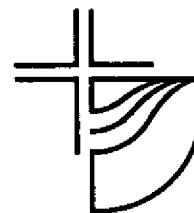


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Church of the Brethren

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAM

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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Church of the Brethren is organized in 23 districts within the United States and has a Disaster Response Coordinator in each district who is responsible for recruiting volunteers for disaster response. Churches within each district are encouraged to appoint local church coordinators who mobilize the church for disaster response as the need arises.

The Church of the Brethren Disaster Response Program has volunteers available for debris removal, repair work and long-term rebuilding for individuals and families who are affected by disaster. Priority is given to low-income persons, the elderly, and others whose homes were uninsured or underinsured.

Another ministry available to disaster-affected communities is Cooperative Disaster Child Care, which provides trained volunteers to establish child-care centers following major disasters. Resource persons are available to community agencies and educational institutions concerning the impact of disasters on children.

The availability of volunteers and the strength of the response may vary according to geographical locations, due to the higher concentration of Church of the Brethren congregations in some areas than in others.

In certain incidents, funds have been provided to assist local disaster response agencies with administrative costs. The primary contribution, however, remains the work of the volunteers.

All requests for volunteers and funds should be directed to the Director's office in New Windsor, Maryland.

THE PRESIDING BISHOP'S FUND



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The Episcopal Church

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The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief is the official channel of the Episcopal Church for responding to human need around the world. The Board of Directors awards grants which respond to relief, rehabilitation and development needs.

DISASTER PROCEDURES:

1. Immediate communication shall be established with the Episcopal bishop(s) in the area.
2. An emergency grant may be requested by the bishop in writing, not to exceed \$25,000.
3. Volunteers shall be directed to the appropriate agency coordinating work/services such as mud-out, debris removal and rebuilding.
4. Pastoral care may be provided by local clergy.
5. Facilities may be available through the local diocese/parish for sleeping, feeding, meeting, and office needs.

As response is local, supported by the diocese and parishes, as well as by The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, it is operational long after relief programs are completed. If possible response continues until all needs are met.

FUNDING CRITERIA FOR RECOVERY RESPONSE:

Applications shall have the approval of the local Episcopal bishop and will go through the granting process.

The response organization must be able to respond quickly and efficiently, be willing and able to coordinate with other responding agencies, and distribute supplies in accordance with need only.

Rehabilitation response assists activities seeking to normalize life patterns after a disaster, while establishing a basis for subsequent development.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT:

A statement of receipt of funds and completed accounting forms with receipts must be supplied at the end of one year or before, should the disaster response program be completed.

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INTER-LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

Inter-Lutheran Disaster Response

Inter-Lutheran Disaster Response is a cooperative ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It assists synods, districts, congregations and social ministry organizations in responding to emergency needs following a disaster. Response may include distribution of food and other emergency supplies, recruitment and assignment of volunteers, provision of pastoral counselling and care, and rebuilding of damaged homes. Relief efforts are generally managed by a Lutheran social ministry organization in or near the impacted area. Trained consultants are available to help organize the response ministry.

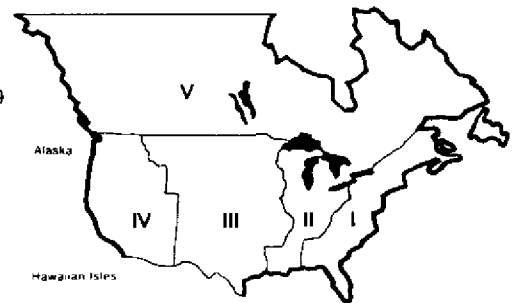
Mennonite Disaster Service

21 South 12th Street, P.O. Box 500 Akron, PA 17501
Phone (717) 859-3889

INFORMATION SHEET

Organizational Structure

Four regions in the United States, one in Canada
Number of local units: 49



The local unit has the primary responsibility to represent MDS in a disaster response within its geographic boundaries, calling for and accepting help from the regional director, other units, and the binational office as needed. Each unit has a network of congregational contact persons throughout the Mennonite, Brethren in Christ, and related churches who communicate the need for volunteers throughout the constituency of 325,000 members in North America. The MDS regional and binational offices are organized to assist and support the units in the effective operation of disaster recovery programs. Names, addresses and phone numbers of regional, state or local unit leaders can be obtained by calling the office in Akron.

