

A portrait of Bishop William Thomas, a Black man with short hair and glasses, wearing a black clerical shirt with a white stole. He is looking slightly to the right with a gentle smile. The background is a blurred indoor setting with blue and white tones.

Community Partner Bishop William Thomas

A Day in the Life of Mama BJ
A Spin on What Great Fun Looks Like

Share Your Voice and Your Views!
2022 PATIENTS Day

Free Virtual Roundtable Series
Sponsored by The PATIENTS Program



A Message from The PATIENTS Program

There's no slowdown to our summer! The summer season is heating up with the PATIENTS Professors Academy in full swing. We are also getting back into the community so check out our photos from SOWEBO. We're excited to be at more community events in the late summer and fall.

Be sure to join us for PATIENTS Day on August 16th as we come together to celebrate the efforts of our community partners and showcase our projects. The event will have panel discussions, a health fair, and more.

PROJECTS

New Updates

CEAL

NIH Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL)

The first year of CEAL has come to a close and we are excited that the award has been renewed for another year. Our community members keep fine tuning how to do the Community Think Tank on Research sessions and new ways to recruit researchers.

CO-DRIVEN

We are very excited to announce that our fourth CO-DRIVEN virtual learning session took place in person and was a great success. It was rewarding to see everyone in person for the first time! We are also planning our last training session which is set to take place June 13th.

COMMIT-EQ

COmmunity Mistrust and Measures of Institutional Trustworthiness to Advance Health EQUity Research

We received word from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that we were awarded \$1.0 million dollars in funding for this project. This project looks at why people in the West Baltimore community choose not to take part in clinical trials. By working with our partners at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, CVS Health, and our community advisory board, we plan to co-create a tool kit as a resource for including equity in COVID-19 clinical trial protocol development and implementation.

COMMIT

COmmunity Mistrust and Measures of Institutional Trustworthiness

COMMIT held its first event in late May at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church. We met with researchers, community members, and community partners to create together a business model canvas for COVID-19 testing and research. Next, we will host a virtual retreat and further develop the business model canvas while also codeveloping a memorandum of commitment (MOC) template for community-engaged research partnerships to advance trust through trustworthiness, transparency, and respect.

NIA ADRD

National Institute on Aging Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

We have talked to 7 older adults who have trouble with their memory and 3 caregivers to understand what may get in the way of taking part in research. We also talked about the best ways to get involved and interested in research. We are now looking at what we learned from these conversations.

NIA Bioethics Supplement

We want to learn what African Americans ages 45 and older think about taking part in research, what is being asked of them after the study, how they want to get research results, and what they think about research ethics. We have talked with groups and 72 people took part in the study. We are now looking at what we learned from the discussions.

NIA R24

Signing up for the NIA Registry lets you share what you think on health topics with others in and around your communities. The registry keeps growing and if you want to join, contact Rodney Elliott at relliott@rx.umaryland.edu or (410) 706-7312.

PREP-IT

The PREP-IT trial is planning its next quarterly meeting with its stakeholder advisory board members, where we will keep talking about how to share the results of the study.

Rx-DEBT

Pharmacy Student and New Practitioner Educational Debt and Burnout

We want to learn how student debt may affect pharmacists' jobs and personal lives. We also want to know how pharmacy students and recent pharmacy graduates feel about the loan payment suspension period brought on by COVID-19. We have talked to 20 current pharmacy students and 20 pharmacy graduates and are now reviewing the conversations and writing about the findings.

The FDA One Health Initiative

We looked at about 171,000 data points and have worked on the numbers we are including for our research. We are looking at comments about Center Specific Dockets and VRBPAC meetings to highlight next steps. We will use artificial intelligence to find themes that will be used for our topic for the focus group meetings.

PURPLE

Promoting Understanding in social needs Research Projects by Listening and Engaging

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New Published Article!

Recently a post written by the PATIENTS Program's Michelle Medeiros, MS, MA, CCRP, Director of Research and Hillary Edwards, MPH, Director of Methodological Research and Evaluation and along with Dr. Claudia Baquet was published in the Journal of Medical Ethics blog. Please see below for the link.

<https://blogs.bmj.com/medical-ethics/2022/04/20/including-black-indigenous-and-latinx-communities-as-partners-in-the-planning-and-implementation-of-long-covid-19-responses-recommendations-for-enhancing-health-equity/>

COMMUNITY

Partner Spotlight

Bishop William Thomas



Bishop William Thomas is with the St. Matthews Gospel Tabernacle Apostolic Church. He has partnered with the PATIENTS Program on bringing research and health information to the community. He has worked with Bj Robinson-Shaneman, our Senior Program Specialist, for over the past decade to improve the health of the community and to make sure they have a seat at the research table.

