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Dear SCMerS and Senior Friends in the WSCF Europe region,

Solidarity greetings from the regional office!

A little more than a week ago we received, with great sorrow, the devastating news of the earth quake which caused the death of hundreds of thousands of people and the destruction of countless homes in Haiti. Throughout the days that have followed we have heard messages through the news, friends and WSCF contacts of our brothers and sisters' suffering without water, food, shelter or medicinal help, and of the sorrow of those who have lost their homes and beloved ones.

We are all members of the body of the Christ. If one member suffers, we suffer beside them. As members of WSCF, this disaster is our common concern. We pray for the souls of all those who lost their lives that their memory may be eternal. We pray courage and strength for those who lost their homes and families. We pray for all the citizens of Haiti. Furthermore, we pray persistence and courage to everyone working to support and help people to survive the devastation.

Below is an email from the WSCF Latin America Region (LAC) requesting help and solidarity with details of how we as individuals can help. We encourage you to respond immediately and spread the word to the members of our movements and our senior friends. In addition to this request, we affirm the WSCF Asia Pacific region's request to include a special prayer to this year's Universal Day of Prayers for Students (UDPS) on February 21st, for the people in Haiti, and for a special offering to be collected to support relief and rehabilitation work in Haiti. The Europe regional office can help to facilitate any assistance you wish to extend to the people in Haiti through our WSCF network. We ask that you also remember in your prayers friends, SCMerS, WSCF friends, churches and the ecumenical community who are suffering in Haiti.

In prayers and solidarity for the Haiti People,

Yours in Christ,

The European Regional Committee of WSCF

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