



a message
of **HOPE**



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“This is the first time it’s been right here in my own backyard. Learning how to receive everything that everyone has given us has been extremely humbling and gives me hope in humanity.”

— Rev. Holly Cobb McKim, pastor of Spruce Pine UMC, a community hub for supplies after Hurricane Helene

RESPONDING TO DISASTER IN THE U.S.

In the U.S., UMCOR works in partnership with United Methodist conferences and disaster response teams. UMCOR provides funding, assessment training for disaster coordinators and Early Response Teams, and long-term support, when needed.

In coordination with conference leadership, financial support ranges from “solidarity” grants for emergency supplies in the immediate aftermath of a disaster to funding assistance for larger, long-term recovery projects.

Support may include coordination of disaster case management; hurricane, severe storm, flooding and wildfire recovery; and reconstruction and rebuilding.

The UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana, provides short-term mission experiences and works with regional affiliate supply warehouses and UMC conferences to stock and ship specific relief kits (cleaning, hygiene and menstrual hygiene kits) for distribution during disasters.

RESPONDING TO DISASTER INTERNATIONALLY

UMCOR works with Methodist and ecumenical partners and nongovernmental organizations around the world to help meet the needs of communities affected by disasters, both natural and humanmade, such as wars, conflicts and internal unrest. Among United Methodist episcopal areas in Africa and in the Philippines Central Conference, UMCOR provides training, supplies and accompaniment for disaster response offices.

“UMCOR was the first organization to come to our aid, and their support was distributed to everyone, without discrimination. Many Masai have joined the UMC after witnessing their generosity and compassion.”

— Emanuel Matita, Tanzania



SUPPORTING REFUGEES, MIGRANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

UMCOR has a rich history of ministry with and advocacy for refugees and migrants uprooted by war and civil conflict around the world. UMCOR recognizes that migrants are children of God and have a right to receive care regardless of their reasons for migrating. We promote the global adoption of practices that make migration safe and respect the dignity of all migrants.

UMCOR encourages, supports and equips Methodist and ecumenical partners for migration ministry. It provides relief and recovery in the form of food aid, basic necessities, lodging, legal and transportation services for vulnerable migrants and refugees, supporting organizations that work directly with these populations.

“I have worked with people who believe that Jesus continues to walk with his people and with the excluded. As Christians, we are the presence of God in these people’s lives, not only helping them materially, but fighting for a more just and safe world.”

— Rev. Eliad Dias dos Santos, a United Methodist missionary supporting migrants in Rome, Italy.

HEALING THE SICK, PREVENTING DISEASE

Around the world, UMCOR and Global Ministries health projects save countless lives. Through United Methodist conferences and health boards, we work to strengthen health care networks that serve vulnerable populations, especially mothers and children.

From revitalization of facilities and staff training to building better water sources, developing sanitation facilities and promoting nutrition, we seek to alleviate suffering caused by treatable

and preventable diseases, ensuring more people can lead healthy, productive lives.

Our work focuses on areas of the world where maternal and infant mortality rates are highest due to isolation, poverty and limited services. We support both women’s and children’s health and nutrition; community engagement, training and outreach; and HIV and AIDS awareness, counseling and testing.

“The community spirit of the people, singing together as they arrive with their leader to receive their seedlings, is heartwarming and gratifying. During a visit to one of the gardens we were thrilled to see villagers preparing harvested vegetables for sale.”

— Kutela Katembo, a United Methodist missionary serving as an agriculturalist

PROMOTING BRIGHT AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

In 2020, Global Ministries expanded its sustainable development work through the Yambasu Agriculture Initiative (YAI). Using grants and training, YAI works to mobilize existing land and human resources within the church to combat food insecurity while also strengthening financial stability. Working with local farmers, YAI helps to increase agriculture production across a range of crops and livestock, feeding the hungry and improving livelihoods.

CARING FOR GOD’S CREATION

Global Ministries coordinates the UMC’s creation care initiatives, working within the church and across ecumenical and nongovernmental organizations to address global challenges facing God’s creation. As natural disasters from climate change and environmental degradation become more severe and more frequent, UMCOR also works to make disaster response more sustainable.



Kutela Katembo



Mike DuBose, UM News



Footprint Project



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Supporting the most vulnerable

UMCOR serves communities that are not receiving the resources they need to make a full recovery. Humanitarian aid may include immediate relief for basic needs and long-term recovery projects. Aid is open to everyone in a community, regardless of a person's nationality, race, religion or status.

Help UMCOR alleviate human suffering

Pray for survivors and first responders.

Train as an **Early Response Team** volunteer for your annual conference.

Bring a **mission team** to UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana for short-term volunteer work.

Make **relief supply kits** for your annual conference, an affiliated supply warehouse near you or UMCOR Sager Brown Depot.

Give — your gifts allow us to support communities in need as they recover from humanmade and natural disasters.



Mike DuBois, UM News

100% of donations bring hope and healing

When you give through the Advance “second-mile” giving program, 100% of your donations go directly to their intended ministries.



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