



United Evangelical Mission  
Communion of Churches  
in three Continents

Dear church leaders, dear pastors, dear church members,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The first of December is worldwide known as the World-Aids-Day. On this date Christians all over the world hold church services with a specific focus on the problem of HIV/Aids. The services call on all of us to become active and to stand in solidarity with people, who are infected and/or affected by HIV and Aids. The World-Aids-Day shall remind responsible people in politics, mass media, and in economy that the pandemic still exists. The United Nations titled their campaign from 2011-2015 as "Getting to zero". The goal is to have zero people dying because of Aids. Furthermore new infections and the number of discriminations against people who are infected with HIV or suffering from Aids shall become zero.

The UEM communion of churches in three continents also works to reach these goals. Many churches of the UEM give information to their members and support HIV/Aids infected and affected people as one of their key missionary activities. Small projects, counselling and pastoral care are signs of solidarity and make a big impact. Church workers in Namibia are involved in the ELCAP Project. In Tanzania orphans of HIV/Aids victims are looked after. The „Kgothatso-house“ in Botswana also gives support. Aginel Chingwaro from Botswana, who gained many experiences during the last years in Africa is now supporting the work in West Papua. The work of Dr. Kambodji is continued by Dr. Margaretha Lumban Gaol from the HKBP. Also the GKJW shows strong dedication with their programmes. May God keep on giving the workers richness of ideas, energy, empathy and strenghts, so that one day "getting to zero" will become reality.

UEM offers you a liturgy which you may consider to use on that Aids Day, Thursday the 1st of December (or on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of December). Obviously, the form of the liturgy can be adjusted to your appropriate context.

Let us stay within the love of God, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Wishing you God's blessings and guidance,

Sincerely in Christ,

Dr. Fidon Mwombeki  
(General Secretary)