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

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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

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