

On the Way

March 11, 2011

CENTRAL PACIFIC CONFERENCE * UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Extravagant Grace * Generous Hearts * Renewed World*

Massive Earthquake off Japan Triggers Tsunami ~ UCC News

March 11, 2011

A massive 8.9 earthquake struck off the coast of Japan at 2:46 pm local time, March 11, causing extensive damage and triggering a huge tsunami. Tsunami warnings have been issued for 20 countries across the Pacific basin, extending to the United States, Mexico and the coast of South America.

UCC and Global Ministries staff are monitoring the situation and seeking contact with partners and mission personnel across the impacted region. Martha Mensendiek, GM missionary serving in Kyoto, Japan along with Casilda Luzares reports they are safe as are Jeff Mensendiek and his family, serving in Sendai, near the epicenter of the quake.

Updates will be posted as information is received

<http://www.ucc.org/disaster/japan-earthquake-triggers-tsunami.html>

HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Pray for the people of Japan and the tsunami impact area, their leaders, and all emergency response workers.
2. To assist people impacted by this disaster, please make a gift payable to your congregation marked for "Pacific earthquake/tsunami" with the request they be sent through your Conference office on to Wider Church Ministries.

OR

Send gifts, made out to Wider Church Ministries and marked in the memo portion "Pacific earthquake/tsunami" to Wider Church Ministries; 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

OR

Make a secure online donation to the International Disaster Relief Fund:

https://secure3.convio.net/ucc/site/Donation2?df_id=1234&1234.donation=form1

Please note Pacific earthquake/tsunami in the Comments box.

Thank you for your compassion and support.

Japan Earthquake & Pacific Tsunami ~ Susan Sanders, UCC

Dear UCC Leaders:

Today our hearts and prayers are with our sisters and brothers in Japan and throughout the tsunami impact zone. I wanted you to be aware of the location on the UCC website where we have and will be posting information on our response. <http://www.ucc.org/disaster/japan-earthquake-2011/>

Your UCC & Global Ministries colleagues continue to follow the tsunami as it travels across the Pacific and may reach all the way to South America early tomorrow morning.

We are in contact with Global Ministries personnel in Japan. All three are safe. Jeff Mensendiek and his family are in Sendai without electricity or gas where they spent a cold night in their home with about 10 neighbors. At Asia Rural Institute, the community is safe but there has been significant damage to their facilities.

Florence Coppola is in touch with Conference Ministers and Disaster Coordinators in Hawaii and along the U.S. Pacific coast.

A One Great Hour of Sharing emergency grant is being sent to our partner the United Church of Christ in Japan. Donations to a special UCC Pacific Earthquake/Tsunami Fund are encouraged. Details in attached Update and on-line.

We appreciate your assistance in sharing the web link with the UCC constituencies you serve.

Peace, Susan

Susan M. Sanders * United Church of Christ

Minister for Global Sharing of Resources * One Great Hour of Sharing Administrator

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CPC Ministry Team Meetings

Administration Ministry Team – Saturday, March 12th, 2:00 – 5:00 PM, Interchurch Center

Board of Directors – Saturday, March 19th, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Interchurch Center

Local Church Ministry Team – Saturday, April 2nd, 9:00 AM - Noon, Interchurch Center

Covenants Ministry Team - Fri.-Sat. April 8th-9th, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Interchurch Center

CPC Spring Assembly ** IMAGINE WHAT'S POSSIBLE! **

Gather with others from the Central Pacific Conference and UCC President Geoffrey Black as together, we *Imagine What's Possible* for our present and future life together.

Spring Assembly
May 20-21
Highland UCC, Portland OR

Watch the mail for registration information.

Northwest Micronesian Song Festival * April 16, 2011 ~ MaryAnn Terpstra

TO ALL GENERATIONS

Groups of performers in vivid costume, children running and chattering, and men and women bringing food for the feast all mingle in the wide hallway. The swirling crowd spins off participants in various directions to prepare for the day's events. All are gathered to celebrate their musical heritage at the Fifth Annual Micronesian SongFest in the Pacific Northwest.

On April 16, 2011, the crowd gathers to celebrate in performance and song. One of the traditions of Micronesian churches is a songfest that might last for days. The largest off-island population of Micronesians in the continental U.S. calls the Pacific Northwest home. The people come from many islands - Pingelap, Kosrae, Pohnpei, the Marshall Islands and more. Before the first event in 2007, the traditional singing celebration had not been held on the mainland.

