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Urgent

Date: January 14, 2010
To: Pastors and Congregations of the Eastern Synod
From: Bishop Michael J. Pryse
Subject: **CLWR ISSUES EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR HAITI**

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is appealing to Canadians for financial support for relief operations underway to assist the people of Haiti following an earthquake on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. CLWR is working in partnership with other members of Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance to address people's basic needs and support rehabilitation efforts. Initial reports received from ACT indicate that the 7.0 magnitude quake has buried alive thousands of people in Port au Prince, Haiti's capital city, and across the country. Tens of thousands of people have lost their homes. Port au Prince is without electricity and the telephone network has broken down. Donations to the appeal may be made in the following ways.

1. Donate **through your local congregation**, indicating "Haiti Appeal." These funds will then be forwarded by your congregation directly to CLWR.
2. **Donate online** at www.clwr.org/donate. In the process of completing the form, you will come across a pull-down menu that allows you to designate a specific project. Choose Haiti Earthquake.
3. **Donate by phone**. Call CLWR's toll-free number: 1.800.661.2597.
4. **Donate by sending a cheque**, made payable to CLWR, to CLWR, 302-393 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3H6. Please indicate in your correspondence that you wish to contribute to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal.

CLWR will be forwarding immediately to ACT an initial contribution of \$10,000 to support the first phase of the emergency operations and additional funds will be forwarded as they are received. More information about the situation in Haiti and the response by ACT may be found at www.act-intl.org/.

CLWR carries out international emergency relief, development programming, refugee resettlement and alternative trade merchandising on behalf of the two major Lutheran church bodies in Canada (the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Lutheran Church--Canada) and Canadians of

goodwill. As a registered not for profit agency, funding comes through donations and through agreements with Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). CLWR is a member of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities, the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, the Lutheran World Federation and Action by Churches Together (ACT). The agency's head office is located in Winnipeg, with regional offices in Vancouver, Toronto, Santa Cruz (Bolivia) and Lima (Peru).