

2016 At A Glance

THANK YOU

to the many congregations, individuals and volunteers who chose to be a part of disaster recovery ministry in 2016. Your support of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) enables us to witness the healing love of Christ to families affected by disasters. Through your gifts, action and prayers, you stand in the GAP for disaster survivors and help the Church with responses around the world.

Your financial gifts of love enabled us to program more than \$4.04 million to meet immediate and long-term recovery needs of disaster survivors and to provide a witness of caring around the world.

Internationally, your gifts enabled response to disasters and civil conflicts in **21 countries**. Your gifts helped support:

- Ongoing response to Hurricane Sandy and immediate response to Hurricane Matthew, including cholera prevention, in Haiti



By ACT/DKH/ Thomas Lohnes

- Immediate and ongoing response to earthquakes in

Japan and Ecuador

- 2,030 households supported with relief maize in Malawi
- Ongoing shelter, livelihood, water/sanitation/hygiene and health assistance in the Philippines in response to Typhoon Haiyan



Filipino children in Barangay Ferras by Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus

Nationally, your gifts supported response to natural and human-caused disasters in **29 states**. Your gifts supported:

- Wildfire response: ID, CA, CO, WA, TN
- Flood response: MO, SC, FL, LA, MS, TX, AR, WV, NC, PA, KS, OK, IA



WV flood by Phil Darby

- Responses to human-caused disasters and public violence in MI, TX, FL, CA, LA, DC, AZ, MS & SC

Refugee Ministry

- 5 schools hosting over 300 Syrian refugee children



Syrian refugee school children by Dr. Mary Mikhael

- Ongoing compassionate response to the unaccompanied children and border crisis
- Food security and emergency relief in response to violence in South Sudan
- Opened host site in McAllen, TX for refugee ministry volunteers



Orlando shooting by Kathy Broyard



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Quick Figures

\$4.047 million granted across the globe

\$1.127 million granted nationally

\$2.919 million granted internationally

8,811 work team volunteers served **15 states**
email pda.callcenter@pcusa.org to book your mission trip

505 National Response Team Members spent **2,377 days** in the field in **62 presbyteries**

93 Presbyterian Women trained in Disaster Preparedness

108 grants in the U.S.

- 4 wildfires
- 41 floods
- 6 refugees
- 21 hurricanes
- 10 tornadoes
- 5 church fires
- 12 storms
- 9 human-caused

The PDA National Response Team (NRT) consists of about 100 members who represent PDA and the PC(USA) in the field following a disaster. They provide support to the 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.



Above: NRT member Gail Farnham hugs Rev. Desiree Lawson of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Flint, MI.
By Mike Fitzer

Right: Some NRT members gather for a group photo at the 2016 NRT Annual Meeting. By Rick Jones

NRT members served approximately 2,377 days in 31 states and 62 presbyteries. 505 individuals deployed for the following responses:

- 9 for church fires
- 105 for floods
- 34 for human-caused disasters
- 46 for hurricanes
- 24 for refugee ministry
- 16 for tornadoes
- 13 for wildfires



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"It makes me even more glad that I'm Presbyterian. I think knowing that PDA was thinking, praying, caring, organizing on our behalf—it gave me energy." -Rev. Desiree Lawson, Trinity Presbyterian Church in Flint, MI

Disaster preparedness

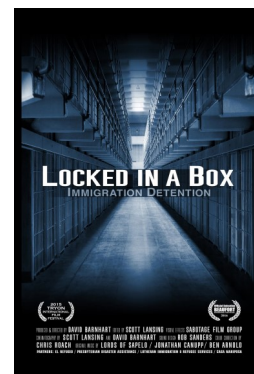
In 2015, PDA began a collaboration with Presbyterian Women (PW) to help congregations and presbyteries prepare for disasters. Members of the NRT designed a curriculum for disaster preparedness and plan to train members of PW from each presbytery in the U.S. So far, there are 93 trainers in 43 presbyteries in 22 states. To inquire about future trainings, email pda@pcusa.org



PW trainers from Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

Story ministry

In 2016, PDA released the award-winning documentary *Locked in a Box: Immigration Detention*, which follows the stories of individuals held in the U.S. immigration detention system and those who visit them. The film traces the lives of individuals who fled their homelands in search of safety and freedom only to end up in U.S. prisons under a mandatory bed quota system run by Immigration Customs & Enforcement (ICE). The film is available at vimeo.com/PDACares



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