

2011 National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS
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“What does the Lord require of us but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.” (Micah 6:8)

A more contemporary rendering of this verse puts it as follows: *“It is quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don’t take yourself so seriously – take God seriously.”* (from The Message)

There are many issues that demand the attention, the loyal love, the justice and kindness of the faith community. Certainly, the healing of AIDS, for our neighbors and our hurting world, needs the steadfast faithfulness, the prayers and care, the voice and commitments of all God’s people. And as the prophets have reminded all the generations, God expects and calls for our strong actions together. We are measured and judged by how we love and care for those who are sad and suffering, especially the least fortunate.

This 2011 National Week for the Healing of AIDS is another clarion call for doing justice, loving kindness, and walking with God. We are all grateful for the leadership and inspiration of Pernessa Seele and the Balm of Gilead organization. May we join our voices in prayer, link our lives in love, and beseech God to help us move HIV/AIDS from a worldwide pandemic to a disease that is manageable, in decline, and soon removed as a threat to human life.