

SUNDAY MORNING Health Corner

The National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS March 5 - 12, 2023

Despite advances in HIV/AIDS treatments, Black communities continue to face disproportionately high rates of the disease, with African Americans accounting for 42 percent of new cases^[1] even though they comprise about only 13 percent of the population. In an effort to reduce this disparity, The Balm In Gilead, Inc. is organizing the 35th observance of The National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS.

Faith institutions are essential to addressing the many health disparities in our community, especially HIV/AIDS, which is shrouded in stigmas that prevent individuals from learning their HIV status and maintaining their treatment.

By popular demand, The Balm will present “The Doctor and The Preacher,” a live, virtual conversation between a faith leader and a medical doctor. Visit The Balm [website](#) to view the following sessions:

Monday, March 6, 12noonET

- Scientific Update on HIV

Tuesday, March 7, 12noonET

- HIV and Mental Health

Wednesday, March 8, 12noonET

- Black Women and HIV

Please check out the downloadable [resources](#) available on our website to help your place of worship observe the national week of prayer for the healing of AIDS.

1. *HIV and African American People”; CDC (02/22)



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