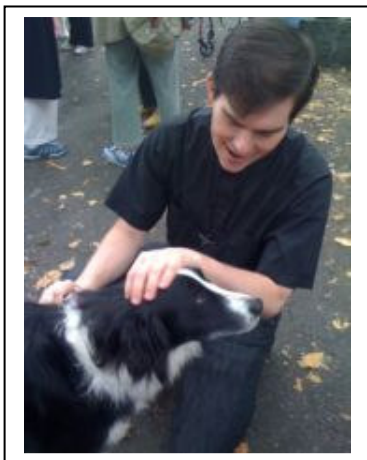
A worship service in several languages officially begins the SongFest. Hymns familiar to Micronesian congregations reverberate through the sanctuary. The closing prayer also blesses the feast to follow. Every family brings food for the feast – rice, chicken, banana-tapioca pudding, sashimi and more. The centerpiece for the celebration feast is whole roast pigs. For many children born in the U.S., this is a rare chance to see a traditional celebration.

As soon as everyone has eaten, the crowd settles back to begin the SongFest itself. Group after group comes forward in turn and offers traditional singing as well as dance performances. Both instrumental and a cappella music are offered to the appreciative audience. Several hours later, the event comes to a close, leaving participants and observers happily anticipating the next chance to celebrate together.

The event takes place on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at Highland Christian Center at NE 76th Ave. and NE Glisan St. The opening worship begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by the celebration feast at 1:00 p.m. The meal is free to Micronesians; donations are requested from non-Island guests. The SongFest itself begins at 2:00 p.m. The facility has ample free parking available.

Questions? **Contact:** Mike Terpstra, [503-282-0362](tel:503-282-0362)

Paul Davis is Called to Serve St. Stephen's Episcopal Parish



At their January meeting, Covenant Ministry approved a unique call for Rev. Dr. Paul Davis, who has been serving as Minister for Outreach at St. Stephen's Episcopal Parish in downtown Portland. In October, Paul was invited by St. Stephen's to serve as a UCC minister with their Episcopal priest to build church growth and expand their outreach ministry programs. Paul is excited about the interdenominational possibilities for partnership that this new calling brings. Waverly Heights UCC joined with St Stephen's and the Conference to recognize Paul new position. Two ways to get involved in outreach to those hungry and homeless are through St Stephen's Table, which aims to feed 20,000 meals this year, and Communion in the Park, a weekly, ecumenical outdoor service for the un-housed and the housed together. Contact Paul at Outreach@stst.org for more information.

Paul Davis at Communion in the Park giving a blessing to Zed, whose owner is Kathy Oliver, Exec. Director of Outside In shelter for youth.

Alan Claassen is Called to Serve Bridgeport UCC

At a Congregational Meeting held during the worship service on March 6 the members of Bridgeport UCC voted unanimously to call Rev. Alan Claassen as their Associate Minister. This two-year, part-time position was created by the congregation last December as a way to support Rev. Susan Leo as she works on her Doctor of Ministry degree at George Fox University.

Rev. Alan Claassen is no stranger to this Conference having served as an interim minister at Portland First, Cedar Hills, Hubbard and Lake Oswego. Alan recently returned to the Central Pacific Conference after serving First Congregational Church in Murphys, California for three years.

While still in seminary at the Pacific School of Religion Alan started a church basement performance coffeehouse, which led to working in two Bay Area arts agencies, Bread and Roses and City Celebration. When his wife, Betsy, and their two children, Lauryn and Cody, first moved to Portland Alan worked for Artquake for two seasons, back when it was a three-day arts festival in downtown Portland. Alan also enjoyed teaching World Religions at Clackamas Community College for two years. The highest tribute he received was when a student asked, "Are you a Hindu?"

Alan is also a singer-songwriter and his cd, "Since Yesterday," can be downloaded at cdbaby.com. Through his years of experience as an interim minister and training in conflict resolution, Appreciative Inquiry, and Parker Palmer's Circle of Trust, Alan is available to help local congregations who are in need of a "Reconciliation Coach." He can be reached at alan@bridgeportucc.org or [209-768-8196](tel:209-768-8196)

Are You Offering a Sunrise Service this Easter??

