National Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2020

Join a virtual get-out-the-vote town hall and prayer services planned around NFHAAD, held the last Sunday in August.

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Ordinarily, the last Sunday in August marks National Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NFHAAD). But 2020 is no ordinary year, and NFHAAD events are spread from Thursday, August 27, through Monday, August 31. It's a time for people of all faiths to unite in efforts to end the epidemic and fight HIV stigma within their communities. In 2020, it's also a time to inspire people of faith to get out and vote.

Elections are coming up in November and panelists discuss how our lives depend on this election season, especially when...

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This year, amid the COVID-19 crisis and the physical distancing it requires, NFHAAD features five days of virtual prayer services, conversations and performances, including a cross-section of religious leaders. Visit FaithAIDSDay.com and the event's Facebook page @faithaidsday for details, but here's a sampling:

- Friday, 3 p.m.: Muslim prayer services with Imam Daniel Hernandez

- Saturday, 12 p.m.: Jewish prayer service with Rabbi Dadoun

- Sunday, 7 p.m.: “HIV and Faith in Resilience and Renewal”: Conversations on the legacy and future of the U.S. faith response to HIV and AIDS

- Monday, 5 p.m.: “Get Out and Vote: HIV & COVID is on the Ballot”: A virtual town hall with Max Boykin of the Black AIDS Institute; Larry Bryant of the American Civil Liberties Union; Abdul El-Sayed, a public health doctor and former candidate for governor of Michigan; and Naina Khanna of Positive Women’s Network–USA

Join us on Monday, August 31st at 3 pm for a Buddhist prayer led by Bhikkhu Sāgarānanda Tien right here on Facebook...

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Don’t worry if you missed an event or are unable to watch it live. Videos of the events remain posted on Facebook, like this one about Muslims and HIV:

Amplifying the voices of HIV+ Muslims, their allies, and community experiences.

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Launched by HIV-negative ally Khadijah Abdullah and her nonprofit organization, RAHMA (Reaching All HIV+ Muslims in America), the first NFHAAD day was held in August 2017. You can read more about her in the POZ profile “Fighting With Mercy.” Abdullah also penned a HuffPost blog about RAHMA titled “Are You Woke Yet?”

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