



CLWR begins search for Director of Finance

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) has begun a search for a new Director of Finance. After 19 years of dedicated and faithful service as CLWR's Director of Finance, Erling Nielson will retire from the agency on March 1 of this year.

Details on the application process and a full description of the position may be found on the CLWR website at www.clwr.org. Deadline for receipt of applications is February 2, 2010.

CLWR videos on YouTube

Did you know that you can find CLWR on YouTube? A series of six video vignettes depicting the work of CLWR are posted on the popular video sharing website. The longest of the five is just over three minutes in length and provides a synopsis of all aspects of CLWR's work from commodity shipments to refugee resettlement. The remaining videos have been designed to complement CLWR's *One Good Thing* print resources for use with Sunday school-aged children.

The videos were developed by Rev. Daranne Harris, the former Director of Communications and Education at CLWR. To view the videos, go to www.youtube.com/clwrvideo.



Haiti Appeal receives generous response from CLWR supporters

On January 13, one day after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake rocked Haiti, Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) issued a formal appeal for funds to support relief and redevelopment efforts. As of January 19, donations received by CLWR topped \$142,000.

Funds raised by CLWR will be used to support the immediate and long term assistance being provided to the people of Haiti by Actions by Churches Together (ACT). The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is playing a lead role in coordinating the ACT response.

For updates on the appeal and to read press releases being provided by ACT and the LWF, please visit www.clwr.org.



Under the watch of United Nations troops from Argentina, earthquake survivors in the quake-ravaged Haitian city of Leogane unload emergency supplies provided by Diakonie, a member of the ACT Alliance, and Caritas Internationalis, on January 20. Photo by Paul Jeffrey/ACT.

Refugee sponsorship training course available this winter

Want to learn more about what's involved in sponsoring the resettlement of a refugee in your community? If so, why not register for a free internet-based course being offered this winter by the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP). The course begins on February 8 and runs to April 9 and is divided into eight modules. Topics covered include a global overview of forced migration, eligibility requirements, the application process and settlement planning.

There is no charge for the course but participants must register by January 27. For more information about the course and to access a registration form, please visit www.clwr.org

In 1979, the Canadian government began allowing groups to sponsor refugees through Sponsorship Agreement Holders such as Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR). Over this time, Lutherans across Canada have worked through CLWR to sponsor close to 12,000 refugee applications. RSTP exists to assist agreement holders in the refugee process. For more information about RSTP, visit www.rstp.ca.

Blogs from the Middle East

Did you know that you can follow the trail of the Global Encounter participants in the Middle East? Links to blogs being written by three of the participants can be found at www.clwr.org. Sharing their experiences are Tom Brook, CLWR's Director of Resource Generation, Dr. Ian Adnams, Director of Communications for Lutheran Church–Canada and Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada National Office.

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- At www.clwr.org
- Toll free at 1.800.661.2597 (CLWR) OR in the Winnipeg area 204.694.5602
- By cheque or money order to:
Canadian Lutheran World Relief
302-393 Portage Avenue
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