

Responding to Crisis

Step 1 – Respond with compassion

Step 2 – Join with those who understand the big picture and respond long term

Step 3 – Learn about the connections between justice, peace and relief work

Step 4 – Live a whole life that makes you a part of the solution

Canada Foodgrains Bank – foodgrainsbank.ca - Established in 1983, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a Canadian-based Christian organization that helps provide food and development assistance to people in need on behalf of our 15 Canadian church members. Today, Canadian Foodgrains Bank ranks among the largest private food aid providers in the world. Donations made by Canadians have helped Canadian Foodgrains Bank and its members provide over 1,000,000 metric tonnes of food to people who are hungry throughout the world. *Website has lots of resources for prayer, worship and education.* You can also find links here for many other denominational relief agencies.

Best for
Haiti
relief

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) – mcc.org - is responding to the earthquake that struck Haiti January 12, the largest in more than 200 years. MCC's multimillion-dollar, multiyear response will provide immediate shelter, water, food and emergency supplies and trauma healing and other long-term recovery needs. You can help through prayer for the people of Haiti and by donating to MCC's Haiti Earthquake appeal. Give online at donate.mcc.org/project/haiti-earthquake, by cheque to the MCC office nearest you, or by phone toll free: 1-888-622-6337.

World Vision – worldvision.org - World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. As followers of Jesus, we are motivated by God's love for all people regardless of race, religion, gender or ethnicity.

KAIROS – kairoscanada.org - Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives is a web of people and partnerships dedicated to a faithful and decisive response to God's call for respect for the earth and justice for its people. A faith-based ecumenical organization, inspired by a vision of God's compassionate justice, KAIROS effects social change through advocacy, education and research programs. There are lots of local grassroots groups that make up KAIROS including one right here in St. Stephen. Talk to Walter or Raymond Funk if you're interested in checking it out.

Micah Challenge – micahchallenge.ca – a response to a groundswell among evangelical Christian churches wanting to contribute at all levels to the alleviation of poverty and to greater justice for poor communities.\

Compassion International – compassion.ca - Is the world's leading Christian child development ministry, Compassion Canada is committed to eliminating the root causes of poverty for children around the globe.

- **living abundantly, living obediently and living generously all go hand in hand**
- **material blessing is meant to be shared**
- **generosity of believers brings thanksgiving to God**
- **generosity builds relationship across geography**