



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Resources

We would like to help you interpret the ministry of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. General program resources are available, as well as videos, worship resources, and resources for disaster preparedness and volunteer work teams. All resources are free, unless a price is specified.

To request printed or video resources that have a PDS# listed, use the link or call Presbyterian Distribution Service at 800-524-2612. To download printable items or to get more information, click on a photo or link.

- [General PDA Program resources](#)
- [Videos](#)
- [Worship Resources](#), including hymns, prayers, litanies, mission minute materials
- [Bible Studies and Curriculum](#)
- [Volunteer Work Team resources](#)
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General PDA Program Resources



PDA Brochure – describes the programs, activities and scope of PDA.
Order [PDS# 25412-13-004](#).



Mission Mosaic - an update of responses by PDA in a magazine-style format; usually sent twice each year to all PC(USA) congregations and to individuals who have expressed an interest in our program either by their financial support or a specific request to be included on our mailing list. Issues currently available:

- Spring/Summer 2014: articles about South Sudan, Syria, Philippines, disaster preparedness, response to gun violence, and volunteer reflections. Order [PDS# 25412-14-002](#).
- Fall 2013/Winter 2014. Stories include Kenya, South Sudan, Syria, PDA t-shirt Sunday, Oklahoma tornadoes, Hurricane Sandy, and Hurricane Irene. Order [PDS# 25412-13-002](#).
- Fall 2012/Winter 2013. [Email PDA](#) to request a copy.
- Fall 2011/Winter 2012. Highlights include rebuilding in Haiti, spiritual care, drought/famine in the Horn of Africa, flooding in Pakistan, and spring and summer tornadoes in the United States. The new PDA Associate for Hospitality (focusing on volunteer work team hosting) is introduced. Order [PDS# 25412-11-003](#).
- Spring/Summer 2011. Highlights include *Hope in Haiti, It's the Same Blue Shirt*, and articles about Sudan, long term recovery, ministry following shootings in Tucson, and continuing response in the U.S. Gulf Coast. Order [PDS# 25412-11-002](#).
- Fall 2009/Winter 2010. Highlights include responses in Darfur, Iowa, Louisiana, Indonesia, and ministry to Iraqi refugees. Order [PDS# 25412-09-003](#).
- Fall 2008/Winter 2009. Highlights include stories on Myanmar, U.S. Gulf Coast Father & Son and Youth Weeks, Malawi, India, California wildfires, Hurricane Ike, and volunteers in Iowa. Order [PDS# 25412-09-002](#).



PDA Rapid Information Network – receive the PDA newsletter to share information about new disaster responses and urgent needs with your congregation. Email pda@pcusa.org with your request, including your name, city, and state.

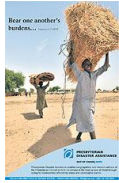


PDA Poster Series – set of 3 includes international, United States, and general program posters.
Order [PDS# 74340-04-010s](#).

PDA Pew Envelopes – to designate gifts for international, general, national, or other specific response. Order [PDS# 25412-10-010](#).

PDA Logos – high resolution images of the PDA logo are available in a zipped file online in color and black/white formats. Congregations are welcome to use the logo for interpretation or promotion purposes.

Printable Disaster Recovery Photo Posters – to aid in disaster recovery mission interpretation and for use at mission events. Each poster depicts a region where your One Great Hour of Sharing and designated funds have helped to bring hope. Permission is granted to use them for the support of PDA disaster recovery efforts. 11x17 inches, full-color, pdf format. Click on the photo to download.



[Bear one another's burdens](#)



[Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received](#)



[When their world falls apart, who will help them heal?](#)



[Let the waves of destruction be followed by a wave of compassion](#)



Ecumenical Brochure – describes how PDA works with partners through faith, love and action. Order [PDS# 25412-13-015](#).



Disaster Response: How You Can Make a Difference – answers frequently asked questions about how individuals and congregations can be involved following a disaster. Order [PDS# 74340-99-002](#).



Light Our Way: A Guide for Spiritual Care in Times of Disaster – this resource by National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD) informs disaster response volunteers, first responders and disaster planners in the areas of emotional and spiritual care giving.

- One copy of *Light our Way* is available at no charge. Order [PDS# 74340-06-011](#).
- You may [download and print copies of Light our Way](#) to share; or order additional copies for \$2 each.
- Mid councils and PC(USA) congregations needing additional copies may [contact PDA](#).

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Videos

Tapestry: reweaving the fabric of community after public violence – looks at the effects of public violence events in congregations and the communities of which they are a part. It is framed through the lens of PDA National Response Team members who have responded to public violence events and support those communities of faith and their leaders as they walk through the valley of the shadow of trauma and its aftermath and begin the process of healing.

- [Download or watch the film online](#) (about 28 minutes)
- [Tapestry study guide](#)

TRIGGER: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence – shares the story of how gun violence impacts individuals and communities. TRIGGER also addresses the critical issue of gun violence prevention (such as keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill) by moving the conversation away from the polarizing extremes that have long dominated the debate and lifting up the voice and experiences of those who seek common ground and a new way forward.



- [Learn more and watch a video trailer](#)
- [Order the TRIGGER DVD online](#), \$19.99



Kepulihan: Stories from the Tsunami – experience the journey to recovery over four years through the eyes of 3 survivors of the December 2004 tsunami in southeast Asia. This example of how Presbyterians walk with survivors in long term recovery aired on ABC stations in fall 2010.

