

# Eye of the Storm: Disaster Response in the US



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**In the wake of the most turbulent storms UMCOR responds, rebuilds, walks with survivors and stays until the job is done.** United Methodists have a reputation for staying until the job is done in some of the most challenging disaster situations in the US. Through its humanitarian aid and disaster relief agency, UMCOR, the church responds to domestic catastrophes such as hurricanes, tornadoes and fires, as well as disasters of human origin.

- **Early response.** UMCOR calls for flood buckets and other relief supplies and responds to invitations from bishops of affected regions to provide emergency grants and planning for long-term assistance.
- **Trained disaster workers respond.** Through local United Methodist churches and trained disaster response workers, UMCOR provides immediate relief.
- **Looking ahead to long-term recovery.** UMCOR's main focus in any disaster is the long rebuilding process. Recovery from some devastating storms may take up to five years or more—well after the media have stopped paying attention.

**Through your donations UMCOR is delivering hope and making real the presence of Christ in disasters on behalf of all United Methodists.**

**Your simple gifts of cash bring hope in these ways:**

- \$5.00** Provide a warm dry blanket for someone whose home is flooded after a hurricane.
- \$45.00** Underwrite one bucket of cleanup supplies.
- \$100.00** Support trauma counseling for a family who lost everything.
- \$500.00** Buy building materials to repair an uninsured home.

In all projects UMCOR seeks the involvement of community and religious leaders. This ensures a holistic and integrated response, true to Christ's mandate to serve heart, mind, spirit, and body. Please consider supporting such ministries today with your gift.

## How to Give

Your contributions to **UMCOR Advance #901670, Domestic Disaster Response**, will enable UMCOR to respond effectively and quickly. Write the # and name of the project on your offering envelope and in the memo line of your check.

- Offering** For local church and Annual Conference credit, put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday.
- Check** Make your check to **UMCOR** and send to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087.
- Credit Card** Call toll-free (800) 554-8583



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