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Dear Friends,

The devastation caused by the Indian Ocean Tsunami is now being re-forecast on a daily basis as the number of dead and injured continues to climb and delivery of relief supplies begins to make an impact. The spirit of humanitarian generosity is growing as well. The response of individuals, organizations, and governments continues to gain momentum as billions of dollars and thousands of volunteers and military personnel are now setting-up the beginnings of a long-term recovery initiative.

NYDIS, as a local agency, has no role in international relief. However, our expertise and technical assistance has been sought out and will continue to be a valuable resource to those in need. Our office has responded to requests to locate faith-based charities and relief providers needing donations or that are recruiting volunteers. We are coordinating communications among local and national faith communities and the City as well as with other providers.

Through this NYDISnet Alert we are sharing with you the latest vital information and resources available. We will be supporting the efforts of the national and global relief efforts of our members and will continue to disseminate faith-based relief and response information and technical assistance by request.

We have compiled the following list of disaster statistics and faith-based resources for your referral and use or dissemination. We have focused only on faith-based relief organizations, beginning with our member organizations, and have attempted to be as comprehensive as possible. Through our website www.NYDIS.org we will keep you updated as additional information becomes available. Please contact us if you have information to share.

Faithfully,
Peter B. Gudaitis
Executive Director & CEO

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NYDIS MEMBER AGENCIES

American Baptist Churches USA

International Ministries of ABC-USA and its partners are continuing to support relief and recovery efforts spearheaded by Church World Service, Baptist World Aid and partners in India and Thailand. The ABC-USA website is offering bulletin inserts, information on ABC relief response, and the latest amount donated to tsunami relief through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. American Baptist Churches USA General Secretary, the Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, has urged American Baptists to "support what certainly will be extensive and long-term emergency relief efforts through One Great Hour of Sharing."

Information

- www.abc-usa.org

Donations

- At the local church level through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering
- American Baptist Men USA

Asian Tsunami Tragedy

One Great Hour of Sharing

c/o World Relief Office

Valley Forge, PA 19482-085

www.abmen.org | [Donate Online](#)

Church World Service

Church World Service has provided more than \$1 million in supplies - family shelter kits, medical supplies, food, water, cooking utensils, CWS blankets, Health and School Kits, and other essentials for survivors in parts of Indonesia and Sri Lanka, and has deployed emergency assistance teams to aid in recovery efforts. CWS is working with partner agency, Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) to provide food and non-food essentials for 50,000 families. The agency is continuing its U.S. - wide fundraising appeal and is offering bulletin inserts, worship and other resources and information on line.

Information/Donations Online

• www.churchworldservice.org | [Donate Online](#)

Donations via Mail

• PO Box 968
Elkhart, IN 46515

Donations via Telephone

• 800-297-1516

Episcopal Relief and Development

Episcopal Relief and Development is working with affected communities in Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia and Thailand and have provided initial emergency relief such as food, shelter, medicine and other critical supplies. The agency continues to solicit financial contributions and is providing bulletin inserts as downloads. The retired Anglican bishop of Colombo, Sri Lanka, the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Fernando, wrote in an e-mail Dec. 27: "It has been a very heavy disaster. Most of those affected are the poor who live in little shanties by the sea. They have lost everything."

Information/Donations Online

• www.er-d.org | [Donate Online](#)

Donations via Mail

• Episcopal Relief and Development - South Asia Relief Fund
P.O. Box 12043
Newark, NJ 07101
800-334-7626 x 5129

International Orthodox Christian Charities

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) with help from its partner agency, Church World Service (CWS), airlifted a shipment of badly needed and humanitarian supplies valued at \$800,000 into Indonesia. The shipment included 43,000 soy rice meals, 20 tons of canned meats, and 100 medicine boxes - enough to help 100,00 in need and to address common illnesses of 1,000 adults and children for up to three months. IOCC is partnering with Orthodox Metropolitanate of Hong Kong and SE Asia as well as CWS. A national Orthodox Christian group of young adults is assembling health kits and has set a goal of providing 5,000 to tsunami-affected countries.

