



### **Melissa Crutchfield**

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"I am honored to have the opportunity to work with UMCOR," says Melissa Crutchfield. "It allows me to share my passions of working with international communities and diverse groups of people to help those in their hour of greatest need. Even during the darkest of times, I have had the opportunity to witness first hand the generosity and compassion of people worldwide, banning together to alleviate human suffering."

Melissa Crutchfield is the Assistant General Secretary for International Disaster Response for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). She is responsible for coordinating UMCOR's emergency response globally, focusing on regions in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America. She works closely with local partners and United Methodist members, clergy and congregations to provide relief for those in need in the wake of disasters.

Prior to joining UMCOR, Ms. Crutchfield worked with the Academy for Educational Development (AED) and Aurora Associates International on several USAID-sponsored scholarship programs for children in Sub-Saharan Africa and young adults in the West Bank and Gaza. Prior to this, Ms. Crutchfield worked with the International Refugee Committee (IRC) monitoring and evaluating girls' and adult refugee education programs in refugee camps and communities in Guinea.

Ms. Crutchfield has a Masters Degree in International Training and Education, with a focus on gender in development and education in emergencies, from the American University in Washington, DC. She also holds a BA in French from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Tex. Ms. Crutchfield has lived and worked in 12 countries and is a lifetime United Methodist.