

Help Haitians Devastated by the Earthquake

Following a catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, on January 12, **Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)** is reaching out to the Diocese of Haiti to both address immediate needs and prepare for longterm rehabilitation work. **ERD** is an organization of the Episcopal Church that specializes in world relief, emergency management and general aid,

At least three million people are estimated to have been affected by the earthquake. Innumerable homes and major structures were destroyed. The Rev. Kesner Ajax, Executive Director of the Bishop Tharp Institute, said: "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."

ERD has disbursed emergency funding to the Diocese of Haiti to help meet critical

needs such as food, water and shelter for those affected. As communication improves and recovery plans develop, we will continue to provide updates. We are standing ready to support the country's ongoing recovery and rebuilding efforts in the days to come.



Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori said in a statement on the earthquake, "Even under 'normal' circumstances, Haiti struggles to care for her 9 million people. I urge your concrete and immediate prayers in

the form of contributions to **ERD**, who are already working with the Diocese of Haiti to send aid where it is most needed."

You and your parish's partnership with **ERD** is critical in protecting the people in Haiti who are in a very vulnerable situation. Without your help, our work to reach those in need would not be possible.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. **Pray** for the people devastated by the earthquake.
2. **Give** to help those most impacted by this disaster.

Saint Andrew's has created a special fund whose proceeds will go to ERD to assist them in their Haiti relief efforts. Over the weeks to come, please prayerfully consider going above and beyond with your financial support to aid the people of Haiti. You may do so by bringing or mailing a check to the parish made out to: *Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church*, with the notation "*ERD – Haiti Relief.*" For those wishing to make a donation by credit card, you may do so by going to the ERD website at: www.er-d.org