Bishop Thomas recently appeared on a Bj's Corner Facebook Live episode talking about why it is so important for the community to have a seat at the table when it comes to research.

More From Bishop Thomas...
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When and how did you first get involved with the PATIENTS Program?

I've worked with Bj now for over ten years at our clinic at St. Matthew's Community Long-Term Outreach Center, which is the site of our walk-in program, a free community-based minority healthcare program. The Center strives to take the lead in preventative health, environmental safety, religious leadership, and all things which impact people in the community.

We offer free care and advice as to where to get help - from mental health to pediatric care, dentistry to pastoral counseling. We are also in the middle of a food desert. Our community is dropping dead from high blood pressure, heart attacks, and diabetes. We saw the need in the community as my background is in physiology as I worked in research for 30 years. Our community was sick, and we could help get them on right path.

For us, the community comes first in all that we do.

Is there a project that you most enjoyed being a part of with the PATIENTS Program?

I enjoyed working on the focus groups about cancer. We've also worked together to address housing issues, food deserts, and urban renewal.

Why do you continue to work with the PATIENTS Program?

Patient involvement in research is important. They (researchers) need to know lot of information doesn't get to the urban community. Us being there means we can pass out information and can feed information about health into the community. I serve as a trusted member of the community as I grew up in the area and my church is here. Partnering with the PATIENTS Program helps us serve the health of the community.

CELEBRATING

Joey Mattingly

Named Teacher of the Year!



Congratulations to Joey Mattingly, PharmD, MBA, PhD, Director of Operations for the PATIENTS Program!

He was recognized as Teacher of the Year by the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy Class of 2022.

**Thank you for
all you do, Dr.
Mattingly!**

COMMUNITY Events

SOWEBO Arts & Music Festival

PATIENTS Program Engagement Specialist Rodney Elliott and Karen Morales, Associate Director of Engagement went to a SOWEBO community event on Sunday May 29th in the Southwest Partnership (SWP) community.

It was fun to be back in the community. We were able to meet some old and new community members. They asked about our current projects (NIA & CO-Driven). We were able to share with them about the work we do to bridge the gap between researchers and communities like SWP. As the summer approaches, we are excited to attend other community events like SOWEBO.





2022 SOWEBO Arts & Music Festival

Community Walks with Miss Ernestine

One of our community partners, Ernestine Shepherd, leads a community walk each month along with Chauncey Whitehead. At 85 years young, she was declared the Oldest Female Competitive Body Builder by the Guinness Book of World Records.

She is truly an inspiration!



Join her and many others to enjoy walking a mile or two together rain or shine!

**Meet at the tennis courts in
Druid Hill Park at 7:30 a.m. on
the following dates:**

July 9 and August 13

**Exercise is always fun with
friends, so please join us!**

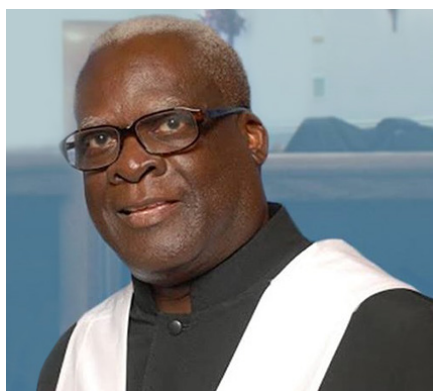


FACEBOOK

Live Events

We continue to enjoy our conversations with our featured guests on our Real Talk with Rodney and Bj's Corner Facebook Live events!

Click on any of the quotes from the guests below to watch their Facebook Live episode!



Bishop William A. Thomas Sr. with the St. Matthews Gospel Tabernacle Apostolic Faith Church

“Researchers may sit in an office but until you know the people and really find the people in the community will you get information. If you stop and talk to people and not dominate the conversation, let them talk, you can learn a whole lot.” Bishop William A. Thomas Sr. with the St. Matthews Gospel Tabernacle Apostolic Faith Church talking about lessons he hopes to teach researchers about the community at large concerning research on the **April 7 episode** of Bj's Corner.