Information/Donations Online

• www.iocc.org/index.shtml | [Donate Online](#)

Donations via Mail

• IOCC Asia Disaster Response
P.O. Box 630225
Baltimore, MD 21263-0225

Donations via Telephone

• 877-803-IOCC (4622)

Islamic Circle of North America--ICNA RELIEF

ICNA Relief has created the Indonesia, India & Sri Lanka Relief Fund for Asia Quake's Tsunami Victims and has set a goal of raising \$2 million. As part of ICNA's "Muslims for Humanity" outreach, the fund will provide assistance on the basis of need, regardless of religious or ethnic background. Tariqur Rahman, Executive Director of ICNA Relief, has called upon "The Muslim American community to continue to respond on an even greater scale."

Information/Donations Online

• www.reliefonline.org | [Donate Online](#)

Donations via Mail

• Earthquake and Tsunami Relief - ICNA RELIEF
166-26 89th Ave
Jamaica NY 11432

Donations via Telephone

• 866-637-4357

Lutheran Disaster Response

ELCA International Disaster Response is working with Action by Churches Together (ACT)

to coordinate overall needs in the region. It has also designated funds for the work of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India, as well as for other regional relief work, particularly in Indonesia. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is providing essentials in conjunction with its long-time partner in India, Churches Auxiliary for Social Action.

Information/Donations Online

- www.elca.org | [Donate Online](#)
- www.lwr.org | [Donate Online](#)

Donations via Mail

- ELCA International Disaster Response - South Asia Tsunami
PO Box 71764
Chicago, IL 60694-1764
- Lutheran World Relief - South Asia Tsunami
PO Box 17061
Baltimore, MD 21298-9832

Donations via Telephone

- 800-LWR-LWR-2

LCMS World Relief and Human Care

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod through its World Relief and Human Care ministry is responding to the tsunami disaster through LCMS missionaries and other Lutheran church partners in Sri Lanka, India, Thailand and Indonesia. It is also working with Lutheran World Relief to provide humanitarian aid to survivors. It has pledged a \$10,000 grant to the Lanka Lutheran Church to meet emergency needs, a \$75,000 grant, plus a gift-matching grant to Lutheran Hour Ministries to meet emergency needs and provide spiritual counseling and other Christian resources, a \$75,000 gift-matching grant to Orphan Grain Train which is shipping supplies to its warehouse in Bangalore, India,, and is meeting needs for tents, water, food and medical attention through Lutheran World Relief. LCMS World Relief and Human Care has also pledged financial support for Lutheran World Relief's Wave of Giving campaign.

Information/Donations Online

- www.lcms.org | [Donate Online](#)

Donations via Mail

- LCMS World Relief/Human Care
"Asia Tsunami"
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-9810

Donations via Telephone

- 800-248-1930, ext. 1380

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is seeking to raise \$2.5 million in support of the expected coordinated appeals totaling approximately \$30 million from responders to the needs of survivors. PDA is partnering with CASA (Churches Auxiliary for Social Action) and the National Council of Churches of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) to provide local assistance. Requests continue to pour in throughout the devastated regions for prayer and assistance. "I can't describe the disaster that has hit Sri Lanka very unexpectedly and has thrown millions of lives into complete disarray. We are working today to assist those who are helpless during these times. Please help us." writes Xavier, an emergency officer with the Council of Churches of Sri Lanka. PDA offers bulletin inserts, worship and other resources and tools for congregations.

Information/Donations Online

- www.pcusa.org | [Donate Online](#)

Donations via Mail

- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Asia Earthquake and Tsunamis
Individual Remittance Processing
P. O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264

Donations via Telephone

- 800-872-3283

Sikh Coalition

The Sikh Coalition has identified several Sikh organizations working on relief efforts and has provided information and links on their website to these organizations as well as other relief agencies. The Coalition is also recommending that persons interested in making a donation, check with their employer for matching funds.

Information/Donations Online

- www.sikhcoalition.org | [Donate Online](#)

United Church Of Christ

The United Church of Christ as members of Church World Service (CWS) and Action by Churches Together (ACT) is making a regional response to the catastrophe, and is focusing support for emergency response efforts in at least three most affected areas. The UCC has committed \$300,000 in aid and is urging its congregations to pray, contribute, make kits, and download bulletin inserts. Persons who would like to volunteer may contact the following persons: Mary Schaller Blaufass @ schalllem@ucc.org; Global Ministries Personnel Office (Indianapolis) www.globalministries.org. One Great Hour of Sharing has pledged \$10,000 to ACT International to support immediate emergency relief efforts.

