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## High Five for Disaster Relief Exceeds Goal

The Susquehanna Area Mission Council extends deep thanks to all who participated in the High Five for Disaster Relief campaign. We began this project with a goal of \$5,000 for the two eastern Pennsylvania conferences. We collected a grand total of \$9,191.49, nearly doubling our goal, with \$3,711.96 donated to the campaign (or directly to current projects) by the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference.

Some of the PSEC funds have already been spent. They have provided seed funding for a car for a family in Berks County that lost its vehicle in Hurricane Ida. This family's children need to be transported regularly to Philadelphia for medical treatment, so a car is a life-giving necessity. Other PSEC funds have helped resolve life safety issues in a home in the Eastwick project of Philadelphia.

The PNEC funds are standing by to meet similar needs in that Conference. Previous funding there has assisted with storm-related damage to homes as well as provided heat and hot water for homes following Tropical Storm Isaias.

Because of the generosity of our churches, we are positioned to meet both current and future needs in both Conferences, allowing us to reach out in the love of Christ to those who are suffering.

Thank you again.



## From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Turn It Off

Most of us are closely watching the invasion of Ukraine over the past weeks with horror and disbelief. We see the images of people suffering, children killed, whole towns leveled. We also hear and see the chaos and polarization in our world, our country and sometimes our own families and churches. It would be wonderful to just turn it all off and walk away. But we can't.

How do you deal with all the stress, feelings of helplessness, sense of despair? Do you turn to the love and comfort of a God who has promised never to desert you? Or do you turn to a substance that can numb the pain, fear and despair? What do you do if you have never been taught about Jesus who suffered himself and so understands our human pain? What if you have never been inside a church? What if you never had a loving church community that supports you and accepts you no matter where you are on life's journey?

We need to do a better job of reaching out to those who need the church. We need to be the answer to the question, "Where can I turn?" Please see the resources on the PSEC Addiction and Recovery work group's webpage and plan to attend the workshop on May 11 Changing the Way Church Views Addiction. (Go to PSEC.org and click the calendar under Events & News and click on May 11th for more information.)



## Churches!! Share your Classified Ads and Local Church Events

Churches, are you aware there is a section of the PSEC website (psec.org) that is for Churches to place classified ads and promote their church activities?

Bring more people to your advents, by sharing them!

Classified ads can be listed at <https://psec.org/submit-classified-ad/>

Local church events can be advertised at:

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