

empowering congregations to support older adults persons living with dementia and their caregivers

Fast Facts

- In 2021, there were **58 million older adults** in the United States.
- There is an estimated **6.5 million older adults living with dementia** in the United States.
- Approximately **10%** of individuals **65 years and older are affected by dementia**.
- African Americans experience dementia at **twice the rate** of White Americans.
- Dementia affects Hispanics at a **rate of 1.5 times** that of White Americans.

Role of Faith-Based Communities

The bond of shared faith and religious beliefs provides an opportunity for faith-based communities to provide trusted information and support for older adults and caregivers in their congregations and neighborhoods promoting healthier congregations, families, and individuals which leads to healthier communities.



engAGING Communities Programs

Learning sessions on the following topics:

- Dementia & Caregiving
- Mental Health
- Transitions of Care, Palliative Care, End-of-Life
- Legal Issues
- Disaster & Emergency Preparedness
- Building A Dementia-Friendly Congregation
- Safety (Silver Alert, Fraud, Home Modifications)



Partner Highlight

Alter

Alter guides and equips predominantly African American places of worship to become trailblazing Dementia-friendly faith communities.

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Heart Tones™

Promoting healthcare decision-making through Advance Care Planning conversations, education, and preparation that helps bridge disparity gaps for Black Americans.

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