

Health Kit (Value: \$12 per kit):

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

(NOTE: UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before it is sent. Please include \$1 for each kit you send toward the purchase of toothpaste.)

Important Kit Assembly Information

All items included in kits must be NEW items.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items – nothing more.

Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Shipping Kits

Complete 2 packing lists—one for your records and one to put on the shipping box. Paste the shipping label and packing list on the outside of each box you send to UMCOR Sager Brown. The packing list helps the depot to quickly process kits.

Processing & Shipping Costs: Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1 for each kit you send. This donation enables kits to be sent without delay to areas in need.

We will coordinate with Districts for pick-up of these kits.



Much of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, has been flattened including hospitals and foreign aid offices. There is no electricity or phone service and supplies of fresh water are dwindling.

Photo: US Department of State

Holston's RESPONSE to the Haiti Disaster

Holston Conference of The United Methodist Church • January 2010

Letter from Bishop Swanson:

“Holding up the banner of Christ”

To the people of the Holston Conference:

I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Holston's first response to the Haiti disaster is to ask all persons and congregations to offer prayers for the people of Haiti. In the poorest country in the western hemisphere, where people do not suffer from poverty but from extreme poverty, these people are now suffering again in an extreme way. Please pray for the persons there and for those who are frantically working to bring aid to the victims of this disaster. May all feel God's loving presence with them. Please also pray for Rev. Sam Dixon and Clint Raab, UMCOR officials who are currently in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. No contact has yet been established with them, and we pray for their safety. In addition, some young adults from Holston Conference (Michael and Forrest Shroyer from Pearisburg First and Jon Kilgore from Pulaski First) are currently in Haiti on a mission trip with a group from Blacksburg First UMC (Virginia Conference). Their team is okay, but their travel plans are unsure.

Our second response will be to provide monetary aid through UMCOR. The Advance Special number to use is #418325. Checks may be sent to Holston Conference marked with this Advance Special number. As always, 100% of the funds donated will go directly to Haiti to help alleviate the suffering there.

Finally, UMCOR will need lots of health kits. Churches that want to provide a "hands-on" response are encouraged to prepare kits, and we will coordinate a manner in which to have these delivered to the Sager-Brown depot in Louisiana. Information about the contents of kits may be found on the back of this page or at: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/>

If churches prefer to donate money for kits instead of purchasing supplies and shipping them, the Advance Special number for funds for kits is #901440. Checks for relief supplies may also be sent to Holston Conference and marked with this Advance Special number.

Again, thank you for your support and keep up the godly work.

Yours in Christ,

James E. Swanson, Sr.

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Resident Bishop Holston Annual Conference
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