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Dear members of IARF worldwide

On behalf of the Japan Liaison Committee (JLC) of the IARF, I wish to thank you all most sincerely for the messages of condolence and solidarity that we have received since this unprecedented disaster struck north-eastern Japan (Tohoku) two days ago.

It is at times like these that we experience our common humanity most intensely, in the sympathy and compassion that extend so widely through our global networks.

Some JLC member groups have already begun assisting the national rescue effort for the disaster's victims. Every contribution, however modest, will be gratefully received either through our PayPal account or through your Chapter or regional committee. Please contact the Secretariat (hq@iarf.net) if you are able to help.

The International Secretariat office in Osaka and the Kyoto venue for the forthcoming International Council meeting and General Meeting are a thousand kilometres from the quake's epicentre, and therefore have been spared any effects. So we Japanese look forward to welcoming members of Council at month's end, notwithstanding this historic tragedy that has befallen our land...

Yours sincerely,

Most Rev. Mitsuo Miyake
President