

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance 2021 At A Glance



QUICK FIGURES

- **\$3.1 million** granted in **30** states and **15** countries
- **60 National Response Team members** were deployed to **19** presbyteries
- **112 Presbyterian Women** trained in Disaster Preparedness
- **400 work team volunteers** served in CA, NC, NE and NJ
- Developed a new grant opportunity supporting refugee and asylum advocacy programs
- **Hosted more than 500 people** in **41** Emotional & Spiritual programs
- In partnership with Church World Service, assisted in the collection and distribution of **191,182 Gift of the Heart Kits and blankets**



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Matthew 25 continues to be a guiding force in the work of PDA.

- supporting the **eradication of poverty** through grants to vulnerable populations
- working to **end systemic racism** through centering Black, indigenous and communities of color and refugees in our grant-making
- **promoting congregational vitality** through volunteer work teams, Story Ministry, spiritual and emotional care for pastors and grants to help congregations respond in their own communities
- addressing **climate change**, **militarism** and other forms of **oppression**.

In 2021, PDA's **Refugee Ministry** introduced a new grant opportunity supporting refugee and asylum advocacy programs, disbursing \$100,000 to support the capacity of local/grassroots refugee or immigrant groups connecting their local experiences with the national dialogue and advocacy campaigns. These grants have strengthened PDA's ties with refugee and immigrant leaders, enabling us to center our advocacy on their voices. PDA continues to work with churches supporting resettled refugees, including the influx of Afghan refugees being resettled in the U.S.

Story Productions is working alongside communities impacted by industrial air pollution, amplifying their voices and demands in an upcoming documentary on Ethylene Oxide, which will release in 2022. The series *Trouble the Water: Conversations to Disrupt Racism and Dominance* launched a pilot program and is developing study guide resources. *Flint: the Poisoning of an American City* reached 3 million streams on Amazon and is being used by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for trainings on environmental racism.

Due to climate change, natural disasters are intensifying in frequency and scale.

Nationally, the Emotional and Spiritual Care Ministry hosted over 500 people in programs that strengthen leaders to care for their communities. Initial grants supported recovery from wildfires, tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes and storms. Long-term support continues in Puerto Rico, NC, FL, TX, OH, CA, SC and WV.

Internationally, projects included support for socially ostracized communities in India; livelihood projects in Cameroon, Nepal, Philippines, Liberia, Sierra Leone and more; emergency grants in Haiti, Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, India, South Sudan and more; and Long Term Recovery in the Bahamas, Guatemala, Malawi, Mexico and more.



THANK YOU

for making our work possible!

The content in this report provides a preliminary glance at the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. To see the full scope of your gifts at work in 2021, read the annual report *Mosaic*: at pcusa.org/Mosaic21



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