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Cancer Prevention Study - 3 Faith-based Enrollment **Sherwynn Patton, Missions Pastor of Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church**



Why do more African Americans suffer a greater burden from cancer than any other population? The American Cancer Society has a stronger chance of answering that question as a result of the work of Greater Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church (GMZ) in Austin. Eighty-six people enrolled in the American Cancer Society's Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3) during April 2012 through the support of GMZ.

“As a predominantly African American church we knew that this study was important and could help researchers better understand why cancer has such a devastating impact on our lives,” says Sherwynn Patton, Missions

Pastor at Greater Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, “GMZ hosted this study for our members to make a difference, to give our future generations a better chance to avoid cancer and live healthier lives. We hope other churches will follow by hosting the study for their members.”

Men and women between the ages of 30 and 65 who have never been diagnosed with cancer are eligible to participate in CPS-3.

“As an African American I know I am at a greater risk for cancer,” says Patton. “The American Cancer Society's study has the potential to provide discoveries that can save lives. My wife and I both enrolled and encouraged our friends to enroll as well.”

CPS-3 will enroll a diverse population across the United States through the end of 2013. Participants are asked to read and sign an informed consent form, complete a survey packet which will ask for detailed information on lifestyle, behavioral, and other health related factors, provide a waist measurement, give a small blood sample (similar to a doctor's visit and drawn by a certified phlebotomist), and complete a mailed survey every few years over the next 20-30 years.

Confidentiality is of utmost importance and all personal information is kept strictly confidential by American Cancer Society research staff. CPS-3 is not a clinical trial or experiment, not a paid study and not funded by the government. CPS-3 adheres to the highest scientific standards and there is no cost to participate. Participants are not asked to take pills, change their lifestyle or receive treatments of any kind.

For more information about CPS-3, visit cancer.org/cps3, call 1-888-604-5888, or email cps3@cancer.org.

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