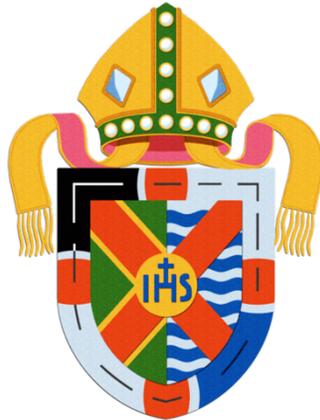


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Diocesan Appeal for Earthquake Relief in Haiti

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The people of Haiti are not just our neighbors; they are our family. As companion dioceses, we have a fundamental commitment to each other's well-being, spiritual as well as financial. We have been uniquely tied to each other for many years, and so many of our own faithful have family, friends, and other significant relationships there. The pictures that are coming out of Haiti are heartbreaking in the destruction that they show. And this earthquake has happened, as we all know, at a time when the country is facing the double threat of COVID and political instability.

Two years ago, we came to the help of our sisters and brothers in the Bahamas. Now, we must stand with the Diocese of Haiti and support them as they seek to bring emergency assistance to those in need and, later, repair and rebuild church buildings that have been damaged.

Today, therefore, I am launching a diocesan-wide appeal for funds to help in this work, and I am asking every member of our diocesan family, as well as all of our congregations and schools, to give as generously as you can to this Appeal.

The money that we raise will support three efforts:

- A grant to the Anglican-Episcopal Development Ministry (La Ministère Anglican-Episcopal de Développement MAEDE), which is managed by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti, for immediate emergency relief.
- Repair and re-building of church buildings that have been damaged, as well as long-term sustainability development, so that ministry in these places may be resumed safely.
- The South Florida Haiti Project, which is our long-standing diocesan ministry in Haiti.

This Appeal is being conducted as an intentional collaboration between Episcopal Charities, which is the official charitable and relief agency of our diocese, and the South Florida Haiti Project. Not only do we hope to help the Church and the people of Haiti in this effort, but we also want to highlight the important and ongoing work that the South Florida Haiti Project has been doing on behalf of all of us since it was formally organized in 2009. To learn more about the work of the South Florida Haiti project and their partnership with the community of Bondeau, Haiti, go to www.southfloridahaitiproject.org.

You may make your donation in any of the following ways:

- A check made out to Episcopal Charities and sent to 1750 East Oakland Park Blvd.

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334. ***Please put Haiti Appeal in the memo line.***

- A check made out to the Diocese of Southeast Florida and sent to 555 NE 15th Street Suite 934B, Miami, FL 33132. ***Please put Haiti Appeal in the memo line.***
- On the website of Episcopal Charities <https://ecsefl.org/make-a-donation>. ***Please make sure to identify your donation for the Haiti Appeal.***
- On the website of Diocese <https://www.diocsef.org/donations1>. ***Please make sure to identify your donation for the Haiti Appeal.***

We shall be partnering with agencies to ensure that the money we raise goes directly to those we want to help, and there are no administrative charges to your

donation either to Episcopal Charities or the Diocese: **100% of your donation will go to the Appeal Fund.**

Please note that we are not collecting goods. This Appeal is only for money.

I encourage every member of our diocese to participate in this Appeal. Our sisters and brothers in Haiti need our help, and this Appeal will remain open until at least our annual Diocesan Convention.

With love and prayers,

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