

One Great Hour of Sharing – Sharing Resources, Changing Lives

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is thankful for the continued generosity of Presbyterians which enables us – together – to bear witness of the healing love of Christ to disaster survivors around the world.

Your gifts help disaster survivors find hope out of the chaos of disasters that have impacted their lives. In 2015, One Great Hour of Sharing and designated funds through PDA provided:



One Great Hour of Sharing
Special Offerings

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

\$2,066,942

Colombia

Support and training for mission partner Presbyterian Church of Colombia for religious leaders on best practices in community-based psychosocial support for victims of violence.

Democratic Republic of Congo

Ongoing food security program through Foods Resource Bank Micro Devru project

Europe

Humanitarian response for Syrian refugees and migrants in Europe

Haiti

- Ongoing response to January 2015 earthquake
- Food security and support for farmers and communities impacted by Hurricane Sandy

Indonesia

Ongoing response to 2004 Tsunami

Iraq

- Ongoing support for refugees and displaced people in response to 2014 violence including blankets and swamp coolers
- Response to flooding in Baghdad

Kenya

Support for mission partner, the Presbyterian Church of East Africa, for training in compassion fatigue

Liberia/Sierra Leone

- West Africa Initiative (WAI) - for food security { a collaboration among the One Great House of Sharing Programs (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People) and ecumenical partners }
- Response to the Ebola epidemic and related immediate and long-term humanitarian needs related to this crisis

Madagascar

Response to March 2015 cyclones and heavy rain

Malawi

- Foods Resource Bank food security/ livelihood support program in Chingale and Neno; psychosocial and child survival project in Chingali
- Response to January 2015 flooding

Myanmar/Burma

Response to 2015 cyclones and flooding

Nepal

Response to April 2015 earthquake

Pakistan

Response to 2015 flooding

Philippines

- Ongoing response to November 2013 Typhoon Haiyan
- Response to Typhoon Hagupit

South Sudan

Support to partner Presbyterian Relief and Development Agency (PRDA) for persons displaced by violence, and compassion fatigue training

Sudan (Darfur)

Support for refugees and displaced persons related to violence in Darfur

Syria/Lebanon

Ongoing support for displaced people and refugees

Ukraine

Support for displaced persons and refugees in response to the Crimean crisis and the armed conflict in Eastern Ukraine

Tanzania

Support for Burundian refugees and displaced persons

Vanuatu

Response to March 2015 Cyclone Pam

Worldwide

Support for shipment of Gift of the Heart Kits to places of need in the United States and around the world
Visit the [International Response Index](#) to find out about ongoing international responses.

NATIONAL RESPONSE

\$935,075

Alaska

Presbyteries of Alaska, Yukon, and of the Inland Northwest - Response to wildfires

- Response to May 2015 flooding
- Response to June 2015 flooding
- Church damage - Weldon Valley Presbyterian Church (flooding)

Arkansas

Presbytery of Arkansas - [Trauma healing camp training](#), to prepare camps for a ministry of reaching out to students, schools, and communities affected by school violence

Illinois

Blackhawk Presbytery - Response to April 2015 tornadoes

Florida

Presbytery of Florida - Ongoing response to 2014 flooding in five counties

California

- Presbytery of the Pacific - Response to the Unaccompanied Children and Border Crisis
- Presbytery of the Redwoods - Response to Valley fire, Lake, Napa, Sonoma Counties

Maine

Presbytery of Northern New England - Response to 2015 winter storms

Massachusetts

Presbytery of Boston - Response to 2015 winter storms

Colorado

Presbytery of Plains and Peaks -

Michigan

- Presbytery of Detroit -
 - Ongoing response 2014 flood
 - Response to refugee and asylum crisis in Detroit area
- Presbytery of Great Rivers -
Response to Delavan, Illinois, July 2015 tornado

Missouri

Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy -
Response to Oct. 2015 arson related church burnings in St. Louis, Mo.

Montana

Yellowstone Presbytery - Response to July 2015 Deer Lodge Community shooting

Nebraska

Central Nebraska Presbytery -
Church Damage - First Presbyterian Church Benkelman, Neb. (flooding)

New Hampshire

Presbytery of Northern New England -
Response to 2015 winter storms

North Carolina

Presbytery of Charlotte - Amity Presbyterian Church responding to Baptist Church arson

New Jersey

- Eastern Korean Presbytery -
Response to 2015 winter storm -
Church damage - Top Stone Presbyterian Church, Englewood, NJ
- Monmouth Presbytery - Ongoing response to Hurricane Sandy
- Presbytery of Newton - [Winter Storms 2015](#)
- Presbytery of Palisades -
Response to January 2015 catastrophic apartment fire in Edgewater

New York

Presbytery of New York City -
Ongoing response to Hurricane Sandy

Oklahoma

Indiana Nations Presbytery -

- Ongoing response to 2012 tornadoes and long-term recovery
- Response to May 2015 storms and flooding

South Carolina

Charleston Atlantic Presbytery -

- Response to June 17, 2015 shooting at Charleston's Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Response to October 2015 flooding

- Church Damage - Harbor View Presbyterian Church, Charleston, SC
- Church Damage - James Island Presbyterian Church, Charleston, SC
- Church Damage - Wallingford Presbyterian Church, Charleston, SC
- Church Damage - Summerville Presbyterian Church, Summerville, SC
- Foothills Presbytery - Church damage -John Knox Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC (July 2015 electrical storm)
- Presbytery of New Harmony -
Response to October flooding

