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QUESTION OF FAITH

# HOW BEST TO HELP?

*With Haiti's needs so great, deciding where to focus resources isn't easy*

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With the recent sadness and suffering in Haiti, need is great, and resources — mental, physical and spiritual — are limited. **How do people decide whom to help?** That's our Question of Faith today.

How do you decide who gets money? Where do mission groups go? What factors affect you and your community's decision?

We asked several faith leaders in Central Kentucky. Here are their responses.

**The Rev. Robert Earl Houston, First Baptist Church, Frankfort:** We addressed this unfortunate circumstance in several ways.

Our first approach was prayer, because we believe that prayer is the primary response to any need or tragedy.

Second, we made a financial contribution through the Progressive National Baptist Convention, which is our cooperative body with mission outlets in Haiti.

Third, we have encouraged our members and friends to go a step further by making personal donations to either the Red Cross or Yele Haiti.

**The Rev. Myron Williams, Southland Christian Church, Lexington:** We assist in relief situations such as tsunamis and earthquakes, but we also provide "hand-up" help.

"Hand-up" means rehabilitation, working with people affected by a disaster to return the positive

elements of their community prior to the disaster with what assets they have and what resources we can provide.

In disaster situations, we provide relief as we have assets and resources available.

For the long-term, we prefer hand-up development which takes longer and means we work in fewer areas.

We partner with the people so they can become self-leading and we can turn our attention to other places and people.

*When Helping Hurts* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert has helped us articulate our current strategy.

**The Rev. Mary Seeger Weese, Midway Presbyterian Church:** The amount of need in the world can seem unending and it can be paralyzing. My church and my faith seems so small in the face of it.

But each of us is called to something in our own times and situations, in our own communities. Each of us has a mission. It is crucial to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti and it is crucial to help people next door. The important thing is to do something.

Maybe it's giving your time. Maybe it's giving your money. Whatever it is, do something.

**The Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington:** Our denomination has an emergency response organization called Week of Compassion.

In situations like the Haiti earthquake, we direct all our resources, monetary or otherwise, to them. We also work with Church World Service on some of their special promotions like Blanket Sunday.

We've found that it's easier and more effective to work through an organization than to try to do something on our own. Thankfully, our denomination has such



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Thousands mobbed relief trucks that were distributing supplies in downtown Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Jan 28, more than two weeks after the magnitude-7.0 earthquake that devastated the city.

organizations in place.

I believe a compassionate and generous response takes precedence in the hearts of believers. It's at the core of who we are called to be in this world — the hands and feet of Christ.

**The Rev. Bob Evelyn, Grace Evangel Fellowship, Wilmore:** We are called to be Christ's ambassadors and counseled to wisely use the resources entrusted to us.

With Haiti being an impoverished nation, we have two groups that we have supported long-term: Steve and Ruth Hersey, who lead a school in Port-au-Prince; and For Haiti With Love, based

in Palm Harbor, Fla., which provides housing assistance, a medical clinic and food in the north of Haiti.

For any without an organized church affiliation or who are looking for ways to help, we highly recommend both the Herseys and For Haiti With Love.

**The Rev. Roger Bruner, Mill Street Church of Christ, London:** When such disasters hit anywhere, it is never a question of "Do we need to help?" but a question of "How is the best way to help?"

We are told that we will always have the poor.

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## FAITH NOTES

Today

**Sabbath: An Everlasting Covenant.** 11 a.m. New Birth Worship Center, 216 Eastern Avenue. Lexington. Free. (859) 519-9341. <http://SabbathSLexington.com>.

**Chocolate Go Round.** 3 p.m. Pilgrim Baptist Church, 133 E. Stephens St., Midway.

**Christian Comedy Show.** 7:30 p.m. Kingdom Lexington House of God BLSPR Multipurpose Building, 866 Georgetown St., Lexington. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. (859) 270-4075.

Sunday

**Fifth Sunday Musical: "Lord...Teach Us to Pray."** Featuring guest soloists Virginia Bowles, John Borders & David Greenlee. 4 p.m. Faith Fellowship of Lexington, 968 Lane Allen Rd.

**Total Praise in concert.** 4:30 p.m. Powerhouse Church of God, 338 Blackburn Ave., Lexington. Free.

**Lexington Baha'i Community prayer session for seven jailed Iranian Baha'i leaders.** 2 p.m. Communitality House, 112 W. High St. [www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org).