Information/Donations Online

- www.ucc.org | [Donate Online](#)

Donations via Mail

- Wider Church Ministries: Asia Tidal Waves
700 Prospect Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115

United Methodist Committee on Relief

The United Methodist Committee on Relief has issued an urgent appeal for donations to assist tens of thousands of earthquake survivors in South and Southeast Asia. UMCOR is working with partner church-related and other humanitarian agencies in providing food, clean water, shelter, and sanitary services to a broadband of nations from Asia to Africa. It is also in the process of assessing needs and determining long-term recovery needs in the area. The Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie with the New York Annual Conference and a board member of NYDIS is assisting with the needs assessment. Updates and bulletin inserts are available on line.

Information

- www.gbqm-umc.org/umcor/

Donations via Mail

- UMCOR Advance # 274305 - Southeast Asia Emergency Relief
Room 330
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115

Donations via Telephone

- 800-554-8583

Faith-Based Tsunami Relief Agencies and Philanthropies

The following list has been compiled from a variety of sources for informational purposes. With the exception of our member agencies, inclusion on this list does not constitute a recommendation or agency certification by NYDIS. We recommend that all potential donors visit Guidestar and perform their own due diligence about how charity funds will be spent and what percentage of your donated dollars will be used for administrative fees. Additional guidance for donors is available online - a few recommended website links may be found at the bottom of this list.

Action by Churches Together (ACT International)

Name of account: Action By Churches Together
Account no: 240-432629.60A
SWIFT Code: UBSWCHZH12.A
Bank details: UBS AG
Rue du Rhône 8
Case Postale 2600
CH-1211 Genève 4
Switzerland

or you can forward an internationally valid check to:

ACT International
Ecumenical Centre
route de Ferney 150
P.O. Box 2100
CH-1211 Geneva 2
Switzerland
www.act-intl.org

Adventist Development and Relief Agency International

Asia Tsunami Crisis Fund
12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, MD 20904
800-424-ADRA (2372)
www.adra.org | [Donate Online](#)

American Baptist Men USA

Asian Tsunami Tragedy
One Great Hour of Sharing
c/o World Relief Office
Valley Forge, PA 19482-085
www.abmen.org | [Donate Online](#)

American Friends Service Committee (Quaker)

1501 Cherry Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102
888-588-2372
www.afsc.org | [Donate Online](#)

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

South Asia Tsunami Relief
Box 321
847A Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017
212-687-6200 ext. 851
www.jdc.org | [Donate Online](#)

American Jewish World Service

Asia Tsunami Relief
45 West 36th Street, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10018
800-889-7146
www.ajws.org | [Donate Online](#)

Baptist World Alliance

Asia Tidal Waves
405 North Washington Street
Falls Church, VA 22046
703-790-8980
www.bwanet.org/bwaid | [Donate Online](#)

B'nai B'rith International

B'nai B'rith Disaster Relief Fund
2020 K Street NW
7th Floor
Washington, DC 20006
212-490-3290
www.bnaibrith.org | [Donate Online](#)

Buddhist Peace Fellowship

www.bpf.org/html/whats_now/events/tsunami.html

- Foundation for the People of Burma
909 Montgomery Street, Suite 500
San Francisco, CA 94133
(415) 486-6516
www.foundationburma.org | [Donate Online](#)

- Subang Jaya Buddhist Association
Jalan Kewajipan, SS13, 47500
Subang Jaya, Malaysia.
Sis Lily Low, SJBA administrator
Telephone: 03-56315299, Fax: 56315262

- East Timor Action Network
ETAN/Aceh Relief
PO Box 15774

Washington, DC 20003-0774
www.etan.org | [Donate Online](#)

• TAPOL - "Aceh Appeal" to TAPOL
Indonesia Human Rights Campaign
111 Northwood Road
Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 8HW, UK.
www.tapol.gn.apc.org/ | [Donate Online](#)

• Sarvodaya USA
5716 Manchester Avenue #3
Los Angeles, CA 90045
www.sarvodaya.org | [Donate Online](#)

Catholic Medical Mission Board

10 West 17th Street
New York, New York 10011
800-678-5659
www.cmmb.org | [Donate Online](#)

Catholic Relief Services

209 West Fayette Street,
Baltimore, MD 21201-3443
800-736-3467
877-helpCRS (1-877-435-7277)
www.CRS.org | [Donate Online](#)

Christian Children's Fund

Child Alert Fund
PO Box 26484
Richmond, Virginia - 23261-6484
800-776-6767
www.ChristianChildrensFund.org | [Donate Online](#)

