



VCU

Virginia Center on Aging
College of Health Professions

Mission

VCoA advances health, well-being and equity for the elders of today and tomorrow. Our innovative research, critical education and impactful service strive to make Virginia a place where its people can thrive at every age.



ALTERTM
INSPIRING AND EQUIPPING FAITH COMMUNITIES

Mission

To inspire and equip faith-based organizations anchored in African-American communities to better support families affected by dementia and transform faith communities into Alter Champions.

40%



In less than a decade, almost 40% of Americans with Alzheimer's disease will be either Latino or Black.

Although church membership is declining, individuals over the age of 65 are the fastest growing demographic among churchgoers.

2x

African-Americans are twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's disease compared to Whites.

4th

Alzheimer's disease is the 4th leading cause of death among older African Americans.

Alter guides and equips places of worship to become trailblazing dementia-friendly faith communities.

We provide faith communities with:

- Onsite and Virtual Education Programs
- Personalized Toolbox with Information and Resources
- Expert Guidance and Ongoing Support
- Monetary Support



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