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Longtime PC(USA) partner hospital destroyed by earthquake

Presbyterian World Mission learned today that Hôpital Sainte Croix (Holy Cross Hospital) in Leogane, a major focus of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission in Haiti for decades, collapsed in the Jan. 12 earthquake. Deaths and injuries resulted from the collapse, but the number of dead and injured and their identities have not been released. The hospital is a ministry of the PC(USA)'s partner church in Haiti, the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti. Several major Diocesan buildings in Port-au-Prince were destroyed, including the Holy Trinity Cathedral, the bishop's home, the Sisters of St. Margaret convent and College St. Pierre. The earthquake also destroyed church buildings in Grand Colline and St. Etienne. Four people were killed while worshipping in an Episcopal congregation in Trouin. We anticipate additional reports of casualties from our partner church. Please continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in Haiti in your prayers.

Presbyterian World Mission has accounted for all its mission personnel serving in Haiti. [Sharyn Babe](#), the mission worker closest to the epicenter, sustained injuries when her apartment building in Port-au-Prince collapsed. She is receiving treatment at a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., hospital. Her husband, Rodney, who was not home at the time of the quake and was not seriously injured, is attempting to join her in Fort Lauderdale. Another PC(USA) mission worker, [Mark Hare](#), and his wife, Jenny, live in Papay, a town about 100 miles from the epicenter. The Hares have told Presbyterian World Mission that Papay did not receive major damage and that they are safe. [Pix Mahler](#), who serves under mission appointment as the partnerships facilitator for Haiti, was not in the country at the time of the earthquake. She works primarily from her home in Virginia. Our mission personnel have expressed gratitude for all the prayers and other expressions of concern offered for them and for the people of Haiti.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the crisis and is accepting donations through [PDA account number DR000064](#). [PDA](#) is also offering worship resources and updates of the situation.

If you know of groups or individuals who are missing in Haiti, the U.S. State Department asks that you call 1-888-407-4747.