



United Church of Christ

Penn Northeast Conference

PNEC Disaster Ministries

Update & New Information

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On Saturday, October 21, we made the first PNEC Disaster Ministries delivery to New Windsor, Maryland. The buckets and kits were picked up from Grace U.C.C. Northampton and Jordan U.C.C. Orefield on Friday, October 20. I was so grateful for the help we received at both churches to get the buckets and boxes loaded into our truck and trailer. We parked the trailer in a garage overnight with plans to head out on Saturday morning. In order to fit everything in our truck and trailer we had to re-box items in smaller boxes and double deck the buckets on the trailer (Sal is quite the packer- he found a way to make 100 buckets fit!). So, after a few hours of packing we headed out at 11 am. We made many stops at truck stops along the way to check the trailer and stretch. Our delivery included: 100 clean-up buckets, 237 hygiene kits, 37 school kits, 3 empty buckets and lids, and many “extra” products for buckets and kits. After returning the trailer, we pulled into our driveway at 10 pm. We are so very thankful to the volunteers who assembled these buckets and kits to help our neighbors who are survivors of the recent disasters. God bless you for all your donations and your time.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

New information from Church World Service

THANKS FOR STOCKING UP CWS CLEANUP BUCKETS!

FOCUS SHIFTS TO HYGIENE KITS FOR A FEW MONTHS

Great news! The push to restock CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets has succeeded! Now CWS is asking the UCC to put together Hygiene Kits for a few months. Of course, if you are in the process of assembling more

buckets, please finish them! UCC Disaster Ministries still has \$250 matching grants for churches assembling CWS Buckets and Kits: <http://bit.ly/2kVMrjY>

CWS Hygiene Kits can be assembled from the shopping list that is found at: <http://cwskits.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/CWS-Hygiene-Kit.pdf>

After your buckets or hygiene kits are complete, please contact Donna Zangari to arrange for drop off.

PNEC Disaster Ministries will transport the buckets and hygiene kits to The Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland.

Mission Teams or individuals: Are you ready, willing and able to go and help in an area rebuilding after a disaster? Below, you will find, a list of places that are ready to have volunteers come and help.

Disaster Sites Ready for Volunteers...

NEW! UCC ADDS NEW TX HURRICANE RECOVERY WORK SITE!

Now you have a choice of Hurricane Harvey intermediate recovery work sites in Houston. Dates are available through December to "muck and gut." UCC Disaster Ministries is teaming up with Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders and International Orthodox Christian Charities-NECHAMA Jewish Recovery to offer these service opportunities. Click here for details. <http://bit.ly/1Ne9m56>



Houston, Texas, Hurricane Harvey – Intermediate Response, October – November 2017

Hurricane Harvey made landfall near Corpus Christi, Texas on August 25 as a Category 4 hurricane with 130 mph winds. The storm caused widespread flooding and significant damage across southern Texas and Louisiana as the slow moving storm dropped several feet of water throughout the region. UCC pastors describe the experience and more in [this video](#) "Love Them Back to Life". [Click here](#) for full information and to volunteer.



Volusia County, Fla., Hurricanes Irma & Matthew Recovery (Daytona Beach area): Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida on Sept. 10, 2017 with record-force winds and storm surges. The storm then continued north to Georgia and South Carolina. Millions of people in Florida evacuated or moved to approved shelters before the storm hit. The storm caused extensive damage. Hurricane Matthew hit the same areas in October 2016. Hurricane Matthew passed just offshore Volusia County, Fla., on Oct. 7, 2016, and inflicted tremendous damage. Dozens of homes were destroyed and hundreds suffered major damage, with more than \$600 million in estimated losses. UCC Disaster Ministries has partnered with VIND (Volusia Interfaiths/Agencies Networking in Disasters) to assist households to repair/rebuild homes, e.g. roofing, gutting interiors, replacing insulation, siding, drywall repair and painting, flooring and other interior work as needed. [Click here for full information and to volunteer.](#)



Baton Rouge, LA, Flood Recovery: Catastrophic flooding in August 2016 damaged thousands of homes. Residents still live in temporary housing struggling to rebuild their lives. Volunteers are needed to repair and rebuild homes. Teams that sign up to serve in Baton Rouge may apply for scholarships (grants) from UCC Disaster Ministries to help defray their costs. [Click here for more information and to schedule.](#)



West Virginia Flood Recovery: Storms in the spring of 2015 damaged more than 800 homes and left 200 bridges damaged or destroyed. People still do not have proper access to shelter and other needs. Repair and rehab of damaged homes is still needed. All recovery efforts are being directed through **West Virginia VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster)**. Schedule your volunteer efforts through *Ohio Conference Disaster Coordinator, Jim Ditzler* at 330-262-3242 or jditzler@sssnet.com.

Blessings,

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