



The United Methodist Church responds when disasters strike.

Responding to Hurricane Harvey

Texas and Louisiana has been hit by Hurricane Harvey. We are asking people of faith to pray for those in the path of the storm. UMCOR is actively preparing to provide assistance to those who need it most. Please remember that individual shipments of supplies are not helpful during the early stages of shelter and early relief. There will be significant long term needs caused by this major event.

If you wish to make a financial contribution to the relief efforts, you can donate by writing a check to your local UMC designating the fund below to which you wish to make your donation:

- Fund 901670 UMCOR US Disaster Response
- Fund EOC 1310 "UMCOR Hurricane Recovery 2017"
- Give directly to the [Texas Annual Conference](#)
- Give directly to the [Louisiana Annual Conference](#)

We also ask for support of efforts in building inventories of relief supplies. These are disbursed from storage locations in truck loads then replenished by your donations. At this time, we are in need of hygiene kits and cleaning buckets. With many potentially suffering damage to their homes from flood waters, our greatest need, is cleaning buckets. Kits can be sent directly to Sager Brown, Depot West or delivered to an affiliate warehouse nearest you. [For more information.](#) Thank you all for your support.

News Sierra Leone Mudslide

[Massive flooding and mudslides in Freetown, Sierra Leone](#) killed hundreds of people on August 14, 2017.

"Our hearts go to families and all those who survived the disaster. We stand by them and support them with our prayers, presence and assistance to help them go through this period of pain, trauma and grief with dignity." Bishop John Yambasu said in [a statement](#) to his ministry partners in the East Ohio Conference.

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Those wishing to make a financial donation

- [Fund 982450](#) – UMCOR International Disaster Response
- Fund 00387A – Sierra Leone Undesignated Projects
- Fund EOC9936 – Sierra Leone 3Cs

We can **Do Good** right now by:

- Remembering that government agencies and the American Red Cross need to do their work before we can be **invited** to enter a disaster area.
- Praying for those impacted, and those responding

We can **Do No Harm** by:

- **Not "self-deploying"** a team into a region until invited
- **Not sending** clothes and supplies to affected areas

Disaster response begins with preparation.

You may support ongoing training, response and relief by making a donation payable to your local church. Those donations will be passed from your church treasurer to the annual conference treasurer and then onto the fund of your choosing.

The fund names and numbers to include on the memo line of your check are:

- Fund EOC9046 – East Ohio United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM)
- Fund 901375 – North Central Jurisdiction UMVIM

You may also collect items for:

- [Eastbrook Mission Barn](#)
- [Midwest Mission Distribution Center](#)

Thank you for your continued prayers and for the donation of your time and financial resources as we work together across The United Methodist Church to respond to those in need.