

The Episcopal Relief & Development Fund

is receiving donations from Episcopalians across our nation
for the church and people of

Haiti.

Contributions to the Haiti Fund will provide critical assistance such as food, water and medicine, as well as long-term recovery and rehabilitation aid, in the aftermath of the January 12 earthquake.

Make your check to The Church of the Transfiguration and mark it for "Haiti Fund." Cash contributions should be placed in the yellow Ministry Fund envelopes in the pew boxes and also marked "Haiti Fund."

The Rev'd Kesner Ajax, Deputy to General Convention from Haiti writes:

"We have devastating news to share with you from Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake yesterday. According to reports I have received here in Les Cayes, the damage in Port au Prince and the area around it is terrible.

There is no Cathedral. The entire Holy Trinity complex is gone. The convent for the Sisters of St. Margaret is gone. The Bishop's house is gone. College St. Pierre is gone. The apartment for College St. Pierre is still standing. Bishop no longer has a house in which to live.

In Trouin, four people were killed during a service. In Grand Colline, the church is gone. One part of St. Martin of Tours is gone. In St. Etienne Buteau the church, the rectory and the school are gone. In Les Cayes, BTI (Bishop Tharp Institute) is OK, but some people were injured trying to get out of the buildings during the quake. The rectory in Les Cayes is in very bad condition."

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church has issued the following statement concerning the January 12 earthquake in Haiti:

The people of Haiti have suffered a devastating earthquake, and it is already clear that many have died and many more are injured. Even under "normal" circumstances, Haiti struggles to care for her 9 million people.

*The nation is the poorest in the western hemisphere, and this latest disaster will set back many recent efforts at development. I urge your prayers for those who have died, been injured, and are searching for loved ones - and I urge your concrete and immediate prayers in the form of contributions to **Episcopal Relief & Development**, who are already working with the Diocese of Haiti to send aid where it is most needed.*