

## Ongoing Support for Haitian Disaster Response

Whereas, the ELCA's national theme and 2010 Southwestern Minnesota Synod's assembly theme is God's Work, Our Hands and,

Whereas, on the March 7-12, 2010 Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) Haitian Immersion and Education ministry trip to the Florida-Bahamas Synod, the students learned that the need for support, accompaniment and advocacy is crucial and,

Whereas, the Florida-Bahamas Synod Haitian Ministry Team, in constant contact with the Haitian Lutheran pastors and people of Haiti, implore the rest of the ELCA to maintain its care and support of the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the January 12, 2010 quake and,

Whereas, according to the April 9, 2010 ELCA Haiti Earthquake Situation Report #5, the ELCA has processed gifts totaling more than \$8.9 million toward Haitian Disaster Response and the ongoing need for continuing funding is great and,

Whereas, according to the Report #5 there is need for long-term support, assistance and disaster response will be necessary for years into the future to rebuild in Haiti therefore be it,

Resolved, the Southwestern Minnesota Synod in its 2010 assembly commit itself to participating in the ongoing ELCA Disaster Response in Haiti through its support, accompaniment, advocacy, and ministry trips to support Haitian relief effort and to remain in ministry with the people of Haiti.

Reference for background material:

<http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/Disaster-Response/Ongoing-Responses/Haiti-Earthquake.aspx>

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