Texas

- Grace Presbytery - Response to May 2015 storms
- Mission Presbytery
 - Response to the [Unaccompanied Children and Border Crisis](#)
 - Response to May 2015 storms and flooding
 - Damage - John Knox Ranch Camp
- Presbytery of New Covenant -
Response to storms and flooding
 - Church Damage - St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Houston, Tex.
 - Church Damage - First Presbyterian Church, Angleton, Tex.
 - Church Damage - First Presbyterian Church, Eagle Lake Tex.
- Arson fire*
 - Church Damage - Westminster Presbyterian Church, Galveston, Tex.
- Presbytery of Palo Duro - Church Damage - Fain Presbyterian Church, Wichita Falls, Tex. (Drought and flood damage)

Virginia

Shenandoah Presbytery - in response to 2015 flood damage
Woodstock Presbyterian Church

West Virginia

Presbytery of West Virginia –

- Response to April 2015 flooding
- Response to July 2015 flooding
- Church Damage - First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar, WV (snow, ice, flood damage)

Wyoming

Presbytery of Wyoming - Response to June 2015 flooding

United States

- National Council of Churches - Response to burned churches
- Support for [refugee resettlement](#); support for shipment of Gift of the Heart Kits to places of need in the United States and around the world

Visit the [National Response Index](#) to find out about ongoing national responses.

PDA NATIONAL RESPONSE TEAM

PDA National Response Team (NRT) members represent PDA following a disaster in the United States. They provide support to affected presbyteries and synods as they assess the impact of the disaster on both the church and the community; and they assist in connecting presbyteries to recovery resources, including identification of sites for hosting volunteer work teams. NRT members have served in the following locations/responses in 2015:

Arkansas

Presbytery of Arkansas - April 2014 tornadoes (Joan Otto, John Tieken)

California

Presbytery of the Redwoods – August 2014 earthquake around Napa (Keith Geckeler, Morella Larsen)

Colorado

Plains and Peaks Presbytery May 2015 flooding and follow-up to 2013 flooding (Sally Dyer, Bruce Wismer)

Connecticut

Presbytery of Southern New England – October 2012 [Superstorm Sandy](#) (Dale Martin)

Illinois

Blackhawk Presbytery - April 2015 tornadoes (Ron Bottrell, Barbara Mason, Greg Smith)

Maine

Presbytery of Northern New England -

2015 winter storms (Lisa Baker, Dale Martin, Gary Popson)

Massachusetts

Presbytery of Boston – Winter Storms 2015 (Lisa Baker, Dale Martin)

Missouri

Presbytery of John Calvin - July 2015 flooding Cassville and Branson area (Doug Macdonald, John Cheek)

Michigan

Presbytery of Detroit - Ongoing response to this 2014 flooding – assessment of possible work team host sites (Kelly Buell, Eric Moore)

Mississippi

Presbytery of Mississippi – April 2014 tornadoes (Sandra Price)

Montana

Presbytery of Yellowstone- June 2015 murder/suicide (Jim Kirk, Susan Mattocks)

Presbytery of St. Andrews - (Sandra Price) PDA presence at one-year anniversary of the tornadoes.

Nebraska

Presbytery of Missouri River Valley - Emergency Preparedness Workshop for Faith Communities", a collaborative effort between FEMA, Homeland Security and state and local partners, June 30, 2015 (Greg Smith panelist)

New Hampshire

Presbytery of Northern New England - 2015 winter storms (Lisa Baker, Dale Martin, Gary Popson)

New Jersey

- Presbytery of the Palisades - January 2015 catastrophic apartment fire in Edgewater (Bruce McGraw, Greg Smith)
- Monmouth Presbytery - October 2012 [Superstorm Sandy](#) - volunteer hospitality (Joan Otto)

New York

Presbytery of Western New York - Ecumenical Train-the-Trainer workshop, June 23, 2015 (Carlton Edmonds, Dick McClain)

Ohio

Presbytery of Western Reserve - June 2015 murder suicide (Gail Farnham, Milton Fulton)

Oklahoma

- Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery - June 2015 flooding along Red River (Kelly Buell, John Tieken)
- Presbytery of Indian Nations –
 - May 2013 tornadoes (Pat Ashley, Bob Houser, Jim Kirk)
 - June 2015 spring's storms, tornadoes and flooding (Bob Houser, Ed Spence)
 - June 2015 flooding along Red River (Kelly Buell, John Tieken)

Texas

- Grace Presbytery –
 - April 2013 explosion in West (Suzanne Malloy, Jeanie Shaw)
 - April 2015 flooding (Jim Reinartz, Carolyn Thalman, Bill Welch)
 - May 2015 tornadoes Van, Texas (Jim Reinartz, Carolyn Thalman, Bill Welch)
- Mission Presbytery –
 - May 2015 storms and flooding (Kelly Buell, Teresa Partin, Doug Macdonald, Dartha Rivera, Alonza Washington)
 - Emotional Spiritual Care training for flood survivors, First Presbyterian Church, San Marcos (Jim Kirk, Sandra Price)
- Presbytery of New Covenant –
 - May 2015 storms and flooding (Joan Otto, Ben Pawley, Jan Spence, Don Worthington)
 - May flooding (Doug Macdonald, Joan Otto, Ben Pawley, Jan Spence, Alonza Washington, Don Worthington)

Washington

Presbytery of Central Washington –

- ongoing response 2014 wildfires (Mike Bullard)
- Care for Caregivers Event June 19-21, 2015 (Mike Bullard, Kathy Riley, Karen Smith,)

West Virginia

Presbytery of West Virginia – April 2015 statewide flooding (Bill Branch, Dick McClain, Donna Melloan)

Wyoming

Presbytery of Wyoming-June 2015 tornado, storms and flooding (Steve Henniger, Bruce McGraw)