



Humanitarian work marked worldwide on August 19

The second World Humanitarian Day will be marked this year on Thursday, August 19. The day raises awareness of what it means to be a humanitarian aid worker by describing their work, explaining the principles that guide all humanitarians, and portraying the hazards that humanitarian aid workers face in the course of their work.

World Humanitarian Day will also honour those who have been killed or injured in the course of their work. The General Assembly of the United Nations, which established World Humanitarian Day in 2008, invites all countries, United Nations entities and international and non-governmental organizations to observe the day annually, providing an opportunity to increase public support for humanitarian work worldwide.

For more information about World Humanitarian Day, please visit <http://ochaonline.un.org/whd/>.

You can also watch a YouTube video profiling humanitarian workers in over 40 countries (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojQQOyo6lrMQ>)



Lutheran World Federation humanitarian workers distribute relief supplies in Haiti. Photo: P. Jeffrey

CLWR Sunday Resources now available

Resources to help congregations plan a Sunday worship celebration of the work of CLWR are now available for download from the CLWR website. Resources include worship planning suggestions for both ELCIC and LCC congregations. Included are hymn suggestions, reflections on biblical texts, prayer petitions, a story about a CLWR project in Bolivia and suggestions for activities within your congregation. Bulletin inserts are also available in three languages: English, Finnish and Chinese. The ELCIC has designated September 26 as CLWR Sunday while Lutheran Church–Canada has set aside October 17. Congrega-

tions not able to celebrate on those Sundays are encouraged to choose an alternate date. To access CLWR Sunday resources, visit www.clwr.org/Resources/clwrsunday.cfm.

CLWR at CLAY

Canadian Lutheran World Relief will be present at the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth (CLAY) gathering which opens Thursday, August 19 in London, Ontario. If you are attending, please stop and visit us at our display booth located just outside the room where the large group gatherings will be held.