



YOUR NEIGHBORS NEED YOUR HELP

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

Since recent hurricanes and storms passed through the east coast, your neighbors and friends have been working to address the destruction that has been left behind. Many are cleaning out flooded, wet basements, removing debris from their properties, and making necessary repairs to their walls and roofs. And, they need your help.

In Galatians 6, we are called to share one another's burdens. And, as you can imagine, recovering from a disaster can be accompanied by some very heavy burdens. Are you called to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus? Do you have the gifts to be a caring, Christian presence in the lives of those who are struggling to address their disaster needs? In scripture, Jesus offers rest to those who labor and are burdened. Can you carry your neighbor's burdens and provide them with an opportunity for respite? Matthew 11:28-30 also tells us that we are to take up the yoke of Jesus, one that is easy and light. Consider becoming yoked with Jesus and one another to lighten the load of your neighbors. And, as you do, know you will "fulfill the law of Christ."

If you wish to learn more about the needs of your neighbors listed below and how you can help meet them, please contact the Conference Disaster Response Coordinator at drc@susumc.org

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Williamsport District

The community of Knoxville is struggling to recover from flooding left behind by Hurricane Henri. Nearly 100 households have reported some kind of damage and indicated they have a need for help. The Knoxville UMC sustained a flooded basement that damaged everything and the church was without gas and electric service for some time. In addition to the need for volunteers, the Disaster Response Ministry needs a local coordinator to assist with the effort and work with other organizations to provide for community needs.

York District

Communities throughout York County are working to recover from Tropical Storm Fred and Hurricane Ida. Efforts to provide assistance to nearly 500 households are ongoing. Work includes mucking out basements, clearing outside debris, assessing and tarping roofs, mitigating mold, removing drywall, and beginning the rebuilding process. In addition to the need for volunteers, the Disaster Response Ministry needs a local coordinator to assist with the effort and work with other organizations to provide for community needs.

Lewisburg District

Our own Wesley Forest Camp and Retreat Center was affected by recent storms and needs volunteers to assist with cleanup.

OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE

Our friends in the Northeast Jurisdiction (Eastern PA, PenDel, and Greater New Jersey Conferences) as well as the Louisiana Conference, are currently working with credentialed UMCOR Early Response Teams (ERT) to address the immediate needs in those areas. Eventually there will be a need for Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Teams in the future as they transition into the recovery phase.

