



United Church of Christ

Pennsylvania Southeast Conference

Our Biblical Mandate:

Carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

The mission of the **Disaster Ministries Mission Team** is to prepare congregations to deal with disaster events by providing preparedness training and acting as a communication nexus for receiving and dispersing human services referrals, volunteer relief opportunities, recovery supplies availability, and timely information on disaster management.

The **Disaster Ministries Mission Team** represents PSEC in its work with other faith-based and community organizations to constantly discover and disseminate best practices of dealing with disaster.

The responsibilities of the PSEC Disaster Ministries Mission Team are to:

- Promote the work of the Conference Disaster Ministries in the Conference, Associations and local churches.
- Develop a disaster protocols for the Conference.
- Provide training for all volunteers participating in the disaster ministries of the Conference.
- Assist in the work of the Association and Local Church Disaster Coordinators.
- Coordinate volunteer opportunities for disaster response.
- Coordinate the work of the Conference disaster ministries in cooperation with our faith-based and community partners.
- Critique the disaster ministries of the Conference.

Each Association and Local Congregation is asked to have a **Disaster Coordinator**. These position descriptions, as well as other resources, can be found on the PSEC web page under Disaster ministries. The web page also contains up-to-date resources about conference, national and international response to disaster. Visit the page often for updates.

In the United Church of Christ, the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is the primary avenue by which our response to disaster takes place. Thank you to all of the churches who have supported this work through OGHS.

Local church and Association coordinators and **Disaster Ministries Mission Team** are always needed. For more information contact any one of the team members: Rev. Karl Jones and Ms. Patricia Kutz, co-coordinators; Rev. Karen Creasy, Rev. Terri McNamara, and Mr. Curt Clifford.