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Dear Friends,

On Sunday March 14, 2010, you will have the opportunity to offer your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing. This is one of the four special offerings of the UCC that Rock Spring collects every year. It is an outstanding opportunity to contribute directly to the UCC's relief and development ministries around the world and in the US.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing:

- disaster victims quickly receive shelter, food, water, and medical supplies
- local communities develop secure sources of food and clean water
- minds and bodies grow stronger with new schools and medical clinics
- refugees receive housing and long-term help to construct new lives
- women and communities are empowered through micro-credit loans and community development opportunities.

About 90 percent of OGHS funds go directly to those in need. A substantial proportion of the funds are channeled through two organizations, Church World Service and Action by Churches Together, now called the ACT Alliance. These global ecumenical coalitions of churches have partners in both the developed and low income countries. This means that the funds leave the US as part of an internationally coordinated effort. And when the assistance arrives it is usually delivered by OGHS partners that are local faith-based organizations. So resources are more likely to meet actual local needs and to be delivered by people of faith and integrity.

Find out more about these organizations and how your gifts are used at www.ucc.org/oghs; www.churchworldservice.org and www.act-intl.org . Or send a question or comment to socialactionandmission@rockspringucc.org .

Please use the envelope enclosed or one of the envelopes to be found in the pews. Or simply make out a check to "Rock Spring Congregational UCC" and write "OGHS" in the memo line. Please give generously.

Sincerely yours

Michael Bell

Chair

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(Provisionally combining the former Boards of Social Action and Stewardship)

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