

Help Haitians Devastated by the Earthquake

At least three million people are estimated to have been affected by the earthquake. Innumerable homes and major structures were destroyed. The Rev. Kesner Ajax, Executive Director of the Bishop Tharp Institute, said: "There is no Cathedral. The entire Holy Trinity complex is gone. The convent for the Sisters of St. Margaret is gone. The Bishop's house is gone. College St. Pierre is gone."

Episcopal Relief & Development has disbursed emergency funding to the Diocese of Haiti to help meet critical needs such as food, water and shelter for those affected. As communication improves and recovery plans develop, we will continue to provide updates. We are standing ready to support the country's ongoing recovery and rebuilding efforts in the days to come.



Here's how you can help today:

1. **Pray** for people devastated by the earthquake.
2. **Give** to help those most impacted by this disaster.

CHRIST CHURCH'S HAITI RESPONSE

In the wake of the devastation to Haiti many are asking how do I help and where do I send it? Former suffragan bishop of this Diocese, Bishop Bill Skilton is from the Dominican Republic and now is spending much of his retirement time in ministry there. He has recommended contacts listed herein. Infrastructure in Haiti is in shambles and the best and nearest point of stability and a platform for in-reach operations is likely to be across the border in the Dominican Republic. Make sure to memo all checks "Haiti Relief."

The Dominican Development Group
c/o Dayspring
P.O. Box 661
Ellenton, FL 34222

A second resource is **Episcopal Relief & Development**. They have an easy online way to contribute by visiting www.er-d.org and clicking "Donate Now."

If you'd prefer to send your contributions through Christ Church, please write "Haiti Relief" in the memo line and we'll funnel the money accordingly as the best avenues for getting support to the right places continue to emerge.

A number of us in Christ Church have a special, long-standing relationship with the missions and ministries of Haiti and have participated in a number of mission trips there. I am one of them. I've seen it all first hand. Just this past summer it was our parish that hosted the Haiti Partnership Conference. This catastrophe strikes close to our hearts. We all know from tracking past disasters that real recovery is long and slow and grinding. Immediate relief will come flooding in. But the relationship Christ Church has with Haiti is set for the long haul. Our chief contact person in this parish for this ministry is Dr. Billy Wingfield.

I close with this prayer: *Almighty God, in the midst of the instability of this fallen world may we find Your love for us and our love for each other unshakable. When the world collapses around us, may the heart of your Church stand strong and bring hope and be good news for others in Jesus name. Amen.*

-Fr. Ted



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