Wednesday

**You and Your Bible.** 6:15 p.m. Parkway Baptist Church, 1915 N. Broadway, Lexington. Free. (859) 299-8445.

**You and Your Church Experiencing God Together.** 6:15 p.m. Parkway Baptist Church, 1915 N. Broadway, Lexington. \$10. (859) 299-8445.

**Financial Peace University.** 6:15 p.m. Parkway Baptist Church, 1915 N. Broadway, Lexington. \$75. (859) 299-8445.

**Lecture: Keeping the Sabbath.** 7:30 p.m. New Birth Worship Center, 216 Eastern Ave., Lexington. Free. (859) 519-9341. <http://SabbathSLexington.com>.

Friday

**Hymn-a-thon benefit.** 5:30 p.m. Feb. 12, 9 a.m. Feb. 13, 3 p.m. Feb. 14. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington. Free. Donations will go to cover expenses for the choir trip to sing at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City.

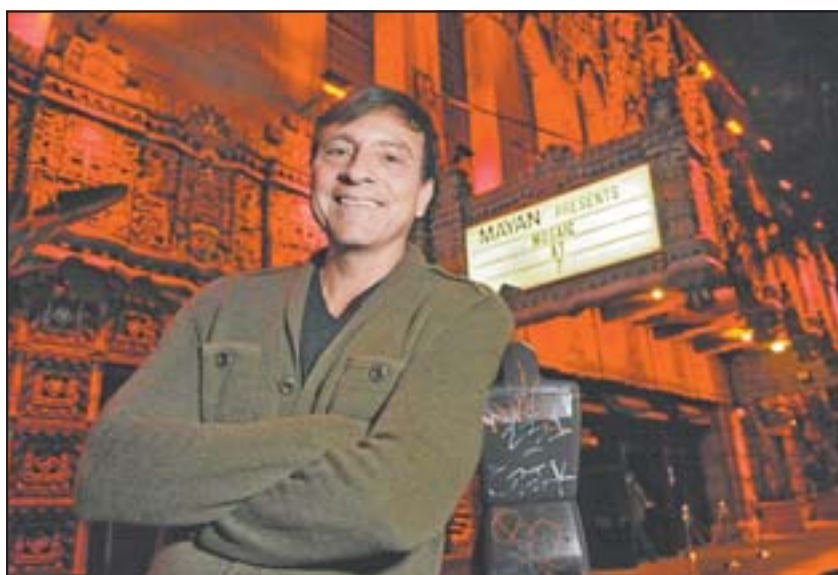
**England Family benefit concert, featuring Jimmy Boling, JD Miller, Phil Cross, The Messengers Quartet, Grace x 4, ForeTold, and 7 p.m.** NorthEast Christian Church, 990 Star Shoot Pkwy., Lexington. Free; offering to be taken up to benefit the England family.

Coming Up

**American Spiritual Ensemble.** 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13. First Presbyterian Church, 174 N. Mill St., Lexington. Free. (859) 252-1919. [www.fpclex.org](http://www.fpclex.org).

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## Church hopes to cash in chips on commercial



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Mosaic's pastor, Erwin McManus, who leads a 3,000-member megachurch, is one of six finalists in the Doritos' "Crash the Super Bowl" challenge.

By Gillian Flaccus  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Pastors have long competed with the NFL on Sundays, but this season a hipster megachurch is turning the tables with a 30-second ad that could muscle its way into that all-holiest of sporting events: the Super Bowl.

Mosaic, a 3,000-member megachurch, is one of six finalists in the Doritos' "Crash the Super Bowl" challenge with a lighthearted spoof that plays off the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

If the church's ad, titled "Casket," is among the top three vote-getters in an online playoff at [www.crashthe-superbowl.com](http://www.crashthe-superbowl.com), it will air Sunday during the Super Bowl. If the commercial ranks in the top three most-popular ads among viewers, it could win its creators either \$400,000,

\$600,000 or \$1 million.

The finalists won't know whether they've won until they watch the Super Bowl, said Chris Kuechenmeister, spokesman for Frito-Lay.

For Erwin McManus, Mosaic's lead pastor, the ad competition represents a chance to make his faith relevant to one of the largest TV audiences in the nation when viewers least expect it — and are least likely to tune out.

Another more serious religious message planned during the game has caused a stir: An anti-abortion ad paid for by the conservative group Focus on the Family is expected to feature University of Florida football star Tim Tebow speaking about how his mother gave birth to him despite doctor's recommendations that she

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