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Your contributions to UCC Disaster Ministries at work January-June 2019

In January-June 2019, UCC Disaster Ministries funded disaster recovery work that touched survivors of hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, cyclones, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in 10 U.S. states and territories and nine other countries. Among them, survivors of:

- Hurricane Harvey in Texas.
- Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and displaced to Pennsylvania.
- Hurricane Florence in North Carolina.
- Floods and tornadoes in California, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma.
- Cyclones Idai and Kenneth in Mozambique.
- Flash flooding in Papua, Indonesia.
- Volcanic eruptions in Vanuatu.
- Tornadoes in Cuba.
- Dam collapse and mudslides in Brazil.
- Flooding in Sumadija and West Serbia.
- Heavy rain and wind in Tanzania.
- Earthquake in Central Luzon, Philippines.
- Drought In Pakistan.
- Cyclone Fani in India.

In January through June, UCC Disaster Ministries also disbursed \$9,500 for UCC matching grants of \$250 each to 38 congregations assembling CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets and other Kits.

UCC Disaster Ministries continues to recruit volunteer mission teams to disaster recovery work sites in Beaumont, Texas; Volusia County, Fla.; the Florida Panhandle, and Puerto Rico.

Use the link below to schedule your team.

https://www.ucc.org/disaster_disaster-volunteers

A Disaster Preparedness Workshop for Churches and Their Leaders

Saturday, September 28, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Jordan UCC, 1837 Church Road, Allentown, PA

Cost: \$15 per person (includes lunch)

To register: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/872631>

Natural disasters and other emergency situations happen every day. There are large-scale events affecting thousands, even millions, and smaller scale events that are every bit as large to those whose lives and livelihoods they touch. Many of these smaller disasters do not receive federal or even state declarations. These events do not know city limits, time of day, or the income level of those they affect. They simply occur, and while devastating and disorienting, they call us to live out our dedication to love of our neighbor - neighbor helping neighbor, stranger helping stranger.



As church leaders we should understand what we can do in the "Blue Sky Days" as well as **what to do when a specific type of event or crisis hits.**

Throughout the day we will explore:

How you can prepare your church as a building

How you can prepare your church as a community

How you can prepare your church to be ready to serve your wider community when a disaster event occurs

Leaders: Rev. Karl Jones, PNEC/PSEC Disaster Coordinator
Mr. Ken Skalitzky, UCC DM National Disaster Recovery Specialist
Tanya Hook, Community Outreach Coordinator, Lehigh County
Emergency Management
Representatives from Law Enforcement