Disaster Program

The Mennonite, Brethren in Christ, and related Anabaptist constituent churches in keeping with their Biblical and Christian service theology, respond through MDS to help meet the needs of disaster victims. Special emphasis will be placed on helping those least able to help themselves such as the elderly, handicapped, widowed, etc. Although the major thrust of our traditional disaster assistance is in the areas of post disaster cleanup and building repair, MDS personnel are willing to expand their areas of involvement where there is a need and when a sufficient number of volunteers are available.

Mennonite Disaster Service workers are volunteers who serve without pay. They carry out their disaster assistance activities, supported by the larger regional and binational network, in a spirit of cooperation with the various agencies of the government and other volunteer disaster service organizations.

The major contribution of Mennonite Disaster Service to most disaster situations will be supplying volunteer personnel for cleanup, repair, and rebuild operations. In most cases the MDS organization will not provide resources for housing materials, anticipating that these will come from other resources. MDS will require no fees for services provided, although support via Red Cross, local Interfaiths, etc. for food and housing for volunteer support is usually welcomed and appreciated.

While not a denomination or member of NCCC, the Mennonite Disaster Service representing a broad spectrum of Mennonite/Anabaptist groups participates on the CWS Disaster Response Committee at the national level to encourage cooperation for the benefit of all. MDS encourages and participates in interfaith coordinated response efforts whenever possible in disaster response programs.

MDS Binational Staff

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A Christian inter-Mennonite response to victims of disaster





WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES DIVISION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICE

May, 1994

A ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING MINISTRY

The Presbyterian Church (USA) responds to disasters in cooperation with and through the coordination of its Presbyterian World Service program (in the Worldwide Ministries Division). The staff contact is:

Rev. Daniel Rift, Coordinator
Presbyterian World Service
Presbyterian Church (USA)
100 Witherspoon Street
Louisville, KY 40202
phone: (502) 569-5839 fax: (502) 569- 5018

In addition to providing support toward the core budget of Church World Service and Witness and the CWS Disaster Response Program, The PC(USA) works cooperatively with CWS in providing volunteers to serve as disaster consultants. We look to the CWS disaster consultant as a facilitator in convening the interfaith and interreligious community in response to a disaster. On a local level, many Presbyterians provide volunteer and material assistance. National support is usually in the form of financial grants to church-based or interfaith relief efforts.

A portion of the church's One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is set aside to respond in situations where disasters create a need requiring provision of resources that are beyond the ability of the local or regional church community. Ordinarily a request for funding should be made to the Presbytery in which the response is occurring. They will forward that request to Presbyterian World Service with their recommendation. Requests by interfaith response organizations should be consistent with budgets sent to CWS. (Please contact Presbyterian World Service if you are uncertain of the appropriate Presbytery contact person).

The information below is a portion of the guidelines for the Presbyterian World Service Program.

GENERAL PRIORITIES

The project shall promote Christ's ministry and witness ... and shall be consistent with or in response to (the PC(USA)) General Assembly policies.

Priority shall be given to projects which:

- a) involve the community of need in decision-making and leadership;
- b) demonstrate partnership with Presbyterian congregations, presbyteries or synods;
- c) have ecumenical involvement and support.

PRIORITIES SPECIFIC TO DISASTER RESPONSE:

- 1) Programs designed by those closest to the disaster as they have identified their needs;
- 2) Programs involving citizens of the community affected by the disaster in all aspects of the program including leadership;
- 3) Ecumenical and interfaith efforts;
- 4) Programs addressing those persons whose basic needs have not been met by other relief and assistance agencies, including pastoral counseling;
- 5) Efforts that link material assistance with volunteer labor.



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The Progressive National Baptist Convention works closely with the Church World Service Disaster Response Office of the National Council of Churches, participating on the Disaster Response Committee and channeling funds through the Committee to areas affected by hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters in the United States. PNBC has a general fund into which constituent members contribute in order to have a rapid response.

Various appeals are sent out for specific events and these are usually directed toward state (PNBC) conventions for local distribution. There is one PNBC consultant, coordinating relief efforts in Southern Florida.



Reformed Church in America

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA DISASTER RESPONSE

As a part of the "One Body in Christ", the Reformed Church in America (RCA) participates in the Church World Service Disaster Response Committee at the national level, in attempt to coordinate and cooperate with others for the benefit of the survivors of disasters, to the glory of God.