A member of one of our CPC churches recently called our offices. She'll be visiting the Portland area for Easter and asked, "Who offers a Sunrise Service?" I didn't know the answer, so I'm asking you. If you are gathering for a Sunrise Service, send me the details for the next *On the Way*. Thanks!

Deb Allen is Called to Serve UCC of The Dalles

On March 6, 2011 the congregation of the United Church of Christ in The Dalles, Oregon, voted to confirm the offer of call to Reverend Deborah J. Allen. The congregation is extremely pleased and excited to have found a candidate with the impressive credentials and outstanding references possessed by Reverend Allen. She received her Ph.D in 1979 from Colorado State University, and a Masters of Divinity in 1991 from Yale University Divinity School. She recently completed a twelve year pastorate in Newport, Washington. Her references included such comments as “Pastor Deb’s sermons are exceptional”, and “In her words and actions, Deb Allen embodies her faith”. Reverend Deb is scheduled to begin providing pastoral services in The Dalles on April 10, 2011.

A “Must Read!” Sermon for Black History Month from Bruce Poinsette

February 13th, “young” Bruce Poinsette preached at Ainsworth UCC. His topic was the lack of Black History in public schools, and his words were challenging and inspiring. “Young” Bruce is a college student, the son of Bruce (our Conference Moderator) and Willie (a member of the CPC Personnel Committee). Bruce and Willie are well known for their work in our Conference. It’s time for you to get to know their son! You can read his sermon, or listen to a recording, at:

<http://www.ainsworthucc.com/worship.html>

UCC Young Adult Opportunities ~ Kelly Burd, national UCC

Two young adult-specific Justice LED trainings will be held this year for UCC members between the ages of 18 - 30. The first will be held in Cleveland, May 5 - 8, 2011; the second will be hosted by Pilgrim Firs in the Seattle area from September 24 - 26. The goals for these events are: to share with them the Biblical/theological and socio-cultural grounding for doing justice work; to offer them a taste of the Justice LED program so they can promote and share it with others in their respective churches and communities; and to empower them to be faith-based leaders and champions of justice, able to deeply reflect and engage with others on issues and act on areas of injustice that move them. Justice and Witness Ministries will cover travel and lodging expenses for all accepted applicants; applications and information for the May event are available from Kelly Burd.

Attention Disciples and UCC Young Adults: Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center announces its 2011 International Young Adult Conference, (Christianity in the East, Islam in the West: Prophetic Voices from Palestine and Israel) to be held July 20-31, 2011 in Jerusalem. Sabeel is looking for some Disciples and UCC young adults to attend this event. For more information and the application process: <http://globalministries.org/news/conferences-and-sabbatical-opportunities/sabeel-young-adult-conference.html>

The Rev. Kelly J. Burd * Minister for Leadership Development
Justice and Witness Ministries * United Church of Christ
www.ucc.org * burdk@ucc.org * [866-822-8224](tel:866-822-8224) extension 3714

Discernment Retreat Opportunity for Young Adults ~ Karen Wood

If you know a young person who is discerning a call to ministry, please invite them to register for this great opportunity for exploration, information, community and clarity:

InVocation Retreat: Light for Your Path– April 8-10, 2011 at Camp Magruder in Rockaway, Oregon A retreat for college-age, emerging adults (18-25) to explore or discern a calling to vocation in ordained ministry. Cost for the weekend is \$40 which is refundable following full participation in the retreat. Sponsored by The Lilly Project at Willamette University.

For more information contact Rev. Karen Wood: kwood@willamette.edu.
For registration contact Rae Sidlauskas: westminsterhouse@comcast.net.

UCC Office Support Staff Network Gathering ~ Elizabeth Hosbach, national UCC

The annual meeting of the United Church of Christ Office Support Staff Network is once again being held the weekend after Easter, April 29-May 1. Information about the network, the upcoming meeting, including registration, as well as past meetings may be found at <http://www.uccossn.org/>. All non-exempt employees are members of the network. This includes administrative staff at the local church, conference, association and national settings.

Because this is a Synod year, the meeting will be held outside of Cleveland. This year it will be held in North Conway, New Hampshire and the theme is “Go Tell It On the Mountain.” Again, more information can be found at <http://www.uccossn.org/>.

Please go to <http://www.uccossn.org/> and learn more about this valuable organization. Your work and life will be enriched by participating in the network. Also, please circulate this information through whatever groups you can within your setting. I look forward to seeing friends from past meetings and meeting new friends!

