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Dear Friends in Christ,

Attached is a report on the response that is taking place to the Haiti earthquake, both with Haitian survivors currently living in South Florida, and from South Florida Presbyterians to Haiti. This report will be presented to presbytery for action at our stated meeting on February 26, 2011. The findings and recommendations in the report will be included in the presbytery packet, and, if adopted, the full report will be posted on our website. You are welcome to print out the report; or hard copies of the report or its appendices can be obtained from the presbytery office.

There are several ways you might use this report. One is to peruse the ways in which our congregations are involved in Haiti and choose to become involved through contributions and, in some cases, through personal participation. Another is to contribute to one of the named agencies involved with earthquake response. A third is to make use of the resources in it to become more educated about the impact of the earthquake and the needs of Haitians in 2011. A fourth is to develop a mission initiative in your local church. Such an endeavor might be anything from using Fair Trade Haitian Coffee for church events and promoting its use among your members to participating in one of the travel opportunities through one of our churches or local agencies. You are invited to share this report with your church members, mission committees, and sessions.

Please give the report your prayerful consideration. Feel free to contact me with any comments, questions, suggestions, or invitations.

Peace,

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Attachment