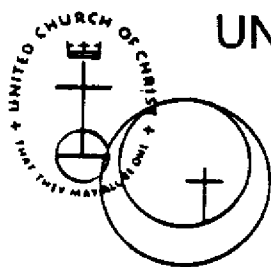
When disaster strikes, the RCA encourages its local churches to join other churches and religious groups of the community in the planning of a coordinated interfaith disaster response program appropriate to the needs and particular culture of the affected area.

When disaster strikes, whether it be a major, "declared" disaster or a localized, undeclared disaster in a community in which there is a Reformed Church presence, the RCA strives to inform the denomination of the extent and effect of the damage and ways in which RCA members can be of assistance.

RCA members may respond by volunteering their time and energy to personally assist in assessment, cleanup, child care, advocacy and repair work; by offering financial support for the disaster response efforts; and by preparing and sending appropriate, requested material gifts such as health kits, blankets, etc. Funds received by Reformed Church World Service for disaster response are channeled through partnership organizations such as Church World Service, and at times are sent directly to appropriate local disaster interfaith committees, or RCA churches in an affected community. Augmenting this, RCA congregational-based work groups serving in disaster stricken areas make a financial donation per person to the local disaster interfaith committee for its discretionary use in carrying on the response work.

In addition to funds given to RCWS which are designated for specific disasters, the Reformed Church in America continues to include an emergency-disaster contingency amount in its annual General Synod Council Mission budget. These funds provide the RCA with the ability to respond world-wide to disasters and emergencies toward which small or no designated gifts are received.

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United Church of Christ Board for World Ministries Disaster Response Program

The people of the United Church of Christ are moved to compassion when they learn of emergency situations both at home and around the world. They seek out those persons who have been affected by natural and human-caused disaster, to serve them in their need and to be present in their struggles.

The United Church Board for World Ministries is recognized by the constitution of the United Church of Christ as *"the Instrumentality...for the planning and conduct of its program...of emergency relief anywhere"* (Article VIII, paragraph 51). The UCBWM Office for Global Sharing of Resources carries out this mandate, for both national and overseas disasters, as a continuation of the distinguished history of disaster response by its predecessor agencies and as an expression of its historic relationship with Church World Service.

The UCBWM Disaster Response Program is the coordinated effort of individuals, congregations, conferences and the denomination at large, to minister in times and situations of emergency. This program is made possible by a portion of the all-church offering, **One Great Hour of Sharing**, and by specially designated and directed gifts.

UCBWM Disaster Program Guidelines

- UCBWM sponsored relief activities apply to all persons, regardless of race, color, creed, ethnic origin or economic status; special concern must be shown to the impoverished and disenfranchised
- Persons and groups most affected within the disaster area are central to relief efforts and must have final decision making responsibilities for recovery
- UCBWM disaster response efforts focus on unmet needs of persons and long-term recovery, avoiding duplication of other relief agencies
- The UCBWM is committed to respond to and prepare for disasters with the ecumenical community and through the network of interfaith organizations

Ecumenical Commitments

As *One Body in Christ* the United Church of Christ participates on the Church World Service Disaster Response Committee at the national level to coordinate and cooperate for the benefit of the survivors of disaster as an expression of faith in God.

The benefit of a coordinated response to those in need is greater than the sum of the response of each of its individual congregations. When major disaster strikes, we encourage local churches to join with other churches and religious groups in the community to plan a coordinated interfaith disaster response program. This would enable us to:

- Provide financial support of the CWS Disaster Response Office's core budget
- Undergird a fair share of the disaster appeals from Church World Service
- Recruit volunteers for CWS disaster resource consultant's training, giving special emphasis to those volunteers from ethnic and racial groups which would enhance the diversity of our disaster response efforts and to reimburse on-site expenses for trained CWS disaster consultants
- Recruit volunteers for the Cooperative Disaster Childcare Program and to reimburse on-site expenses for certified consultants
- Provide coordination for volunteer disaster recovery efforts

The Funding Process and Criteria

When a disaster strikes within the United States, the primary contact of UCBWM staff is with United Church of Christ Conference Ministers in the area or areas affected by the disaster. The UCBWM relies on conference staff for information about the impact of the disaster on local communities and any specific UCC damages or loss.

