

September 29, 2019

Southeastern Pennsylvania Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION... with Ken Skalitsky



Tuesday, October 1, 2019
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Delaware County Emergency Services 911 Center
360 N. Middletown Road, Media PA 19063

You will enjoy this presentation on volunteer response and recovery operations throughout PA and the USA! Ken has decades of experience in disaster response and will provide a great perspective on the challenges and success of volunteer organizations and the services they provide.

Ken currently serves as the Disaster Recovery Specialist for United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries. He has previously served as the Emergency Management Director for Volunteer Florida, as a Voluntary Agency Liaison for FEMA, a Service Coordinator for the American Red Cross, and more.

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Neighbors in Need Offering

Most UCC congregations will receive the **Neighbors in Need (NIN)** offering on **October 6, 2019** as part of their World Communion Sunday observance. What is **Neighbors in Need?**

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a



special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness

Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Read just one of the examples of how our NIN funds are used:

Hope Station Nogales to provide reverse sanctuary to deportees in Mexico

A United Church of Christ sanctuary church offering immigrants refuge in the Arizona borderlands will soon be offering a place of hospitality, support and hope on the Mexican side of the border for people who find themselves deported from the United States. The Shadow Rock UCC Sanctuary Action Team and the Rev. Ken Heintzleman, in an extension of the spirit and intent of their ministry of sanctuary in Phoenix, are in the process of establishing Hope Station Nogales, in Sonora, Mexico.



The thought is Hope Station, which was funded in part by a \$10,000 grant from Neighbors in Need, can be a place of transition, a place where people who are deported but have family in the U.S. can find a meal, safe lodging and assistance.