



## Haiti Earthquake Assistance Information & Resources for NYC Clergy & Religious Leaders

### Help for Families With A Missing Relative

#### **NY State: Online Registry of New York Citizens in Haiti:**

- Executive Chamber press release for more information or go directly to Registry website at <https://haiti.nyalert.gov/>.
- To access the online registry, go to the Governor's website, <http://www.ny.gov/governor/> and click on the New York State Registry of New York Citizens in Haiti. You will be asked to provide the name of the individuals you have not had contact with and provide some essential contact information. The information collected will not be used or shared for any purpose unrelated to locating and identifying family and friends in Haiti.
- For those without access to the web, the Governor has established a hotline – **1-888-769-7243** – staffed at the Department of Taxation and Finance. The hotline will be operations from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays

#### **US Government Help-line for information on family members in Haiti, contact:**

- **U.S. Department of State 888-407-4747**

#### **Haiti Consulate in NYC: Contacting Haitian Disaster Victims:**

- The U.S. Embassy in Haiti is still in the early stages of contacting American Citizens. Haitian nationals can contact the **Haitian Consulate in New York at 212-697-9767** for information. Due to heavy call volume to both numbers, some callers may receive a recording or busy signal. Communications are very difficult within Haiti at this time.

**International Committee of the Red Cross** has established a family linking Web site enabling persons in Haiti and abroad to search for and register the names of relatives missing since the earthquake. To locate or register loved ones missing in Haiti, visit the [Family News Network](http://www.familylinks.icrc.org/) (<http://www.familylinks.icrc.org/>)

### Disaster Resources for NYC Faith Leaders

#### **NYDIS Disaster Tip Sheets for NYC Religious Leaders:** [CLICK HERE www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)

These 15 Tip Sheets are a free resource to provide New York City's religious leaders with a basic orientation to the skills and tools they will need in times of crisis. They are to be used for mitigation education and preparedness training orientation or as a quick reference in times of crisis. They developed in collaboration with many NYC VOAD partners for the clergy and religious leaders of New York City's houses of worship and faith communities.

#### **NYDIS Disaster Spiritual Care & Mental Health Manual for NYC Religious Leaders:**

[CLICK HERE www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)

This is a comprehensive resource tool to enable NYC religious leaders to best serve their congregations and the public as they respond to and recover from disasters. Its 19 chapters were written by 16 disaster mental health and spiritual care experts. Organized in three sections, Preparation & Mitigation, Response & Recovery, and Reference & Resources, the Manual offers an overview of the lifecycle of disasters, discusses the role of faith leaders throughout these phases, and provides information on skill sets, training resources, and effective clinical and pastoral best practices.

### Disaster Mental Health Resources for Victim Families, Survivors & Caregivers

#### **NYC DOHMH: Coping with the Trauma of Dramatic World Events Tips Sheet**

[CLICK HERE English Version: http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/mhdpr/mhdpr-disaster-cr.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/mhdpr/mhdpr-disaster-cr.pdf)

[CLICK HERE Creole Version: http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/mhdpr/mhdpr-disaster-cr.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/mhdpr/mhdpr-disaster-cr.pdf)

This Tip Sheet from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene offers guidance on the emotional reactions to traumatic world events. Reminding us that emotional responses are normal. It is not uncommon to experience distress following an event, even when you are not directly affected. Most people manage with the support of family, friends and others in their communities. Others may feel overwhelmed and unable to cope and need additional help and support. The tip sheet offers tips on how to access reactions in adults and children – and where to help if needed.

## Health Information for Travel or Relief Work in Haiti

Health Information for Travelers to Haiti- <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/haiti.aspx>  
Health Recommendations for Relief Workers Responding to Disasters  
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/relief-workers.aspx>

## Resources for Disaster Relief Donors & Donating Supplies

### Credible Disaster Relief Organization to Donate To - Be an educated Donor:

Interested donors can visit [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org) to obtain a list of credible responding agencies for international emergencies and [www.give.org](http://www.give.org) to get valuable information on making informed decisions when supporting charities. In addition, donors can visit [www.globalgiving.org](http://www.globalgiving.org)

### Commodity (Supplies) Contributions:

While monetary donations are preferred to commodity contributions, there may be rare instances when a commodity contribution would be of value to relief operations. See a list of conditions which are necessary to ensure that a commodity contribution is appropriate:

[http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/help/conditions.html](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/help/conditions.html)

- Read about [handling appropriate commodity contributions](#).
- If a commodity collection has already been made, but there are problems identifying a need in the affected region for the commodities or an organization to accept them, read about some [alternate ideas](#).

## The Federal Response to the Haiti Earthquake

Check out the links below to find out how each federal department and agency is responding to the earthquake in Haiti.

- [U.S. Agency for International Development](#)
- [The Department of State](#)
- [The Department of Defense](#)
- [U.S. Army](#)
- [U.S. Navy](#)
- [U.S. Air Force](#)
- [U.S. Marines](#)
- [U.S. Coast Guard](#)
- [The Department of Homeland Security](#)
- [The Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [The Federal Communications Commission](#)
- [The Department of Interior](#)

## "Temporary Protected Status" Information for Haitian's Living in the U.S.

**UPDATE 1/15/2010 - 5:30 PM EST:** The Secretary of Homeland Security just announced the designation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian nationals who were **in the United States as of January 12, 2010**. This is a historic disaster, and TPS will allow eligible Haitian nationals who are currently in the United States to continue living and working in our country for the next 18 months. This designation is part of the Administration's continuing efforts to support Haiti's recovery, and will protect Haitians who would otherwise be endangered by returning home.

**It is important to note that TPS will apply only to those individuals who were in the United States as of January 12, 2010.** Those who attempt to travel to the United States after January 12, 2010 will not be eligible for TPS and will be repatriated.

Haitians in the U.S. who are eligible to apply for TPS should go to <http://www.uscis.gov/> or call USCIS toll-free at (800) 375-5283."