



NETWORK MEMBERS May 2021



Elder George Kerr III, Network Co-Chair is a nationally renowned community activist and former grassroots nonprofit executive. He continues to be a staple in the fight for social justice in the Greater Washington DC Metropolitan Area for more than 27 years. Having honorably served his country in the US Navy for nearly eight years, Kerr, now a decorated veteran. He is very active with the DC CFAR and Community Partnership Council. He serves as the co-community lead for the Drug User Health SIG and the Faith Spirituality HIV working group. He has been thriving with HIV for over 25 years. He spends his time as an Activist, Advocated, and community organizing. Kerr is based in Washington, DC.



Derrick Weston, Network Co-Chair has spent the last two decades serving churches and faith-based non-profits in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Most recently, he spent two years as director of programs for Hope Springs, a faith-based non-Profit dedicated to educating faith communities on HIV and encouraging ways for them to serve people living with HIV. Derrick has a Masters of Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary, a certification in health ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary and is a certified master gardener through Baltimore County extension. Derrick currently manages a community garden on Baltimore's east side and was recently awarded a Louisville Institute Pastoral Study grant to develop a food and faith network. Derrick and his wife Shannon, an ordained Presbyterian minister, live outside of Baltimore with their four children. Derrick is based in Maryland.



Beth Outterson is a public health professional with over 25 years of domestic and international experience. As a “Preacher’s Kid,” Beth learned early about the church’s role in promoting social justice. She started her career as a bilingual health educator with migrant farmworkers along the US eastern shore. In the early 90’s she was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zaire, (now called Democratic Republic of Congo). Her work has included managing health projects at a national farmworker employment and training program, an international health and HIV programs at Family Health International, and at US Peace Corps Headquarters. Her HIV specific work has included revising the Peace Corps’ life skills Manual, conducting HIV focused workshops for volunteers and staff in over 15 African countries, and developing age-appropriate educational materials for adolescents and youth. She is currently a global health consultant. In the mid 90’s Beth served as a member of the Presbyterian AIDS Network. Beth moved to Portland, Oregon in 2014, where she is

an Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church, and represented the Presbytery of the Cascades at the 2020 virtual General Assembly. Beth has dual Masters degrees in Public Health and Latin American Studies from Tulane University. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Core Group and Partners of the Americas. Beth is based in Portland, Oregon.



Rev. Andries "Dries" Coetzee serves as pastor at University Presbyterian Church (UPC) in San Antonio, Texas. For him, HIV is not an issue; it is personal. Born in South Africa, he has observed in person how political turmoil, white supremacy, a long history of government denial, and global inaction has fueled the HIV pandemic in reaching disastrous proportions. Ministering in the United States since 1998, he continues to observe how racism, bias, and discrimination drive the HIV epidemic. In his home city of San Antonio, Andries is involved in overcoming stigma and isolation for people living with HIV. Before his call to UPC, Andries served churches in Houston, TX, Bloomington, MN, and Wooster, OH. He also has experience in serving the Presbyterian Church (USA), on all denominational levels.