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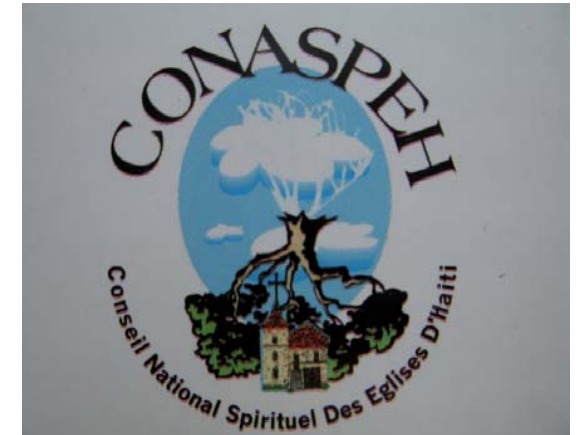
Many groups from First Church have made visits to Haiti. They have spent time with the children, taught classes, spent time in worship and in fellowship. A recent group was comprised of members of the Senior YES Youth Group.

PREPARED BY THE HAITI COMMITTEE:

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On April 28, 2010, classes for the K-12 school resumed under tents and among the trees on the 6 acres of land, owned by CONASPEH, next to where the old school stood.



**Join First Church in helping to
rebuild the CONASPEH school
and support the students in
K-12 school or the Nursing
School**



CONASPEH

Since 1986, the National Spiritual Council of Haitian Churches has grown from a group of 50 pastors from very poor Protestant congregations into a national organization with about 6500 member churches, serving a population of 1.5 million. CONASPEH is a grass-roots organization that provides vital services to the Haitian poor throughout all of Haiti. They do this with support from Church World Service, Global Ministries, and the help of committed congregations such as First Church of Christ, Longmeadow as well as churches in Northampton, Wisconsin, Kansas and Tennessee.

CONASPEH believes that all children have the right to an education. They run a K-12 school at their headquarters building in Port-au-Prince with more than 450 students in attendance, most of whom would not otherwise have the opportunity for any formal education. CONASPEH also has a licensed seminary and its nursing school graduated its first class in 2009. In addition to educating future community leaders and promoting health, they also, through such programs as micro-loans, sewing centers and orphanages strive to increase the capabilities of Haitians to live with hope.

Our Partnership with CONASPEH

Since 1996, members and friends of First Church of Christ in Longmeadow have worked in partnership with CONASPEH. An initial contribution of \$50,000 from our congregation in 1996 was pivotal in the construction of CONASPEH headquarters in Port-au-Prince. Since then, our mission outreach has included continuing financial support for CONASPEH. Over time, however, it has become apparent that our relationship is far more than a financial one. A personal relationship has developed as the current missionaries, Rev. Patrick and Dr. Kim Bentrott, President of CONASPEH Rev. Patrick Villier, and all the former missionaries to Haiti have visited with this congregation to share information their work and to express their gratitude for our church's support. Members of this church have traveled to Haiti on multiple occasions, most recently in November 2009, to witness, to work, to teach, to worship and to spend time in fellowship. During the latest visit some of the 115 scholarship students performed a variety show as a thank-you to First Church.



CONASPEH President Rev. Patrick Villier
and his wife Rev. Francoise Villier

CONASPEH Current Needs

CONASPEH changed drastically on Jan. 12, 2010 when a huge earthquake devastated Haiti. Fourteen nursing students plus three others were among the estimated 230,000 casualties when the headquarters building collapsed.

A week later, at a meeting with CONASPEH leadership, Francoise Villier reminded everyone that CONASPEH is not a building, but a philosophy, a vision made tangible, working to empower Haitians and change lives from the ground up through education, health care, skills training, and the sharing of a liberating vision for Haiti centering on equality and justice. "When we fall, we must get up again; this is what makes us strong. We must never stop working for our vision. We will rebuild. It will take a lot of work, but we will move forward because that is our service to each other and to God."

First Church will be part of this

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Because our church's initial investment in CONASPEH has born fruit far beyond our initial expectations, and because last year's fund drive allowed 118 more students to attend school, we wish to build on this success. We are asking you and your family to commit to one or more \$25 shares of support for the students of CONASPEH or its nursing program.

YES! I WANT TO SUPPORT THE HAITI EDUCATION FUND

OPTION 1: I/WE WILL BUY...	
# of \$25 Shares	Total Amount
	Total Enclosed
OPTION 2: PAYMENT PLAN...	
Amount per month	# of months
	Total Donation

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____

PLEASE RETURN BY JUNE 1.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

PLEASE USE THIS DONATION TO SUPPORT:

K-12 School

Nursing School

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