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April 15, 2021

Re: APPEAL FOR ST. VINCENT VOLCANO DISASTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

TO BE READ TO THE CHURCH

Reports and shocking images of the La Soufriere Volcano eruption in St. Vincent are all over the news. With over 16,000 people evacuated and another 3000 staying in 80 government shelters. The volcano is still sending clouds of ash all over the island and surrounding area, as the long term impact of this is starting to be realized. Families displaced crops and food sources affected. No casualties have been reported but millions will be needed to recover from the eruption as falling ash and pyroclastic flows have contaminated and destroyed water sources and crops. Many communities have not even received water as yet leaving many vulnerable. Immediate response is needed as well as long term support for rehabilitation.

The Ontario Conference wants to help those affected by the disaster in St. Vincent and the Grenadines in a direct way. We are counting on you to join us in this humanitarian endeavor. The Ontario Conference Administration has set aside **Sabbath, May 1, 2021**, to collect a special offering for this Appeal. Many families have been affected and need your generous support.

Please continue to pray for the people affected by the disaster in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
Blessings on you.

Yours truly,



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