[**Click here to watch the episode!**](#)



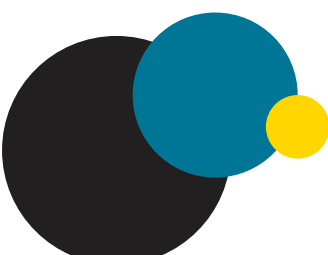
Erin Roth, post-doctoral fellow with the PATIENTS Program

“Older community members care very deeply for the young people. Older people were concerned the younger people weren't listening to the right sources; getting information through social media leading them to not wanting to get vaccinated. There was concern about their well-being.” Erin Roth, postdoctoral fellow with the PATIENTS Program talking about lessons learned in the community on the **April 21 episode** of Real Talk with Rodney.

[**Click here to watch the episode!**](#)

“Researchers should have sessions in the community, at the ground level where they are seeing community members. It is important to go to community, go to the town hall meetings, to really get to the community so they can get their questions asked about research. Don't hesitate to put flyers in doors to ask what the community wants to know.” Howard Hughes, CODRIVEN community stakeholder and Southwest Partnership community member talking about how researchers can work with the community on the **May 5th episode** of Real Talk with Rodney.

[**Click here to watch the episode!**](#)



"My community can trust me because of my consistency. I will be this way today or one year from now, there will be no change. The love my community and I share is consistent. There's nothing we can't take care of together as our work in research is a team effort." Barbarajean, "Miss Bj" Robinson-Shaneman, Senior Program Specialist, talking about giving back to the community on the **May 19th episode** of Bj's Corner.

[Click here to watch the episode!](#)

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MAMA BJ

The PATIENTS Program's Senior Program Specialist, Barbarajean Robinson-Shaneman, also known as "Miss Bj" knows how to have fun! While out serving the health of her community, she had the chance to take this fun vehicle for a spin.

"This is what great fun is!"



MISS BJ
will be **77**
YEARS OLD
on **August 2**



GREAT FUN!



2022 PATIENTS DAY
at UMB Community Engagement Center

SAVE THE DATE

**Join
Us!**

2022 PATIENTS DAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. EDT

UMB Community Engagement Center (CEC)
16 South Poppleton Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

2022 PATIENTS DAY

Four Pillars of Health

Join the PATIENTS Program for interactive panels and a health fair on Tuesday, August 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Free lunch will be available to attendees beginning at 12:00 p.m.!(first come first served)
- Free parking!
- Raffle prizes awarded!

The **theme for this year's event** is the four pillars of health: physical, mental, financial, and spiritual. Join us to hear our panel speakers talk about each pillar.

Panel topics:

- Community Think Tank on Research
- Four Pillars of Health (Physical, Spiritual, Mental, Financial)

The health fair will have:

- Community resources
- Wellness Advocates
- And much more!

Share your voice and your views with us about the health issues that mean the most to you, your family, and your community.

For more information about PATIENTS Day and to register

[Click Here](#)

- Summer 2022 -

JULY & AUGUST ROUNDTABLE SERIES

Join us for the 2022 Summer Roundtable Series sponsored by The PATIENTS Program at the University of Maryland Baltimore School of Pharmacy!

The Summer Roundtable Series is a series of free, virtual roundtable discussions with content experts. Roundtable topics will range from health equity initiatives to the role of religious leaders in community health to how you can be a patient consultant to clinical researchers.

Dates

Topics

July 13

1:00 - 2:15 PM

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Framework: What does it mean for the future of minority health?

July 20

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Payer Roundtable: How Is the Payer Industry Meaningfully Engaging Patients?

July 21

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Health Literacy, Institutional Review Boards (IRBs), Consent Forms, and You

July 27

Noon - 1 PM

Evaluation: A Core Element of Community Engagement

July 28

2:00 - 3:30 PM

FDA Perspectives on Patient Engagement in Medical Product Development

Join us!

ROUNDTABLE SERIES

These roundtables complement and expand on curriculum of the PATIENTS Professors Academy. The PATIENTS Professors Academy is a free, 5-week program that is completely online with interactive components from our patient advisors and content experts.

Dates

Topics

August 2

1:30 - 2:45 PM

Religious Leader Panel: How Faith Leaders and Communities Play a Key Role in Community Health and Patient Engagement

August 4

Noon - 1:15 PM

Community Engagement in Our Own Words

August 9

2:00 - 3:15 PM

Dissemination, Implementation, and Return of Results to Participants and Communities: Closing the Loop in Stakeholder-Engaged Research

August 11

1:00 - 2:15 PM

Patient Advisor Preparation: What to Know When You Have a Seat at the Table

[Click Here to Register](#)



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