dropping, People over 65 are the fastest-growing group of church members



Social Isolation is a major source of stress for people with dementia

Source: Journal of Biomedical Science



Many families living with Alzheimer's disease & other dementias consider not attending church