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## **Seminary community raises funds, prays for earthquake victims**

**SAN ANSELMO, Calif., Feb. 21** – The San Francisco Theological Seminary community is responding to the devastating earthquake in Haiti with vigilant prayer and a variety of projects in an effort to ease the suffering of those who survived this tragedy.

Since the beginning of the spring semester on Feb. 1, the seminary has raised over \$3,000 for Haiti relief. The Seminary's contribution will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to meet the ongoing needs of Haiti's suffering citizens. The Seminary community dedicated this offering with prayers for those recovering from the devastating earthquakes during a special chapel service on Feb. 16.

At the beginning of the semester, Acting President and Dean of SFTS, Dr. Elizabeth Liebert, challenged the SFTS community to join together in this act of humanitarian and Christian aid, reminding students, faculty and staff alike that it is important for Christian communities to be mindful and prayerful about the needs of others.

Liebert noted: "Haiti needs the whole world to come around it right now, but to do so in a way that honors the values and autonomy of the Haitians themselves. I am proud of what SFTS has done to contribute our piece to this enormous communal effort. I am doubly proud that all the parts of our seminary, faculty, staff, students, and trustees have been directly involved in many activities. This donation represents only the monetary results of these concerted efforts."

In addition to financial support, the SFTS community has also taken part in a letter writing campaign to the International Monetary Fund, requesting the cancellation of Haiti's debt.

Some students have fasted and others are planning to participate in the local CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, March 21. Seventy-five percent of the money raised during the 14<sup>th</sup> annual walk in Marin will go to Church World Service, which distributes aid to places such as Haiti. The remaining 25 percent will stay in Marin to help local nonprofits such as the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room and the Marin Community Food Bank.

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