$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
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.