Grace and peace, Elizabeth

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Do You Receive “Keeping You e-Posted” from the UCC? ~ Karen Kulm

Hello Friends.

If you are not on the list serve for the UCC’s *Keeping You e-Posted*, consider signing up. You’ll keep on the news in our denomination. The e-newsletter is always interesting and the March 8th issue mentions **my church – 1st Congregational UCC, Vancouver, WA!**

Here is a link to the archives: <http://www.ucc.org/news/keeping-you-eposted/>

You can find the article on the right toolbar scroll - down to "Washington Church lobbies for Children" It connects to the Columbian newspaper article about my church. Make sure work your church is doing gets submitted to their United church News. ~ Karen

One Great Hour of Sharing ~ Corliss Marsh, Rep to national UCC Wider Church

SHARING BRINGS JOY TO US, TO OTHERS, TO GOD

This is the theme of this year's ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering. Hopefully, all of you have received the resource materials in the mail. I urge all of the churches in the conference to receive this offering. When you make a gift to this offering, you become a partner in the refugee, disaster relief, and community development efforts of the United Church of Christ in the United States and internationally. SHARING BRINGS JOY!!!

One of the many programs available is OGHS Live! This year's videochats feature OGHS partners in service. These programs can tie into your Lenten soup suppers/study. They happen Wednesday evenings—7:15-7:45 EST from March 16 thru April 13. Check out www.ucc.org/oghs/resources for details. Our conference has always been generous and let's continue that tradition. We are always neck and neck with our neighboring conference, Pacific Northwest, for the highest per capita giving conference. Personally, my interest and heart lie with One Great Hour of Sharing since I serve as chairperson of the OGHS committee as part of my assignment as your conference representative to the national Wider Church Ministry Team. ~ Corliss Marsh

Please Pray For These Friends

It is with great sadness we inform you of Opal Johnson's passing on March 6, 2011. She was the beloved widow of Rev. Sam Johnson, who was the first African American Pastor of Highland United Church of Christ and instituted many community outreach programs from 1968 until his unfortunate death in 1981. The Johnson's were very committed to education and recognized that it was a key element for growth in the community. Opal carried on Sam's legacy and established the Sam Johnson Scholarship fund in honor of her late husband. These scholarships are awarded to those dedicated students who are continuing their education as well as to those celebrating their educational accomplishments. Opal continued to be very active in the life of the church and was currently the chairperson of Mission and Outreach and was a former member of the CPC Women's Board. She was always willing to give a helping hand to those in need. Funeral Services will be held: Saturday, March 12 at 11:00am at Highland United Church of Christ, 7600 N.E. Glisan Street, Portland, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, you may send a donation to the Sam Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of Highland at the address above. We ask that you keep the Johnson family in your prayers.

Ira and Carol Williams joined us in the CPC in Spring of 2009, when Ira accepted the offer to serve as Interim Manager at Camp Adams. Carol's brother, Mike Massie, died on March 2nd, 2011, after a long illness. Ira and Carol, went to Smithville, Missouri to be with family for Mike's memorial service. Ira officiated at the worship service on Saturday, March 5th. Please hold Carol and Ira and their family in your prayers as they celebrate Mike's life and grieve his death.

George Gunn, a retired UCC minister in Idaho, and a member of our CPC Board of Directors was recently hospitalized for exploratory surgery. George has battled cancer for years. He is dealing with a new challenge from the disease. You can read a wonderful article about George and his wife from the Idaho Statesman: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/2011/02/25/1541382/true-grit.html>
Please hold George and Charlotte in your prayers.

***15th Annual Pastor's Appreciation Sunday Honoring Rev. Dr. W.G. Hardy, Jr.
Good Shepherd's Day Celebration 2011***

"A Shepherd's vision of greatness – a people and a house chosen by God." II Chronicles 7:14

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH
4:00 PM CHURCH & COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH
7600 NE GLISAN ST. * PORTLAND, OR 97213
PHONE (503) 287-9567 * WWW.HCCLIVE.COM

Celebrate Bill Greene's 50th Anniversary of Ministry with Hubbard UCC

Hubbard United Church of Christ
c/o Leslie Ulven
17490 Monnier Road, N.E.
Hubbard, Oregon 97032

March 1, 2011

Dear Friends of Bill Greene,

Our congregation cordially invites you to celebrate with us on the occasion of the 50th anniversary, in ministry, of our beloved pastor Earl (Bill) Greene. The celebration will take place May 1, 2011, 2:00 at the Hubbard United Church of Christ. The church is located at 2nd and H streets - just east of the fire station. Plan to be entertained, fed, and participate in fellowship with kindred hearts. We look forward to spending a joyful afternoon with you.

