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## California Wildfires: Ways to Donate and Support

Two weeks ago, on Jan. 7, wildfire activity began in Los Angeles County. We've seen reports of unprecedented damage and at least 23 people were killed. Since the onset of this disaster, the UCC's Global HOPE team has communicated with the Southern California and Nevada Conference Minister. Fires destroyed the Altadena Community Church, United Church of Christ.

The Global HOPE team is helping to connect Southern California and Nevada Conference staff, churches, and others affected by the wildfires with immediate resources while also preparing to support long-term recovery efforts. As we continue to pray for and support those who experienced unimaginable loss, we invite you to support the UCC's recovery efforts by [donating](#) to the UCC's California Wildfires 2025 Appeal. Your gifts will support the community's immediate needs and long-term recovery efforts. You can mail a check to PSEC with "California Wildfires" indicated in the memo and on your church's remittance sheet.

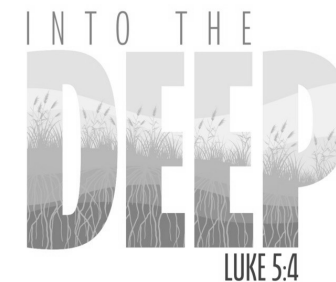
You may also act by assembling Hygiene Kits and Cleanup Buckets. UCC congregations interested in assembling hygiene kits and cleanup buckets are eligible for a [matching grant through the Global HOPE office](#). Please note that the contents of buckets and kits has recently changed; you can find the current list by going to <https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/>.



No time to assemble kits? No problem! Make an impact to the lives of others by donating directly to the CWS Kits and Blanket Program ( <https://cwskits.org/donate/> ) !



## General Synod 2025 — July 11-15, 2025



Every two years, General Synod brings together faithful members of the United Church of Christ for inspirational worship, fellowship with friends (old and new), and public witness including through engagement with the business of the church.

July 11-15, 2025, we are excited to welcome thousands from across the country for General Synod 35 in Kansas City, Missouri – the barbecue capitol. Together, we will discern resolutions of witness, church structure, and function. We will celebrate our faith. And we will join in spirit-filled worship each day.

Please bookmark [generalsynod.org](https://generalsynod.org) and check back frequently for updates around registration, keynote speakers, workshops, resolutions, travel, lodging accommodations, and much more.