

Resolution Concerning The Haiti Fund

***Resolved that* the Diocese of Indianapolis grant an extension of The Haiti Fund for three additional years for the purposes of rebuilding Haiti.**

***Be it further resolved that* The Haiti fund be dedicated to relief efforts in Mithon, Haiti, in the wake of Hurricane Matthew, with priority given to the restoration of a clean water well, the rebuilding of schools, the restoration of crops and other programs that provide stability for the people of Mithon.**

***Be it further resolved that* The Executive Council of the Diocese of Indianapolis be given the authority to administer said funds.**

Explanation

At the 2011 Diocesan Convention a resolution was adopted by the diocesan household to designate \$500,000 for relief efforts in Haiti over a period not to exceed 5 years. The maturation date of that resolution is December 31, 2016.

Initially, it was decided that the best use of the funds, was the rebuilding of a school in Mithon, and the diocese committed financial resources to provide for this work to be completed. The cost of that endeavor was \$380,000. (The Lunches and Lessons Program that was begun by Trinity, Bloomington and supported by many parishes and individuals is a program that is still maintained at the school in Mithon).

During the same period when the school was being constructed, discord in the Diocese of Haiti resulted in a lack of confidence in the administration of funds and it was decided that the reserve from the special fund would be moved to an investment fund. The balance after the draws to build the school was \$120,000.

The \$120,000 is being held in a Special Fund entitled "The Haiti Fund" until the resolution maturation date of December 31, 2016.

The problem in the Diocese of Haiti has not been resolved though the needs of the people are still great.

It is hoped that confidence in the Diocese of Haiti will be restored soon.

A three-year extension will allow additional time for the issues in the Diocese of Haiti to be resolved and will afford the Global Missions Commission an opportunity to consider specific ways that the fund might still be used to do the work for which it was intended.

A resolution passed by the diocesan household would extend the period of The Haiti Fund to a maturation date of December 31, 2019.

Resolution is offered by the Global Missions Commission

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