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**March 5, 2017 – Lent 1(A): Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday**

Episcopal Relief & Development is an international relief and development agency and a compassionate response to human suffering on behalf of The Episcopal Church.



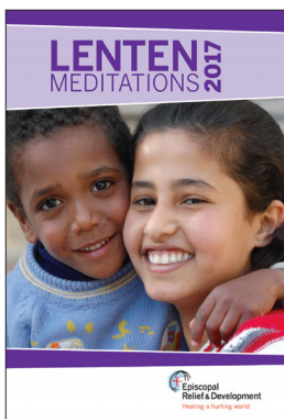
Their work to heal a hurting world is guided by the principles of compassion, dignity and generosity. Episcopal Relief & Development collaborates with local church and ecumenical partners in nearly 40 countries on longterm community development strategies.

Episcopalians across the church are invited to commemorate Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday on the first Sunday in Lent, March 5.

At the 2009 General Convention, Lent was officially designated as the time to encourage dioceses, congregations, and individuals to remember and support the life-saving work of Episcopal Relief & Development.

Join Episcopal Relief & Development today and throughout the Lenten season in praying for people fighting poverty, disaster, and disease in their communities and for those around the globe leveraging local resources and expertise to address disparity and inequality in the world.

**2017 Lenten Meditations**



Written by a collection of Episcopal Church and faith leaders and published by Forward Movement, Episcopal Relief & Development's 2017 Lenten Meditations explore how faith is fed and enriched through spiritual relationships and communities.

These Lenten meditations will deepen your faith in the risen Christ and strengthen your connection to a community that walks together with others around the world.

As we consider Jesus' life of healing and sacrifice during this Lenten season, Episcopal Relief & Development asks you to reflect on your faith and how you might take action in responding to a hurting world.

Find out more on Episcopal Relief & Development's website, [www.episcopalrelief.org/Lent](http://www.episcopalrelief.org/Lent).