

## PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE UPDATE

### Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Response

Member churches and individuals of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta have contributed \$38,128.42 to Haiti Relief. THANK YOU. Opportunities to connect with the Haiti Partnership of the Presbytery of Greater can be done by contacting Brent Adams at [BrentAdams@privatebankofbuckhead.com](mailto:BrentAdams@privatebankofbuckhead.com). Brent is a member of the Haiti Partnership and Covenant Presbyterian Church. The next Haiti Partnership meeting will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church on March 11 at 5:00 PM. Get the latest updates on the PGA website (Outreach Ministry Team) at [www.presbyteryofgreateratl.org](http://www.presbyteryofgreateratl.org). To contact the Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness Team of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, email Cassandra Morrow, Associate Executive Presbyter for Mission and Institutions at [cmorrow@presbyteryofgreateratl.org](mailto:cmorrow@presbyteryofgreateratl.org).

### PC(U.S.A.) PDA continues to respond to the Haiti earthquake

PDA, working in collaboration with partners, continues to provide basic humanitarian aid for those most impacted by the January earthquake and to assess ongoing recovery needs. More than \$510,000 has been sent to help with relief. Approx. 95% of financial support goes for direct aid and approx. 5% is used for administrative cost. For more information, contact [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda). All work teams are coordinated by the PDA Call Center at 1-866-732-6121.

### PC(U.S.A.) PDA seeking trauma counselors fluent in French or Creole

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and its partners are seeking qualified persons interested in offering emotional care/staff care for Haitian national staff engaged in development and disaster relief activities in Haiti who have been exposed to traumatic stress and an overwhelming emotional environment. We are compiling a database of such qualified parties for possible assignment in Haiti to work with PDA's local and international partners.

Details of assignments and compensation possibilities will become clearer as assessments in the response continue and as our partners determine their immediate and long term needs for staff care.

Candidates for this work will submit an application to PDA. After submission, we may contact some of the candidates for an interview process, or you may be contacted directly by some of our partners in the ACT Alliance network, with whom we will share your information.

Candidates must be:

- Fluent in speaking French or Creole;
- Familiar with the Haitian culture;
- Available for a minimum of 1-2 months;
- Experienced in mental health trauma care; CISM training is beneficial;
- Licensed and insured within their mental health related discipline;
- Able to work in an exceptionally stressful environment and in hardship/difficult living arrangements.

PDA welcomes interested, qualified individuals to submit an application. The application is available in [word format](#) and in [Adobe Acrobat PDF](#) format. Completed application and certification paperwork can be emailed [PDA staff](#). PLEASE NOTE: no assignment is guaranteed by submitting an application. As assignments arise and qualified staff are identified, PDA will contact selected individuals for a further discernment processes.

## PC(USA) leaders ask for prayer in wake of Chilean earthquake

*I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth (Ps. 121: 1-2).*

Once again, the earth has shaken violently, as it did in Haiti several weeks ago. This time, an earthquake with a magnitude of 8.8 — one of the most powerful ever recorded — has rocked the country of Chile.

Images from the areas hit hardest by the earthquake and the resulting tsunami reveal tremendous destruction. No doubt, the loss of life will climb beyond the 723 deaths confirmed at present.

*Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me (Ps. 139: 4-5).*

This latest devastation intensifies our journey through the season of Lent, remembering the suffering and death of Jesus. Please join us in prayer for those in Chile who are affected most directly by the earthquake, as well as all who await word from family and friends. Let us also pray for our partner church — the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Chile — and those who are already engaged in providing relief.

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) (PDA) is working with Church World Service in the recovery effort. \$25,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing has already been disbursed for immediate response needs. *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled; and do not let them be afraid (John 14:27).*

### **Bruce Reyes-Chow**

Moderator, 218th General Assembly (2008)

### **Gradye Parsons**

Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

### **Linda Bryant Valentine**

Executive Director, General Assembly Mission Council

## **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Those who wish to contribute financially can do so by calling (800) 872-3283. Checks may be sent to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, 1024 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta GA 30306. Please include PDA account number - DR000185 in the memo section of your check.