Part of the celebration will consist of a "memory" book that will be presented to Bill, as well as a slide show depicting Bill's life. If you can provide us with photos, stories (zany is good), poems or well wishes for Bill even if you are unable to attend, we would be most grateful. You may send them to me at the above address or by way of my e-mail address, see below.

The gift of your presence will be a blessing and all that is necessary. Unless of course you wish to honor Bill by providing him with a South Seas cruise, a new Harley Davidson motorcycle or a series of sky diving lessons.

Sincerely,

Leslie Ulven

RSVP: leslieu100@yahoo.com

Electronic photos may be also be sent to me or Heather: [<hnpeasley@gmail.com>](mailto:hnpeasley@gmail.com)

Lake Oswego UCC Becomes an Earthwise Congregation ~ Green Team, LOUCC

The congregation of Lake Oswego United Church of Christ (LOUCC) is pleased to announce it has become an ***Earthwise Congregation***. Churches that adopt the Earthwise designation resolve to set as goals the following guidelines endorsed by UCC's 27th General Synod in 2009.

- “1.) strive to meet or exceed meaningful targets for reducing global warming pollution created by their church facility,***
- 2.) establish an Earthwise Congregation Committee***
- 3.) urge governments and businesses to respond to global warming and***
- 4.) act as a voice of hope in the climate crisis,”***

These guidelines coincide with one of LOUCC's core values, ***Justice for the Environment***, which states that:

***“The whole Earth is our broader community.
We are continually learning how to be responsible members of this community.
We are committed to fostering our spiritual connection to the Earth.”***

LOUCC's Green Team, in addition to serving as LOUCC's Earthwise Congregation Committee, will continue its previous mission:

“to honor, protect and inform others about the Treasures of Creation which give humans and all other beings our very lives. We owe it to ourselves, our future generations, and all other species of plant and animal life to keep our waters, soils and air free from contamination, promote conditions which foster the flourishing of nature and to educate our children, as well as other individuals and communities.”

The Green Team, having already brought LOUCC into compliance with such accepted environmental practices as recycling, use of earth friendly cleaning and paper products, as well as avoidance of the use of pesticide and styrofoam, two years ago oversaw construction of a bioswale to treat roof runoff to prevent pollution of the nearby Tyron Creek watershed. Currently the team is planning the construction of an additional bioswale to treat parking lot runoff.

“Celebrate the Earth Sunday,” LOUCC's special May 1st occasion to mark its decision to implement the Earthwise Congregation guidelines, begins with worship service at 10:30 a.m. followed by an all church potluck for members and friends hosted by LOUCC's Green Team. The final event of the celebration, a lecture featuring environmental author and lecturer Kathleen Deane Moore, begins at 1:00 p.m. The lecture's title is “Being a Voice of Hope in the Climate Crisis.”

Are You Participating in the 2011 Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast? You Can!!

What is a Carbon Fast? Follow this link to the website of the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC and read the full story: <http://www.macucc.org/pages/detail/2410>



Please Join Us in a Lenten Fast . . . From Carbon

As we write this invitation, the World Meteorological Organization along with NOAA and NASA all have data showing 2010 tied with 2005 for being the hottest year on record. We also read that in December 2010, Arctic sea-ice cover was the lowest on record. Just as humanity now recognizes climate change as a predominant scientific, economic and political issue, we also realize it is a profound moral issue. Life on earth as we know it is mortal – it is susceptible to change, hurt and, yes, death.

Ash Wednesday (March 9, 2011) invites us into the season of Lent – a time within the church year to acknowledge that we are mortal, limited. Lent awakens us to hope in God whose "steadfast love endures forever" and to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. The Lenten disciplines of repentance, fasting, prayer, study and works of love are guides for returning to the steadfast love of God. During Lent we confess our mortality, our limits and our vulnerability so that we might be transformed and become the new life God calls us to be.

We invite you to join us as we commit to fasting from carbon during Lent. Beginning Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, participants will receive a daily email with the day's suggested carbon-reducing activity. When possible, this will include a quantitative measure of the carbon reduction resulting from the activity. Each daily email will also have a section suggesting a weekly focus for the congregation.