Christian Disaster Response Earthquake Relief

PO Box 3339
Winter Haven, Florida 33885-3339
800-430-1235
www.cdresponse.org | [Donate Online](#)

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC)

South Asia Earthquake
2850 Kalamazoo Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI, 49560
800-55-CRWRC
www.crwrc.org | [Donate Online](#)

Church of the Brethren

Emergency Disaster Fund
1451 Dundee Ave
Elgin, IL 60120
800-451-4407
www.brethren.org/genbd/ersm/NewsUpdates.htm

Church World Service

PO Box 968
Elkhart, IN 46515
800-297-1516
www.churchworldservice.org | [Donate Online](#)

Convoy of Hope

330 S. Patterson Ave.
Springfield, MO 65802
800-988-0664
www.convoyofhope.org | [Donate Online](#)

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

#17016 Asian Relief
P.O. Box 101699
Atlanta, Ga., 30392
800-352-8741

www.thefellowship.info | [Donate Online](#)

Dharma Vijaya Buddhist Vihara, Inc.

Sri Lanka Tsunami Relief Fund
1847 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90019
323-737-5084 Fax 323-737-7915

www.dharmavijaya.org | [Donate Online](#)

Episcopal Relief and Development

South Asia Relief Fund
P.O. Box 12043
Newark, NJ 07101
800-334-7626 x 5129

www.er-d.org | [Donate Online](#)

Food for the Hungry, Inc.

Asia Quake Relief
1224 E. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85034
800-2-HUNGERS

www.fh.org | [Donate Online](#)

Green Cross Foundation

Professional Traumatologist Volunteers Wanted for Formation of Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team for Sri Lanka, Indonesia
For information, contact:

Karen Ratliff Trotter, Operations Manager

krt@gcprojects.org

www.mollyguard.com/event/15145300

Habitat for Humanity International

Asia Tsunami Response Fund
121 Habitat St
Americus, GA 31709
229-924-6935

www.habitat.org | [Donate Online](#)

International Aid

17011 W. Hickory
Spring Lake, MI 49456
800-968-7490

www.internationalaid.org | [Donate Online](#)

International Orthodox Christian Charities

IOCC Asia Disaster Response
P.O. Box 630225
Baltimore, MD 21263-0225
877-803-IOCC (4622)

www.iocc.org/index.shtml | [Donate Online](#)

Islamic Circle of North America—ICNA Relief

Earthquake and Tsunami Relief - ICNA RELIEF
166-26 89th Ave
Jamaica, NY 11432
866-637-4357

www.reliefonline.org | [Donate Online](#)

Islamic Relief USA

S.E Asia Earthquake Emergency
P O BOX 6098

Burbank, Calif. 91510
888-479-4968
www.irw.org | [Donate Online](#)

Latter-Day Saint Charities
Welfare Services Emergency Response
50 East North Temple Street, Room 701
Salt Lake City, Utah, 84150-6800
801-240-3544
www.lds.org | [Donate Online](#)

Lutheran Disaster Response
ELCA International Disaster Response - South Asia Tsunami
PO Box 71764
Chicago, IL 60694-1764
www.elca.org | [Donate Online](#)

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod World Relief and Human Care
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-9810
800-248-1930, ext. 1380
www.lcms.org | [Donate Online](#)

Lutheran World Relief - South Asia Tsunami
PO Box 17061
Baltimore, MD 21298-9832
800-LWR-LWR-2
www.lwr.org | [Donate Online](#)

MAP International (Medical Assistance Programs)
P.O. Box 215000
Brunswick, GA 31521
800-225-8550
www.map.org | [Donate Online](#)

Mennonite Church Committee
21 South 12th St.
PO Box 500
Akron, PA 17501-0500
888-563-4676
www.mcc.org | [Donate Online](#)

National Council of Churches USA/Faithful America
475 Riverside Dr., Ste 880,
New York, NY 10115-0050
212-870-2227 / Fax: 212-870-2030
www.faithfulamerica.org | [Donate Online](#)

Nazarene Disaster Response
General Treasurer - ACM1762
Church of the Nazarene
6401 The Paseo
Kansas City, MO 64131-1213
www.ncm.org/index.html | [Donate Online](#)

