

Important Information

Good morning! Please share this opportunity with any churches and religious organizations that may be interested in this opportunity. Applications are due by December 10th at 11:59pm. Thank you!

The American Heart Association is partnering with faith leaders and their congregations to prioritize mental, physical, and spiritual wellness. Churches have been successful partners in the fight against high blood pressure, which affects more than half of African American adults, and other diseases and chronic conditions such as diabetes, high cholesterol, and metabolic syndrome. Churches can be a great source of information and care, and we are determined to strategically work with faith leaders to shepherd their congregations to being empowered and well. Your health is grounded in faith, our approach is grounded in science and together, we can change communities.

We are looking for some local churches to come alongside us and become relentless forces for a world of longer healthier lives. Are you ready to establish policies and procedures around tobacco/vaping and catered meals? Is your church looking to formalize and/or grow your health ministry? Are you a church with a pantry that would like to serve healthier items and/or expand the amount of healthy, fresh items they'd like to offer? Would your health ministry like to partner with community organizations to educate, screen, and connect congregation members to care for hypertension and diabetes? Now is your chance to create sustainable change alongside other faith leaders in our community.

Requirements:

1. Co-creation and enforcement of congregation smoke free environment policy
2. Co-creation and scaled implementation of congregation healthy food and beverage policy
3. Clergy and congregation buy-in
4. Ability to host onsite screening, education, and referral for hypertension and other chronic illnesses in collaboration with community partners.
5. Identify a wellness champion in the congregation to serve as liaison between congregation and AHA.

[Apply here](#) 😊

Best regards,
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