

Russian inter-religious relief group for Syria in Damascus this week



A delegation of the Inter-religious Working Group for the Aid to the Population of Syria, began its visit to Damascus this week. The group operates under the Council for Cooperation with Religious Associations, which itself is under the auspices of the Russian president's office.

Members of the delegation first attended a ceremony at a elementary school in the Barzeh district of Damascus. The school was damaged during the war in Syria and restored through the efforts of the working group.

The group is headed by Hieromonk Stefan, the secretary for inter-Christian relations of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external Church relations, with the blessing of His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia.