

Judith Mason

Judith Mason, a graduate of Harvard College and Union Theological Seminary, has been active in HIV/AIDS ministries for over twenty-five years. She founded the first comprehensive chaplaincy program at the first HIV/AIDS "nursing home" - a hospice for mothers and children in the South Bronx. She has also been the staff chaplain for the HIV floors at St. Luke's Hospital, run a Retreat Center for PLWAs and been a pastoral counselor in a day program for homeless, drug-addicted PLWAs, particularly those of transgender experience.

She has participated in numerous faith-based community coalitions that are a response to the pandemic, targeting especially in both Manhattan and the Bronx underserved populations and those at risk. For many years she was the chair of DEAC, the Diocesan Episcopal AIDS Committee of the Social Concerns Commission of the Diocese of New York. She has lived in East Harlem for over forty years, raising four children there with her husband (their grandchildren now live on the same block). She is a member of the Church of St. James of Jerusalem (Long Beach) and has recently been appointed the HIV/AIDS Network Coordinator of Province II of TEC.