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TO: FRIENDS OF THE NETWORK OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

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RE: RESPONSE TO TSUNAMI DISASTER

Dear Friends:

The scope of the Tsunami disaster is beyond comprehension. The human tragedy is unimaginable. The need is tremendous.

Members of the religious organizations in Western New York have been deeply moved and desire contribute to the relief efforts.

The Network of Religious Communities recommends that persons contribute through the Disaster Relief Programs affiliated with or well known by their particular religious community. The current need is for financial contributions. Most of the religiously affiliated Disaster Religious Organizations have mechanisms in place receive the contributions and respond immediately to the crisis in cooperation with other relief agencies.

Please make contact information about the Disaster Relief Programs affiliated with, or well known by your religious Community. In many cases WNY denominations and religious organizations are receiving Tsunami Disaster Relief Offerings and forwarding them to their nationally affiliated organizations. If your religious community is not already doing this you might help organize such an effort.

Below you will find a list of a number of religious affiliated Tsunami Relief Organization. You might share this information with your religious community if you have not already done this.

TSUNAMI DISASTER RESPONSE ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICES

Asia Tsunami Relief, 45 West 36th Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10018.

Telephone (800)889-7146

www.ajws.org

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Catholic Relief Services, 209 West Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21201-3443.

Main telephone (410) 625-2220 or 800-736-3467
Contributions can be made directly by going to:
<http://www.kintera.org/htmlcontent.asp?cid=41794>

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Contributions to support CWS Tsunami Recovery may be sent to Church World Service, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515. Credit card gifts may be made by calling (800) 297-1516 or online at www.churchworldservice.org.

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

815 2nd Avenue, New York, NY 10017
Phone (800) 334-7626 Ext 5129
www.er-d.org

ISLAMIC CIRCLE OF NORTH AMERICAN RELIEF

Islamic Circle of North America
166-26, 89th Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11432
Ph: (718)-658-1199 Fax: (718)-658-1255
WWW.icna.org

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

South Asia Tsunami, 700 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 230-2700
www.lwr.org

SEVERAL ADDITIONAL TSUNAMI RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN RED CROSS

National Headquarters, American Red Cross
2025 E Street, NW, Washington DC 20006
(800) 257-7575
www.redcross.org

CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FUND

Child Alert Fund, PO Box 26484, Richmond, VA 23261
(800) 776-6767
www.christianchildrensfund.org

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

Doctors Without Borders USA, PO Box 1856 Merrifield, VA 22116-8056
(888) 392-0392
www.doctorswithoutboarders-usa.org

OXFAM AMERICA

Oxfam America Asian Earthquake Fund, PO Box 1211 Albert Lee, MN 56007-1211
(800) 776-9326
www.oxfamamerica.org

US FUND FOR UNICEF

333 East 38th St, New York, NY 10016
(800) 486-4233
www.unicefusa.org