

Haiti Emergency: A Major Earthquake Hits Haiti

Ways to Support Relief in Haiti

Millions of people are affected and thousands are feared dead from the major earthquake hit Port-au-Prince, Haiti causing widespread destruction. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is assessing the needs and preparing to respond. UMCOR asks for prayers for all who are affected by the disaster.

Financial Gifts

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) continues to receive gifts online, which have totaled more than \$1 million so far.

- **Donation through UMCOR Website** – go to <http://bit.ly/8XRmyF>
- **Checks can be mailed to: UMCOR**, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. Payable to UMCOR with "Advance #418325 Haiti Emergency" in the memo line.
- **Checks can be put in the Salem's offering plate**, payable to Salem UMC, and designated on the check or envelope for Haiti.

Updated Information

Breaking news and UMC response information appears at <http://www.umc.org/haiti> and on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/unitedmethodistchurch>.

Volunteers and Health Kits

According to UMCOR there will be a great need for volunteers to help rebuild once the initial crisis is past, but it is not safe or possible for volunteers to go to Haiti at the present.

However, UMCOR's two relief supply warehouses are asking United Methodists to provide health kits that will be sent to Haiti.

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• **During this time of pain and suffering,**
• **let us take comfort in the promise of**
• **Psalm 46:1** NRSV
• ***"God is our refuge and strength,***
• ***a very present help in trouble."***
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HEALTH KITS FOR HAITI

Mission Central needs additional Health Kits and Health Kit materials for Haiti.

Salem is drop-off point in the Southwest District. Two churches on our district have volunteered to be drop-off points for health kits and material for health kits. These kits will be taken to Mission Central, a regional depot for UMCOR, located in Mechanicsburg and part of the Central PA Conference. The drop-off points are **Salem UMC**, Manheim; and **St. John's UMC**, Paradise. Visit www.missioncentral.org for more details.

Please consider donating the following items:

Hand Towels 15" x 25" up to 17" x 27"

No kitchen towels

Washcloths

Combs (large and sturdy, **not pocket-sized**)

Nail file or fingernail clippers

No emery boards or toenail clippers please

Bath-size bar of soap **3 oz. and up**

Toothbrushes **single brushes only in original wrapper**

No child-size brushes

Adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

OR

PREPARE KITS by placing the above items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

1 of each of the items and 6 adhesive strip bandages.

Also please include \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (*NOTE: UMCOR is purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.*)

OR

Salem is also going to gather Layette Kits

Items for each Kit are:

6 cloth diapers

2 shirts or 2 one-piece body suits

2 baby washcloths

2 gown or sleepers

2 diaper pins

1 sweater open in the front

2 receiving blankets

Bundle the items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with the diaper pins.

OR

Donate \$\$, to help with shipping expenses. Designate on your check or envelope UMCOR kits.