

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE LAUNCHES EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN HAITI

NEWFOUNDLANDER IS NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION

(St. John's, January 13, 2010) Development and Peace is launching an emergency appeal to support humanitarian aid relief in Haiti in the wake of a devastating earthquake that is estimated to have affected millions of people in the country.

The President of Development and Peace is Pat Hogan of St. John's.

The organization has already committed a first pledge of \$50,000 to Caritas Haiti, which runs 200 medical clinics in the country but is in dire need of financial resources to respond to the growing humanitarian needs of this population in crisis.

“Caritas Haiti can count on our support to help them provide first aid supplies, food, shelter and other basic necessities. Our thoughts are with the people of Haiti in this time of crisis and we are anxiously awaiting news from our partners there. We are concerned for their safety and well-being,” said Michael Casey, Executive Director of Development and Peace.

All donations made to Development and Peace will be sent directly to its partners on the ground in Haiti, mainly Caritas Haiti.

Last year, Development and Peace supported eight community development projects in Haiti and provided funds for four emergencies, totalling \$600 000.

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Pat Hogan, a long-time member of Development and Peace from St. John's, NL, was elected as President of Development and Peace's National Council in November 2008.

A retired junior high-school principal, Mr. Hogan first became sensitized to international development as a teacher in Zambia with CUSO. He joined Development and Peace in 1996 and has served as Chair of the St. John's Diocesan Council and as a member of the Education Committee prior to his election to the National Council in 2004.

For 40 years, Development and Peace has worked directly with organizations made up of or representing the poor and marginalized in the Global South, and provided \$500 million to 15,000 projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

They are presently active with 200 partners in 28 countries in Africa, Asia, and in Latin America.

In Canada, they are a democratic movement for international solidarity - educating the public about the root causes of poverty and mobilizing social action for change - with 13,000 members from coast to coast.

Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

The Canadian Embassy in Port-au-Prince has been evacuated is advising friends and family of Canadians in Haiti can call emergency operations centre in Ottawa at 1-800-387-3124 for assistance.

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