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Dear friends in Christ:

We are writing to you as the National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and Executive Director of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR).

As National Bishop of the ELCIC, I want to thank you for the incredible generosity that you have shown in response to the disaster in Haiti caused by the earthquake. The incredible, generous support that you have displayed through both your prayers and through the gifts of your financial resources has been overwhelming. It proves to me that we are indeed a church In Mission for Others. The way that we have been able to work in effective partnership with Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) to provide compassionate justice to those in need is a true sign both of our partnership and our commitment to God's mission in our world.

And as the Executive Director of CLWR, I would also like to offer my thanks to all congregations who supported the appeal to assist financially with relief efforts for Haiti. To date we have raised more than \$1 million dollars, the majority of which has come from ELCIC congregations. Funds will be used to carry out relief efforts in Haiti primarily through the work of The Lutheran World Federation and ACT (Actions by Churches Together) Alliance. These efforts will include providing temporary shelters, as well as water and sanitation facilities. This will help as we work towards the long term, which will include the building of earthquake resistant houses.

It's the time of Lent. And in Lent we reflect on our relationship with our God and think about how we are doing in our personal discipleship. The way that you have shown generosity in responding to the disaster in Haiti shows that you know what it means to walk closely with our God.

May God bless you and continue to watch over you during this Lenten journey.

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