An initial financial grant is available to assist conferences to react immediately to the disaster in the form of emergency assistance to local congregations, to enable a local interfaith organization or other response activities determined by the Conference Minister. Local interfaith organizations engaged in relief and recovery efforts should direct their appeals for financial support to the UCC Conference in which they are located. The same is true for local UCC congregations. The UCBWM will not respond to a request for financial assistance following a disaster from an individual, a congregation or an interfaith organization without the endorsement of the UCC Conference in which the disaster has occurred.

If there are specific unmet needs of which local UCC congregations and/or conference staff are aware, they may contact the UCBWM Office for Global Sharing of Resources for additional direct assistance.

A portion of money received from the all-church offering, **One Great Hour of Sharing**, is budgeted for the Reserve for Unforeseen Emergency Needs (RUEN). Initial grants for any emergency are first taken from RUEN. Such grants are subject to the criteria used for all OGH monies and principally exclude:

- projects calling for building funds, land or vehicle purchases unless it is clearly demonstrated that there is no other way to meet related human needs
- projects involving duplication of efforts
- projects involving public policy issues
- projects of a research nature
- recovery efforts which do not take into consideration long-term needs

When large-scale disasters occur, available RUEN monies can be quickly diminished and in such situations, designated and directed gifts must undergird long-term recovery needs. Monies received by the UCBWM designated for any specific disaster are deposited into a Memo Post account established for that disaster. Designated gifts for disaster response are generally subject to the same criteria as RUEN monies. However, in cases of national disaster response, directed gifts may be appropriately used for emergency repair and rebuilding of UCC churches.

When disaster occurs outside of the United States, the UCBWM relies primarily upon Church World Service for information and to serve as a channel for UCBWM assistance. As a rule of thumb, UCC participation in CWS Disaster Appeals will be approximately ten percent, based on the availability of RUEN and likely designated gifts. All such gifts will be passed on fully, no administration or management charge will be levied against the account. Gifts directed for a particular disaster are disbursed 100% for that disaster.

Response is also made to appeals from recognized partner churches and church-related agencies of the UCBWM for emergency grants. No request for assistance from an individual, a local congregation or other agency will be responded to without the endorsement of the recognized partner church/agency in the country where the disaster occurs. Should one of the UCBWM's overseas partners make a direct appeal, the amount will be determined in consultation with the relevant Area Executive.



The United Methodist Church affirms that a disaster belongs to the people in the affected area, therefore, its response program is a cooperative effort between United Methodist Committee on Relief, National Division, the Annual Conference Disaster Response Committee and United Methodist Churches in the affected area.

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) works with Disaster Response Coordinators in the Annual Conference in training and building a response network. In times of disaster, it serves as a resource to the Conference committee in funding, material aid and personnel as needed. The personnel are from Church and Community Ministries program of National Division or an UMCOR Volunteer pool.

The Conference Disaster Response Committee is a resource and communications channel, helping churches in the affected area or areas to organize to meet human need and to make sure that all in need are included without regard to size of disaster, race, denomination, etc. It cooperates with other agencies and denominations in doing so.

The local churches in the affected area(s), through an interdenominational committee which they help to form, or if this is impossible, through a United Methodist committee, work toward meeting the following needs:

Spiritual — dealing with questions of life, death eternal, hope, why me or why not me, values, etc.

Emotional — the caring presence, need for emotional support, re-establishing a sense of community. Scars from spiritual and emotional needs are felt long after material needs are met. Emphasis on children/youth as well as adults in spiritual and emotional needs.

Volunteers — at every stage, from transportation and information concerning aid to mud-out and rebuilding for those whose homes could not otherwise be replaced.

Facilities — sleeping space, office space, meeting rooms are all needed by church and other response groups.

Funding — an estimated 10% of human needs of victims fall between the cracks in guidelines by other agencies. Funds also needed to help with communication available aid, coordination of volunteers, etc.

As this is a local response, supported by the Conference committee and by UMCOR, the program is operational long after relief programs are gone, and hopefully until all needs have been met.

For any information concerning a specific disaster, contact the Disaster Response Coordinator of that Annual Conference. For general information, phone numbers of the various coordinators, etc., contact UMCOR Disaster Response Officer, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115. Phone 212/870-3809 or Disaster Network Manager 615/521-6027.

