

Penn Northeast Conference Ministry Team Purpose

Name of Ministry Team: Disaster Response Ministries

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Responding to the call of our Christ-centered faith, UCC Disaster Ministries supports holistic community recovery, worldwide, by engaging supporters, volunteers and partners to focus on preparedness, emergency relief and long-term recovery.

Describe how this Ministry Team aligns with the vision, mission, and goals of the Penn Northeast Conference and the United Church of Christ:

Vision - PNEC - United in Faith ... Committed to Love... Created to Serve.

UCC - United in Christ's Love – A Just World For All

The Penn Northeast Conference of the UCC is committed to serving the needs of people regardless of race, creed, religion or economic status. The programs of the Team will serve persons and organizations who have little or no resources and have unmet needs.

Mission - PNEC - Changing lives by equipping, empowering, and supporting those who would spread Christ's ministry

UCC - United in Spirit and Inspired by God's Grace, We welcome all, Love all, and seek justice for all.

We will focus on Preparedness and Long-Term Recovery. We will provide support, information and resources to our congregations and members. We will equip, empower, and support Long-Term Recovery Volunteers to disaster sites and Disaster Recovery Work Teams. We will work with our partners to influence Federal policy and disaster response and recovery best practices.

Describe how people can become engaged in this work of this Ministry Team

There will be ample opportunity for people to get involved through their local church and through the Conference, offering their faith, knowledge, money, skills, and connections. Relationship building is at the heart of this ministry team. People will be encouraged and equipped to both serve their neighbor and to advocate for a just world for all.