This invitation is being emailed to pastors all over the country by UCC Conference Ministers and by our counterparts in numerous denominations. In this way we will make this Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast a broadly experienced ecumenical spiritual practice. Our hope is that Christians the world over from every denomination might participate in this carbon fast.

Congregations that participate are encouraged to gather weekly to share their experiences, support one another, compare notes, share resources and pray.

God is calling us to be the change we long to see. Let us engage this spiritual discipline, grateful for all God has entrusted to us, and trusting that with God all things are possible. Follow the link to participate:

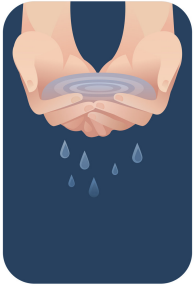
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An initiative of the New England Regional Environmental Ministries, United Church of Christ

This fast is adapted from materials created by the following organizations, whom we gratefully acknowledge: Tearfund; the Brattleboro Area Interfaith Initiative; The Environmental Outreach Committee of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC; Washington Interfaith Power & Light; United Church of Chapel Hill; Rock Spring Congregational UCC; Alternatives for Simple Living; CLR(NSW) Social Justice Committee; Buzzle.com.



Before printing this email, please consider the environment.



Drink Water for Life during Lent

Water—cool, clean, refreshing, and healthy! Clean water is so abundant and available for us that we forget that others are not as fortunate. Last July, Patti Matson and I traveled to Haiti and discovered just how precious clean water is, and how hard it is to come by for millions of people. We traveled with Susan Smith, a member of Salem UCC and the founder of Zabriko Project and Drink Water for Life. Susan works with engineers and community health workers from the Peasant Movement of Papay in Haiti's Central Plateau to bring clean, safe water to remote areas. The funds raised through Drink Water for Life drill wells, capture springs, build reservoirs, lay pipe, and install community taps so that men and women no longer need suffer from intestinal parasites and children need not die from cholera.

How can you help? During Lent “drink water for life.” Between March 9 (Ash Wednesday) and April 24 (Easter) drink only water rather than purchasing coffee, tea, soda, or other beverages, then donate the money you save to Zabriko Project to provide clean water in Haiti.* By choosing water during Lent, you will be affirming your kinship with sisters and brothers living in extreme poverty and helping make clean, safe water accessible to more people. Last year churches in the Central Pacific Conference donated thousands of dollars for clean water in Haiti through Drink Water for Life campaigns. Let's continue to give Drink Water for Life our generous support. Please contact me or Susan Smith for more information. You can reach me through Bethel UCC in Beaverton 503-646-1191 or Susan through Salem First 503-363-3360.

To learn more about Drink Water for Life and Zabriko Project, you can visit <http://www.drinkwaterforlife.org/zabrikoprojectinfo.htm>

Jean Doane

* Checks should be made out to your church with the notation Haiti Water in the memo line. The church can then remit one check made out to First Congregational UCC, Salem, with the same notation.

“Drink Water for Life” Bulletin Insert

Here's a bulletin or newsletter insert updating your church on the Zabriko Project and Drink Water for Life. I hope your congregation will undertake Drink Water for Life this Lenten season or contribute in some other manner to the Clean Water Fund at 1st Congregational UCC Salem, 700 Marion St. NE, Salem 97301. ~ Blessings, Susan

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"Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference."
Jane Goodall.

Clean water saves the lives of children every day!

With some ministries, it's difficult to measure our real impact. But with the Drink Water for Life campaign that funds our Zabriko project, it's quite easy.

Here's how we count. Take the number of people in an area, multiply that by the percentage of the population under age 10, multiply that by the child mortality rate, and then multiply that by 25%. We use 25% because waterborne diseases kill 50% or more of the children who die in childhood in the regions we serve -- and we can save **at least half** by providing clean water.

This means that since we started the DRINK WATER FOR LIFE Lenten observance, we have saved the lives of over 40 children per year in Kenya for the last 4 years, about 10 children in Honduras during the past two years, and nearly 50 children per year for the past two years in Haiti.

That's at least 270 lives saved by the dollars we have collected from Drink Water for Life. Each year, we save another 95 or more children. And, with each new project undertaken, the number of lives saved annually grows.

