



LUTHERANS RESPOND TO HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN HAITI

January 14, 2010 – Within 24 hours of issuing an emergency appeal for funds to assist with humanitarian aid to the people of Haiti, supporters of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) have graciously donated close to \$33,000.

Both Rev. Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and by Rev. Robert Bugbee, President of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) have encouraged their constituencies to support the appeal as well as pray for the people of Haiti and all those affected by the earthquake that has claimed an estimated 100,000 lives.

This morning, the Canadian Government announced that \$50 million will be set aside to match donations made by individual Canadians to humanitarian agencies. The Government has indicated that agencies may apply for matching funds but has not offered guarantees that all applications will be approved. To be eligible for matching funds, donations must be received by February 12, 2010.

The Government of Manitoba has allocated \$100,000 to a matching fund program for members of the Manitoba Centre for International Cooperation (MCIC). CLWR is a member of MCIC.

CLWR is applying for matching funds to both the federal and Manitoba government programs.

Donations to the Haiti appeal may be made through CLWR in the following ways.

1. Online at www.clwr.org/donate. In the process of completing the form, you will come across a pull-down menu that allows you to designate a specific project. Choose Haiti Earthquake.
2. By calling our toll-free number: 1.800.661.2597. If you do not need to use a toll-free line or are calling locally from the Winnipeg area, you can reach CLWR at 204.694.5602.
3. By sending a cheque made payable to CLWR to CLWR, 302-393 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3H6. Please indicate in your correspondence that you wish to contribute to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal.
4. Through ELCIC and LCC congregations by giving an offering designated to the Haiti Earthquake appeal.

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CLWR carries out international emergency relief, development programming, refugee resettlement and alternative trade merchandising on behalf of the two major Lutheran church bodies in Canada (the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Lutheran Church–Canada) and Canadians of goodwill. As a registered not for profit agency, funding comes through donations and through agreements with Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). CLWR is a member of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities, the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, the Lutheran World Federation and Action by Churches Together (ACT). The agency's head office is

located in Winnipeg, with regional offices in Vancouver, Toronto, Santa Cruz (Bolivia) and Lima (Peru)