

Church World Service Constituent Communions

African Methodist Episcopal Church African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church American Baptist Churches USA The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America Armenian Church of America (including Diocese of California) Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Church of the Brethren The Coptic Orthodox Church in North America The Episcopal Church Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Friends United Meeting Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America Hungarian Reformed Church in America International Council of Community Churches Korean Presbyterian Church in America Moravian Church in America National Baptist Convention of America National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. Orthodox Church in America Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Polish National Catholic Church of America Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. Reformed Church in America Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. and Canada The Swedenborgian Church Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch Ukrainian Orthodox Church in America United Church of Christ The United Methodist Church

Affiliated Organizations

American Bible Society
American Leprosy Mission
Church Women United
Heifer Project International
Lutheran World Relief
Ludhiana Christian Medical College Board
Mennonite Central Committee
Seventh-day Adventist
Young Men's Christian Association
Young Women's Christian Association

Disaster Response Committee

Adventist Community Service African Methodist Episcopal Church African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church American Baptist Churches USA American Evangelical Christian Church General Conference Catholic Charities USA Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Christian Reformed World Relief Committee Church of the Brethren The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Reorganized) The Episcopal Church Friends Disaster Service Inter-Lutheran Disaster Response Korean Presbyterian Church in America Mennonite Disaster Service Presbyterian Church (USA) Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. Reformed Church in America The Salvation Army Southern Baptist Convention United Church of Christ/United Church Board for World Ministries The United Methodist Church/United Methodist Committee on Relief

Non-Church World Service-Related Congregations

As a member of a religious organization, you are cordially invited to coordinate disaster response and other activities with others in the community of faith. Participation by all faith groups in disaster response is eagerly sought to achieve the highest degree of communication and cooperation for the most efficient and effective assistance to those in need. Full participation is respectfully and warmly encouraged in this covenanting relationship and can be worked out in accord with polity and without incurring any responsibility to



Participation by all faith groups assures that everyone in the community will receive assistance.



God, who turned chaos to creation and wilderness to community, turns disaster into opportunity through people of faith.

any one religious body, Church World Service, or the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Councils of Churches: State/Territory/Regional/National/World

Although Church World Service and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. do not have formal relationships with other councils or ecumenical/interfaith bodies at any level, program coordination is beneficial to survivors of disasters.

NVOAD and VOADs

Church World Service is a member of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) and the Church World Service volunteer Disaster Resource Consultants are members of the state Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) in states or U.S. territories where they reside and volunteer. Although not operational in disaster, state VOADs are chartered by NVOAD to convene meetings in (nondisaster) times to create a climate for cooperation and coordination, to disseminate information, provide education and outreach, and support mitigation efforts. When disaster occurs, each NVOAD and VOAD member responds according to his or her own organization's operational program.

American Red Cross and Federal Emergency Management Agency

You and your church are vital links in coordinated ministry to people in need. National agreements are held by Church World Service with the American Red Cross (ARC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to work together to coordinate response efforts at both the national and local level. (See agreements in Appendix).