



The Reverend Canon Ted Karpf is Partnerships Officer at the World Health Organization Department of HIV/AIDS, and a Senior Fellow in the Health Inequalities Program at the Duke University Terry Sanford Institute for Public Policy. He is also a residentiary canon of the Washington National Cathedral (Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul) in Washington, DC, and former Canon to the Ordinary for clergy and congregational development of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

He is a human rights activist, priest and public health expert engaging in public, community and faith-based health response to HIV/AIDS since the early 1980s. He has received numerous awards for his work, especially from the US Public Health Service (USPHS); Office of Minority Health; the US-based National HIV/AIDS Partnership; the Episcopal Church in the United States of America (ECUSA); the Anglican Consultative Council and the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. He was recently named Distinguished Alumnus of Boston University School of Theology (2007) and the same at Texas Wesleyan University (2003) for his leadership in the global AIDS pandemic.

From 1982 to 1988, he led the creation of the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC), AIDS Interfaith Network, Dallas, and Bryan's House AIDS Hospice for Children, Dallas, one of the nation's first children's AIDS facilities. Karpf served in the US government beginning 1989 as the nation's first Regional AIDS Liaison Specialist with the Public Health Service (PHS) in the Dallas Regional Office as part of the staff US Surgeon General. From 1991-93 he worked with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as manager of special projects of the National AIDS Clearinghouse, and later as director of the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS), creator of the AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS) and Business and Labor Respond to AIDS resource service.

In 2001 Canon Karpf was funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to develop an international development pilot project under the CORE Initiative with 10-million member Anglican Church of the Province of Southern Africa—CPSA—(which includes the nations of South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia, Mozambique and Angola). This project continues as Isiseko Sokomeleza "Building the Foundation" supported by the UK Department for International Development and the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief programme. He served as Provincial Canon Missioner for AIDS and a deputy to the Archbishop of Cape Town, The Most Reverend Njongonkulu Ndungane.

In 2003 he was named HIV/AIDS Coordinator of the world-wide Anglican Communion and developed faith-based responses and community planning programs globally. Since the beginning of his work in the field of HIV/AIDS he has millions of dollars for AIDS services both in the United States and around the world. Canon Karpf is the WHO representative and member of the World Bank's World Faiths and Development Dialogue since 2002. Currently he is developing a global HIV/AIDS leadership initiative under the auspices of St George's House, Windsor Castle, UK. Last year he received generous support from the Ford Foundation to develop the concept of "Decent Care" through a global collaboration between WHO and the world's great religions.

A long-time human rights activist, he was named Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, and has been active supporter of gay-lesbian rights issues through the Human Rights Campaign, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, American Civil Liberties Union and Integrity. He is an openly gay clergy and also father of two children, Deborah Michelle Karpf, 25, and David Warren Karpf, 22.

A former campus minister and teacher of religion at the University of North Texas, he was also director of the Texas Commission on Campus Ministries from 1978-1982. Karpf continues to lecture at Duke University, Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, and Oxford. He is author of numerous articles on HIV/AIDS and faith-responses and has preached in cathedrals and churches around the world. Father Karpf is currently serving on the staff of both, the Episcopal Church (US) and the Anglican (Church of England) churches of Geneva.

He holds a Bachelor of Art degree with honors in Religion-Humanities from Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas (1970). A Master of Theology degree from Boston University School of Theology, Boston, Massachusetts (1974), post graduate studies at Harvard Divinity School, South Methodist University and the University of North Texas. He is also a Gestalt Therapist, with certification from the Gestalt Institute of Washington, DC (2000) and a member of the faculty since 1994 of the College of Preachers in Washington, DC.