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Metropolitan District



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The response of Alliance people to the Haiti earthquake crisis has been very encouraging. Within a week of the catastrophe, [Compassion and Mercy Associates](#) (CAMA), the Alliance relief and development arm, had already raised more than \$170,000—and the contributions continue to flow in. Praise our great God for moving in the hearts of His people to respond so sacrificially to those devastated by this crisis.

CAMA is partnering with the Haitian Associations of the C&MA, the Southeastern and Metropolitan Districts, and sister organizations such as World Relief and Samaritan's Purse to respond with immediate humanitarian aid. But CAMA's help will not stop when these critical needs are met. It will remain involved in long-term rebuilding and development efforts, demon-

strating the love of Christ through practical expressions of compassion and care for years to come.

A number of church leaders have asked if there are tools available to help present this opportunity to their congregations. Attached is a CAMA Haiti Earthquake Relief PDF master that can be copied and inserted into your church bulletins or distributed to small groups or Sunday school classes.

As I write this, I am receiving news of a powerful aftershock that rocked Haiti this morning. Already, Alliance people are responding with relief supplies from the Dominican Republic. It's great to know that God has strategically placed Alliance and CAMA workers all over the world, enabling us to be responsive when disaster strikes. For latest breaking information or to make a donation, please visit [CAMA's Haiti Earthquake project](#) page today.

Thank you once again for being *His hands to a hurting world*. Living the Call Together,

Rick Hemphill
Director for Communications
Photo courtesy of International Federation of Red Cross

Immigration & Haiti

Laurie Woog, immigration attorney has provided reliable immigration service to the Metro District for the last ten years and her rates are reasonable. Regardless of whether you use her she would like the people in the Haitian churches to know that US immigration is offering a new Temporary Protected Status and work authorization. This will protect from deportation and allow someone to work for at least 18 months as long as they were here Jan. 12 and remain here.

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Have you moved or begun serving in a new location recently?

Send your updated contact information to Eileen at eolivo@metrocm.org

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Household Items needed for New Church Planter

Rev Sarkis and Tamar Diarbi and their son and daughter have just arrived from Lebanon with only their suitcases to church plant among the Arabic speaking people in Brooklyn. They are in need of most household items [Read more here](#)

Emotionally Healthy Leadership Conference 2010

Pete and Geri Scazzero
April 30 - May 1, 2010
New Life Fellowship Church. Save with Early Bird Registration! Register before March 31, 2010. [Read more here](#)

South Region Strategic Gatherings

Our goal will be to hear what God is saying and determine first steps in working together to reach our respective areas....[Read more here](#)

Safe Sanctuaries Policy

Safe Sanctuaries Policy is a policy promoted by the Metro District and recognized by most insurance companies to help reduce the risk of abuse in ministry with children, youth or vulnerable adults. [Read more here](#) Application [here](#)

Links:

- [Metro C&MA website](#)
- [District Superintendent Blog](#)
- [C&MA Official Site](#)

Annual Report 2009

Churches should have received the Annual Report e-mail and instructions on January 4, 2010. Please check email inbox and spam box . Also note that only churches that do not have an e-mail address with the National Office database will receive a hard copy this year. The deadline for churches to complete their Annual Report will be **February 26, 2010**. If you have any questions contact Eileen Olivo eolivo@metrocm.org

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