- [Watch a trailer and learn more.](#)
- Order a copy of the full length DVD, [PDS# 25412-09-014](#), \$1.
- [Email film director David Barnhart](#) to request a screening of the film.



Coming Home: Hurricane Katrina 5 Years Later – This DVD, as seen on NBC, tells the story of how hurricane survivors and volunteers helping to rebuild have touched each other's lives since 2005. Order [PDS# 25412-10-007](#).



Democratic Republic of Congo — In the DRC, the agricultural livelihood of the rural population has been threatened by 10 years of war. In 2005, PDA began a food security program in cooperation with Foods Resource Bank and supported supplementary feeding centers serving malnourished and AIDS-orphaned children. DRC is one of the places where the Moringa Tree is helping to provide nourishment for hungry people. *Around the Moringa Tree: A Bible Study Curriculum*, written for children, includes a DVD video segment for each of the five lessons. Order [PDS# 25412-07-022](#), \$10.

Videos for Volunteer Work Teams (view on the PDA Vimeo page)

- [God Can Use You](#)
- [Ministry of Presence](#); also available - [Ministry of Presence brochure](#)
- [Self Care for Disaster Recovery Volunteers](#)

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Worship Resources

Prayers and Litanies

- [Prayers in Times of Trouble and Disaster](#)
- [Prayers following violence](#)
- [Prayers after tornadoes](#)
- [Prayer for rebuilding a burned church](#)
- [Litany for Rebuilding Community](#)
- [Litany for God's People in Times of Distress](#)

Hymns

- [A Prayer for Our Children](#), hymn related to gun violence by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
- [God of Creation](#), hymn related to hurricanes by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
- [God We've Known Such Grief and Anger](#), by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
- [God, You Wrap Your Love Around Us](#) – Blanket Sunday hymn
- [Through Cloud and Out of Chaos: A Hymn for a Hard Season](#) by the Rev. Laurie Ann Kraus, dedicated to survivors and disaster caregivers following 2005 Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- [We See the Waters](#), hymn related to floods and storms by Clay Gunter
- [Whatever You Do](#), by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
- [Who is My Neighbor?](#) hymn inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Other Worship Resources



Faith in the Midst of Community Disaster: a Bible study on Disaster Preparedness, by Rev. Joan LeRoy Abell. Our faith informs how we deal with disaster—not only strengthening and giving hope; but also shaping how we help others rebuild and experience that hope. [Download and print](#). (24 pages)



God With Us: Worship and Christian Education Resources for Congregational Use After a Local Disaster – curriculum with emphasis on the needs of children, youth, and families immediately after a disaster. [Download and print](#).



Out of the Depths — worship resources for terror attacks. A booklet collection of theological reflections and liturgical expressions exploring the nature of suffering, disaster, faith and the presence of God in the aftermath of September 11. Order [PDS# 74340-02-012](#).

[Service of Pastoral Care following the destruction of a home](#), prepared by the Office of Theology

Mission Minute Materials

[His Eyes](#) (flooding)

[Small Deeds](#) (Gift of the Heart Kits)

Bible Studies and Curriculum



Around the Moringa Tree: A Bible Study Curriculum – written for use with children, this resource introduces the amazing Moringa Tree and how it provides nutrition, sustenance and health for many hungry people in God’s world. Includes a DVD with a video segment to use with each of the five lessons. Order [PDS# 25412-07-022](#), \$10.



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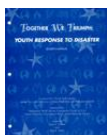


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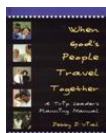
Volunteer Work Team resources

- [God Can Use You](#) – video available on the PDA Vimeo page
- [Ministry of Presence](#) – video available on the PDA Vimeo page
- [Ministry of Presence brochure](#)
- [Self Care for Disaster Recovery Volunteers](#) – video available on the PDA Vimeo page
- [Commissioning litany](#)
- [Principles of Partnership for work teams](#)
- [On the Job Training with God: Devotions for Work Teams](#)
- [Safety Manual for Workcamp Leaders and Volunteers \(download/print\)](#)



Together We Triumph: Youth Response to Disaster. This booklet provides resources for youth leaders, etc. who want to prepare young people for ministry in disaster situations. Five sessions are included in the leader’s manual and student activity guide. Order [PDS# 74340-95-019](#).

Also available to download and print: [Youth Leader’s Manual](#)  [Student Activity Guide](#) 



When God’s People Travel Together — resource by Debby Vial helps trip leaders plan a successful mission trip; provides guidelines and procedures to follow before, during and after the trip. Order [PDS# 70270-99-009](#), \$9.95.



When God’s People Travel Together Volume 2: Reflecting and Acting on Mission Trip Experiences — resource by Barbara Battin offers tools for facilitating a group’s processing and reflection of trip experiences in light of the gospel. Order [PDS# 70270-99-022](#), \$9.95.



When God’s People Travel Together Volume 3: Bible Studies for Mission — resource by Alice Winters explores Biblical passages related to issues that often confront mission trip participants. Order [PDS# 74400-99-083](#), \$4.95.

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Disaster Preparedness Resources



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Community Arise! This online ecumenical curriculum is designed for church leaders to answer questions about how your congregation can prepare and respond if a tornado, flood or fire moves through your community.



Prepare to Care: Guide to Disaster Ministry in Your Congregation — a guide for disaster preparedness, response and recovery. Download and print from <http://cwserp.fatcow.com/cwserp/PreparetoCare2009comp.pdf>.



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