

Haiti

Disaster Response



“We [should] join together in lifting up daily prayers for divine guidance, hope, and comfort for those people whose lives have been forever changed by this horrific earthquake and its aftermath. Pray for those who give. Pray for the relief workers and their safety. Pray especially for survivors, that the Good News of Jesus Christ will shine like a light on each and every one, assuring them of eternal salvation by God’s grace through faith in Christ.”

– Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, President
The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod responds to Haitian Earthquake

As the news of the largest earthquake to hit Haiti in more than 200 years reached The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, the church body began preparing to reach out to the Caribbean nation with assistance, working in cooperation with its Lutheran partners on the ground in that country.

Within hours, LCMS World Relief and Human Care (WR-HC) announced it was making an initial grant of tens of thousands of dollars available to meet emergency needs. The Synod has asked its members to share Christ’s mercy with suffering Haitians and to assist WR-HC in what will be an ongoing effort to help those who have lost loved ones, homes, possessions, and means of work.

For more information, or to donate now, visit www.lcms.org/worldrelief.

Florida Churches Gather Donations

Two 40-foot shipping containers will be loaded with donated supplies and shipped to the capital of Haiti, Port-au-Prince, as soon as arrangements can be finalized.

Requested items include bottled water, canned food with pop tops, peanut butter, dry rice and beans, bedding, shovels and tools, buckets, anti-bacterial ointment, bandages, washcloths, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, first-aid ointment, and clean, used clothing in good condition.

Items can be sent to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Davie, Florida (7601 SW 39th St., Davie, FL 33328) and St. Paul Lutheran Church

in Boca Raton (801 West Palmetto Park Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33486). The donation drive is a joint effort of WR-HC, the Florida/Georgia District, MISSION: HAITI, and Orphan Grain Train. WR-HC grants will help cover the shipping charges. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti, Orphan Grain Train, and MISSION: HAITI will receive the containers in Port-au-Prince and oversee their distribution.

For more information, visit www.flga-lcms.org.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Helping Haiti Campaign

A campaign to generate \$3 million for much-needed assistance to Haiti has been developed by Thrivent Financials for Lutheran. Thrivent member donations (up to a maximum gift of \$250 per member) will be matched \$1 for every \$2 given through LCMS World Relief and Human Care, Lutheran World Relief, ELCA Disaster Response, and WELS Committee on Relief. These donations will be accepted through March 31, 2010. For more information, visit www.thrivent.com.

For resources, bulletin inserts, and updated information on how you

can help, visit www.michigandistrict.org/disasterresponse.