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In his January article, Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. urges churches to participate in Special Sunday giving for Human Relations Day this Sunday, January 17.

The article was written before tragedy struck in Haiti.

Now, some churches are revising their plans to take two special offerings this Sunday - the Human Relations Day offering and a Haiti offering - while others are postponing the Special Sunday offering until later in the month in favor of taking a special offering for Haiti only, this Sunday.

Please remember that although the day before the Martin Luther King birthday observance is the *suggested* day for the Human Relations Day offering to be taken, it can be taken at another time - and the importance of this offering is undiminished by the greatness of the need in Haiti.

Please give generously to Haiti relief *and* to the Special Sunday offering, whenever it is scheduled at your church.

The Bishop's January article follows.

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