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Friends,

I am happy to report that this week, the NPC Serve Council took 2 important actions to respond to the dire crises in Haiti and Afghanistan.

1. The Serve Council designated **\$10,000 from its operating budget to help immediately with the arrival and resettlement of Afghan allies and their families here in the DC area.** This grant will go to Lutheran Social Services - National Capital Area, the primary resettlement agency for Afghans on "Special Immigrant Visas" (SIVs) coming to the DC area. This is the agency we worked with when our Kurdish/Syrian refugee family, the Zeidos, arrived. Serve Council also encourages the NPC community to [click here](#) to explore ways to personally serve incoming Afghans.
2. A special NPC offering for Haiti was given general approval by the session, and now the Serve Council decided that **the special offering for Haiti will go to Salvation Army International and to our longtime partner Foundation for Peace,** in both cases designated for Haiti relief. The Salvation Army has a longstanding presence in Haiti, and a specific plan to provide immediate assistance at 9 locations in Haiti. Foundation for Peace, our partner with operations in the Dominican Republic and Haiti is providing medical supplies and other aid through its church contacts in the Port-Salud community of Haiti. Church members are encouraged to [click here](#) selecting the fund Disaster Relief (Haiti) to make a gift for Haiti relief.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I am humbled and grateful to be part of this generous congregation.

Yours in Christ,
Donna Marsh
Executive Pastor