



## January 2010 LDR-SEPA Update



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### Haiti Response: What Lutherans are Doing

Lutherans are responding in many regards to the tremendous disaster in Haiti. For information on response by Lutheran international partners, Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran World Federation, visit [lutheranworldrelief.org](http://lutheranworldrelief.org) and [lutheranworld.org](http://lutheranworld.org).

Congregations are also very involved in raising funds and gathering very specific material donations as requested by Lutheran World Relief.

Visit [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) and [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) for the latest from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Here at Liberty Lutheran Services, our Refugee Resettlement, Foster Care/Adoption Programs, and Disaster Response programs, are keeping up with our respective partner networks to understand developments for Haitians with various designations...children already in the adoption process, children who have lost parents in the earthquake, repatriated individuals, etc. Currently, we are supporting the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society in advocating for Temporary Protected Status for Haitians here.

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### Haiti: Visit [www.ldr-sepa.blogspot.com](http://www.ldr-sepa.blogspot.com) And what else you can do

A number of individuals and congregations are doing great things.

Financial donations are strongly preferred in the current relief stage of the disaster. Visit [www.lutheranworldrelief.org](http://www.lutheranworldrelief.org) to make a contribution. Thrivent members' donations will be matched.

Material donations of health kits and quilts are also being sought by Lutheran World Relief. Visit [www.ldr-sepa.blogspot.com](http://www.ldr-sepa.blogspot.com) and [www.lutheranworldrelief.com](http://www.lutheranworldrelief.com) for details.

A number of congregations are interested in volunteering in Haiti. Information on medical volunteers is being collected locally by the Salvation Army. For more information on this particular volunteer opportunity visit [www.ldr-sepa.blogspot.com](http://www.ldr-sepa.blogspot.com).

There are no opportunities through the Lutheran Network that I know of at this time due to the instability of the situation and the needs for very specialized trained response teams. However, I invite those who do hear of opportunities to share them through the blog, and I will do the same.

PLEASE VISIT and SHARE information on the Haiti response at [ldr-sepa.blogspot.com](http://ldr-sepa.blogspot.com). This will be a way to communicate about volunteer opportunities that arise, and about other Haiti related response activities that you are participating in, so that others may join you.

PRAY for PEACE.

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## Code Blue Shelter Training

Lutheran Churches are currently participating in Code Blue shelter programs in Montgomery and Bucks Counties. Shelter Training will be offered for the Montgomery County Code Blue Shelter at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale on **Saturday, February 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. or Sunday, February 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m.** For more information or to register, email [codeblue@trinitylansdale.com](mailto:codeblue@trinitylansdale.com). For information on how to volunteer in Bucks County, please visit: [sites.google.com/site/advocates4homeless/](https://sites.google.com/site/advocates4homeless/).

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