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10 Ways UCC Disaster Ministries Supports Recovery

- 1. Grants** - Solidarity Grants to UCC Congregations, Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) Seed Grants and Recovery Grants. Get link from UCC Disaster Ministries (contact below) to apply online-for \$3,000, \$5,000 or \$7,000 to \$20,000 based on funds raised.
- 2. Volunteer Team Coordination** - Working with partners, Global H.O.P.E.'s Disaster Ministries and Volunteer Ministries-help to offer mission trip worksite options for volunteers.
- 3. PNS - Partner in Service Deployment** - Request a PNS longer-term skilled volunteer to support volunteer management, construction management, LTRG staff roles and/or Emotional & Spiritual Care.
- 4. Participation in LTRG Meetings** - Assisting a local UCC leader to serve on the Long-Term Recovery Group as UCC Disaster Ministries' representative and provide a link to Disaster Ministries Resources.
- 5. Matching Grants for Clean-up Buckets and Kits** - UCC Disaster Ministries offers \$250 matching grants to UCCs that are assembling Kits and Clean-up Buckets for disaster-affected areas in partnership with Church World Service and helps to deploy those resources.
- 6. Tool Trailers** - As needed for the rebuilding effort. There are nine Tool Trailers across the East Coast that can be requested directly from the Conference Disaster Coordinators in the Heartland, Pennsylvania, Florida and New York Conferences and some equipment in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference.
- 7. Emotional and Spiritual Care Workshop** - This is offered by the Rev. Fred Meade. Cost is \$500 and could be paid by the LTRG, UCC Conference if funds are available or UCC national if needed.

8. Trauma Retreat for Pastors - This is offered by the Rev. Martha Jacobs and can be held virtually but would be better in person. Ideally, the LTRG, UCC Conference, UCC Association and/or a local UCC Church will sponsor, host and/or provide logistics. Cost varies depending on the event, could be paid by the LTRG, Local UCC Congregation, UCC Conference and/or UCC National.

9. Congregational Preparedness - Join the national effort to be a Ready Congregation, identify a Point of Contact as the Congregation's Disaster Coordinator and identify the ways your congregation can serve in times of disaster. Resources include A Disaster Preparedness Manual for Churches.

10. Conference Disaster Coordinator and/or Team Member - Support and Guidance - Subject Matter Expert in Disaster Recovery serves as a Volunteer for the UCC Conference and provides coordination among the churches and disaster-impacted communities.

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Support Disaster Work at Surfside Building Collapse in Miami

Any churches and individuals who want to support the UCC response to the building collapse in Miami, please be aware that the UCC is working with the Miami long-term recovery committee (FRIEND) in serving those who have been affected by the collapse. The UCC is seeking funds so we can make grants to support this effort. To make a gift online go to ucc.org/general-donation/. In the fund drop down select Emergency USA. In the designation box you can write Building Collapse in Miami. Complete the rest of the form.

Or, you may make a gift by mailing a check made payable to the United Church of Christ, to 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. Please be sure to note Emergency USA - Miami Response on your check in the memo section and/or in an attached letter.