

From Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie:

My Brothers and Sisters

In light of the most recent devastation in Haiti and Malawi, the leadership of the 13th Episcopal District make the following plea: Each congregation and member is encouraged to participate in a Prayer and Mission Sunday for the next two Sundays this month. Have special prayer for our brothers and sisters in Haiti as well as Malawi. Both areas suffered greatly from tragic earthquakes.

We have a dual tragedy that as Christians and AME's we need to respond immediately.

I'm encouraging all of our churches to issue a special appeal this Sunday. Lift a **special** offering please! Send your contributions to the 13th District office by Tuesday, January 19, 2010 so that we may send it in the name of the people of Tennessee and Kentucky as our initial effort to help in the recovery process.

This is a critical time in the life of the people of Haiti. We need to be in prayer for them. At this time we have no information if the Richard Allen Clinic is still functioning. We are praying that it wasn't destroyed but is able to help victims needing medical attention. There are also schools, churches and a plethora of people who will be looking to us in the coming days to be a source and resource of help.

As we have done in the past, let us rise to the occasion to be a blessing to both Malawi and Haiti.

By the Grace of God,

Bishop Vashti McKenzie

Please comply to this urgent need from our Bishop to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. They desperately need our assistance. Please send this as soon as possible.

Be blessed,

Rev. Marilyn