Acronyms and Terms

ARRL — The American Radio Relay League, Inc.

ABC — American Baptist Churches

ACS — Adventist Community Services

AECC — American Evangelical Christian Church

AME — African Methodist Episcopal Church

AMEZ — African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

ARC — American Red Cross

CDCC — Cooperative Disaster Child Care Program

COB — Church of the Brethren

CRWRC — Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

CWS — Church World Service, Inc.

Relief and development arm of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

DAC — Disaster Application Center/One Stop Center

These terms are used interchangeably. DAC is the common term for a large facility with tables and chairs for those that are affected by disaster and the interviewer where needs and application for benefits are conducted. Many agencies will be represented here. Sometimes the Red Cross assistance center is in the same building with FEMA.

DFO — FEMA Disaster Field Office

DRC — Church World Service Disaster Resource Consultant

DWI — Disaster Welfare Inquiry

Is operated by the Red Cross and usually in cooperation with REACT. If you have family in the affected area and can not be reached, the local Red Cross chapter can be given information, and they will make inquiry as to family situation or have the family call back.

ELCA — Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

FEMA — Federal Emergency Management Agency

The Governor of the state makes a request to the President of the United States, and, if approved, a declaration is made. FEMA staff will move into the disaster area and set up a DAC.

IFG — Individual Family Grant

Provides grants if they do not qualify for a SBA loan.

MDS — Mennonite Disaster Service**Mass Care and Feeding —**

The Red Cross uses local volunteers to set up shelters and feeding stations for evacuees and volunteers working immediately after the impact.

NCCC — National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.**NVOAD — National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster**

National organization of agencies working in disaster response. The purpose: cooperation, coordination, communication, education, mitigation, and convening mechanisms. Following is a list of members as of 1994:

Adventist Community Services
American Red Cross (**ARC**)
American Radio Relay League, Inc. (**ARRL**)
American Evangelical Christian Church (**AECC**)
Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (**AMURT**)
Catholic Charities USA
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (**CRWRC**)
Church of the Brethren (**COB**)
Church World Service (**CWS**)
The Episcopal Church
Friends Disaster Service
Inter-Lutheran Disaster Response
Mennonite Disaster Service
National Organization for Victim Assistance
Nazarene Disaster Response
Phoenix Society
Points of Light Foundation
Presbyterian Church (USA)
React International, Inc.
The Salvation Army
Second Harvest: the National Food Bank Network
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Southern Baptist Convention (**SBC**)
United Methodist Committee on Relief (**UMCOR**)
Volunteers of America
World Vision
Federal Emergency Management Agency (**FEMA**) Ex-Officio
Volunteers in Technical Assistance (**VITA**) Affiliate
International Association of Jewish Vocational Agencies Affiliate

PNBC — Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

RCA — Reformed Church in America

REACT — Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams

RED CROSS ASSISTANCE CENTER —

Facility operated by the Red Cross to provide immediate emergency provisions for survivors. Disbursement orders are written for the merchant of their choice which provides food, clothing, furniture, tools, and medicine. The amount is determined by a scale depending on the number of members within a family.

RED CROSS SHELTER —

Temporary housing established by Red Cross usually in schools, community buildings, churches, or other large buildings near the disaster site.

SA — Salvation Army

SBA — Small Business Administration

Is one of the agencies in the DAC. It provides loans at lower than market rates.

SBC — Southern Baptist Convention

SDA — Seventh-Day Adventist

UCBWM — United Church Board for World Ministries

(United Church of Christ)

UCC — United Church of Christ

UMC — United Methodist Church

UMCOR — United Methodist Committee on Relief

VOAD - Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters

State, Territory or regional groups of NVOAD

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Church World Service staff in New York monitors disasters, responds in partnership with state/territory councils of churches, and assists in publicizing needs.

Please give generously to help disaster survivors begin new lives. Send your contribution through your church or to:

Church World Service
P.O. Box 968
Elkhart, IN 46515

Unlike most disaster response organizations, 100 percent all of disaster-designated contributions through your church to Church World Service go to help the long-term recovery of disaster survivors.

Call the Church World Service Disaster Hotline: 1-800-456-1310.
For credit card contributions, call 1-800-762-0968.

Thank you.