Operation Blessing International
Asia Earthquake and Tsunami Relief
977 Centerville Turnpike
Virginia Beach, VA 23463
800-730-2537
www.ob.org | [Donate Online](#)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Asia Earthquake and Tsunamis
Individual Remittance Processing
P. O. Box 643700

Pittsburgh, PA 15264
800-872-3283
www.pcusa.org | [Donate Online](#)

Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO)

South Asia Relief Fund
615 Slaters Lane
Alexandria, VA, 22313
800-SAL-ARMY
www.salvationarmyusa.org | [Donate Online](#)

Samaritan's Purse

P.O. Box 3000
Boone, NC 28607
Phone (828) 262-1980 Fax (828) 266-1053
www.samaritanspurse.org | [Donate Online](#)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

58 Progress Parkway
Saint Louis, MO 63043-3706
(314) 576-3993
www.svdpusa.org | [Donate Online](#)

Southern Baptist Convention

International Mission Board
Asia Earthquake Disaster Relief
P.O. Box 6767
Richmond, VA 23230
www.imb.org/core/default.asp | [Donate Online](#)

UJA-Federation of New York

PO BOX 27887
New York, NY 10087
212-836-1880
www.ujafedny.org | [Donate Online](#)

United Church of Christ

Wider Church Ministries: Asia Tidal Waves
700 Prospect Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115
www.ucc.org | [Donate Online](#)

United Jewish Communities

JDC: South Asia Tsunami Relief
Box 321
847A Second Ave
New York, NY 10017
212-687-6200
www.ujc.org | [Donate Online](#)

United Methodist Committee on Relief

UMCOR Advance # 274305 - Southeast Asia Emergency Relief
Room 330
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115
800-554-8583
www.gbgn-umc.org/umcor

United Sikhs Ghanaia

Tsunami Relief Project
Payable to: UNITED SIKHS
Citibank NYB#: 63916964
PO Box 291, Brooklyn
New York, NY 11220-9020

OR Wire Transfer Details:

UNITED SIKHS #: 63916964
Routing Number: 021000089
Citibank Branch is 399 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10043
www.unitedsikhs.org/reliefproject.html/ | [Donate Online](#)

World Concern

Asia Earthquake and Tsunami
19303 Fremont Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98133
800-755-5022
www.worldconcern.org | [Donate Online](#)

World Relief

SE Asia Earthquake/Tsunamis
7 East Baltimore St
Baltimore MD 21202
800-535-5433
www.worldrelief.org | [Donate Online](#)

World Vision

P.O. Box 70288
Tacoma, WA 98481-0288
800-56-CHILD
www.worldvision.org | [Donate Online](#)

Local Faith-Based Relief Efforts

Central Jewish Council

134 Broadway #30
Brooklyn, NY 11211
847A Second Ave

Masjid Al-Hikmah

Indonesian Muslim Community.
48-01 31st Ave.,
Long Island City, NY 11103
www.masjidalhikmah.org/ | [Donate Online](#)

New York Buddhist Vihara

IAtn: Disaster Relief
214-22 Spencer Avenue
Parkside Hills, NY 11427
www.newyorkbuddhist.org/

Staten Island Buddhist Vihara

Sri Lanka Disaster Relief Fund
115 John Street
Staten Island, NY 10302
www.sibv.org | [Donate Online](#)

Other Websites to Check Out

American Council for Voluntary International Action

www.interaction.org

Guidance on Relief Agencies

www.guidestar.org

Mayor Bloomberg's List of Relief Agencies

www.nyc.gov/html/misc/html/disaster_relief.html

Network for Good

www.networkforgood.org

The New York Times List of Aid Agencies
www.nytimes.com/international

Latest Tsunami Victim Statistics: As of January 18, 2005

The U.S. Agency for International Development, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA) and Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) Indian Ocean has provided the following Fact Sheet, dated Jan. 18, 2005.

Indonesia

114,978 dead, 12,070 missing
555,156 displaced

Sri Lanka

38,195 dead, 6,037 missing
443,336 displaced

India

10,749 dead, 5,640 missing
112,558 displaced

Maldives

81 dead, 21 missing
21,663 displaced

Malaysia

68 dead, 6 missing
8,000 displaced

Myanmar

59 dead, 3 missing
3,205 displaced

Somalia

150 dead
5,000 displaced

Thailand

5,318 dead, 3,199 missing

Seychelles

3 dead
40 households displaced

Somalia

150 dead
5,000 displaced

Totals

169,601 dead
26,976 missing
1,148,958 displaced