The continuing and unrelenting epidemic of HIV/AIDS that is currently ravaging the globe and especially the continent of Africa as well as our African American communities here in the United States and in the Caribbean challenges contemporary theologians, ethicists and members of faith-based organizations who take seriously the healing ministry of Christ. The rudiments of the thoughts and processes that led to this book began through the main author’s encounter with the Catholic Theological Society by June of 2005. This great organization with over 1,200 members had requested that they be enlightened on what happens to people’s bodies when they are afflicted with HIV/AIDS and to interpret this in the context of the healing ministry of Christ. In a presentation within the theme of that year’s conference, “The Resurrection of the Body of Christ” entitled “HIV/AIDS and the Bodies of Black People: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue”, the author explored the theological and ethical implications of the resurrection of the body of Christ for those who take seriously the brokenness, finitude, suffering and death that is the daily experience of our brothers and sisters whose families, communities and nations are ravaged by HIV/AIDS. This book of knowledge and enlightenment was therefore written specifically to address some of the issues raised by persons working in the Lord’s Vineyard through faith-based organizations. It is my hope that you find this book simple to comprehend and rewarding.

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