And those numbers don't count how we have transformed the thousands of lives of children who wouldn't have died, but would have spent their childhood sick, unable to go to school and walking for hours to get water.

The Clean Water Team needs **EVERYONE** to participate in the Drink Water for Life campaign. Drink water instead of buying expensive beverages and save the money to turn in on Palm Sunday. If you don't spend money on expensive beverages, just find another place to save during Lent and write us a check.

2011 Projects

Thousands of children in Docele who drink from contaminated little springs and river need your help to drill a well. We have the first \$3000, but we need \$3500 more.



Children waiting for clean water in Docele - **one of these 8 children will probably die before we get a chance to install a well that provides them with clean water.**

Thousands of children in Gran Latanye who use one tiny hand dug well need your help to drill a larger, deeper well. Again, we have pledged for the first \$3000, but we need \$3500 more.

And the many thousands of children in the mountainous area of Regalie drink from contaminated springs and need help to cap the largest spring, store it in a reservoir, and pipe it to community fountains. This is a \$12,000 project, the last in a series of projects in the communities surrounding the center of Zabriko, where our first Haitian project was installed.

These are just three of the 12 projects that have been completed, are in construction, or are ready for funding.

1st Congregational UCC Salem Clean Water, Sanitation, and Health Promotion Projects 2006-2011

Completed

Narok, Kenya – deep well

Irayol, Honduras – distribution system

Zabriko, Haiti – spring cap system

Tablon, Haiti – spring cap system

Construction in progress

Lefle Diset, Haiti – spring cap system being constructed, 35% funded

Twa Woch, Haiti – well repair funded, awaiting construction

Twa Woch - pilot composting latrine – 1 funded, awaiting construction

Zabriko – pilot composting latrine – 1 funded, awaiting construction

Ready for Funding

Twa Woch, Haiti – 2nd

Docele, Haiti – new well ready for funding, 50% funded

Gran Latanye, Haiti – new well ready for funding, 50% pledged

Cherival, Haiti – new well ready for funding, 50% pledged

Regalie, Haiti – spring cap system **Composting latrines** - in all communities (other than Gran Latanye)

Reforestation and soil conservation pilot project in Zabriko- reduce water treatment costs
Teacher for 50% of children who can't afford school in Zabriko-
Non-water critical need

Some of the projects in progress may have been completed since July 2010 when I last visited the Central Plateau of Haiti.



You can help make this their reality!

Join the team – secretarial, video, photography, engineering, website management, writing, bookkeeping, project management, and other tasks available.

Visit Haiti with us, learn first hand about the work, and come back to spread the word (approximate cost = \$1800).

Invite us to your club, youth group, service club that might like to know about our work.

Why do we concentrate on Haiti?

Simple! We have opportunities in the Sudan, Mozambique, Ethiopia and other places, but...

Haiti is the nation with the least availability of affordable clean water in the entire world.

3 million people who live in rural Haitian communities lack access to clean water, almost 5 million need sanitation.

Reconstruction aid is unlikely to reach into rural Haitian communities.

Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western hemisphere by some distance with 80%+ of the population living on less than \$2/day and 50%+ living on less than \$1/day. Haiti is as poor as the poorest countries in Africa.

Haiti's government is notoriously inept and unlikely to ever provide the necessary infrastructure and international organizations don't do much better.

Americans bear a special responsibility for the actions of our government which have impaired democratic governance in Haiti.

Funding Partners

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MORE INFORMATION ???

The Zabriko Project website -
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Blessings, Susan

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Portland CROP Hunger Walk * Church World Service ~ Ron MacKenzie

April 9 *Portland Church World Service CROP Hunger Walk.* 10 a.m., start and finish in front of the Union Gospel Mission, 3 NW Third Ave., Portland. The course is 2.64 miles and will pass several homeless agencies in downtown Portland, as well as City Hall. Please contact Ron MacKenzie, the Coordinator, at ron.w.mackenzie@gmail.com for more information.

Seventy-five percent of the funds raised will go to Church World Service's international relief and development programs. Fifteen percent will go to Northeast Emergency Food Program at Luther Memorial and ten percent to Oregon Food Bank.

A Personal Note

It's been a busy month. I'm skipping the Executive Council meeting in Cleveland, to be with our CPC Board of Directors on March 19th for our quarterly face-to-face meeting. Lots to talk about – budget, Camp Adams, etc. as we move into the future, following Jesus *On the Way*. I am yours, walter john

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