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Trending Business Concerns for Ministries: What Churches Need to Know

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**Featuring: Heather E. Kimmel, General Counsel of the
United Church of Christ**

Misclassification of workers, including ministers, as independent contractors when they are legally employees may result in financial liability to churches as well as unfairness to employees. Understanding the difference between an employee and an independent contractor is key to reducing this risk.

Allowing community groups to utilize your facility may further your church's mission as well as offset some of the costs of operating your church. Good stewards of church assets will consider the legal and financial risks associated with a third party's use of the church property when establishing or revising the church's facilities use policy.

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Buckets for Florida

Several years ago, Zion Blue Mountain UCC volunteered to be a drop off point for clean-up buckets. They also responded to disaster events in northern Berks County and in Schuylkill County. In the process they forged a partnership with the Salvation Army. As a result, Pastor Jason Stump and Zion Blue Mountain were able to respond to our request for help to send clean-up buckets to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg for deployment to Florida. Pastor Stump recruited the help of The Wellness Center for Pets & Their People, which is an educational center providing alternative, holistic therapies integrating body, mind and spirit for pets and their human companions.



Pastor Stump and Zion Blue Mountain provide a model of how to partner with community organizations to achieve a common good, both in our communities and in a wider response. In all, 45 clean-up buckets were provided to Mission Center for transport to Florida. The value of these buckets is \$3,375.

The remaining challenge for us is:

We need to replace the buckets that were sent to Mission Central (and the ones we are projecting to send to either Mission Central and CWS). Please keep putting them together. For information on how to do that go to <https://psec.org/resources/drop-off-locations-for-church-world-service-buckets-kits/>. Remember a \$250 mini-grant is available from the national setting of the UCC.



We would like to move another 60-70 buckets and 50 hygiene kits. This time from the Souderton/Perkasie area. However, we need help to (a) provide transportation and (b) help to take them from their storage areas at our churches and load the van or truck.

If you can help, please contact our Disaster Coordinator, Karl Jones, at kjones275@comcast.net.