

2024 MID-YEAR REPORT

QUICK FIGURES

Grants to 17 countries
**1,149 volunteers at PDA
volunteer host sites**

\$1,748,950 granted
86 grants disbursed

**14 grants for
migration
accompaniment
ministry**



MIGRATION ACCOMPANIMENT MINISTRY

In first half of 2024, PDA's Migration Accompaniment Ministries focused much of its attention on supporting U.S.-based congregations and coalitions working together to receive asylum seekers into their communities. In February, PDA hosted a networking call among groups actively involved in accompaniment ministries with over 30 participants from 23 different churches or organizations (9 presbyteries). Grants to Mid-Councils supported program coordinators and organizers, rental assistance and other program needs for our newest neighbors. International grants supported work with Internally Displaced Persons in South Sudan and Ukraine with both basic survival needs and projects to support their economic independence.

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NATIONAL RESPONSE

Through June, 108 members of the National Response Team (NRT) members were deployed for natural and human-caused disasters in 29 presbyteries, including responding to tornadoes, hurricanes, storms, gun violence and other human-caused events; leading trainings on resilience and church security planning and preparedness; and onboarding new volunteer host sites. 1,149 volunteers served at PDA volunteer host sites, and 44 grants were disbursed totaling \$498,900.

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

28 grants totaling \$647,087 were disbursed to partners in 17 countries that included the following: Response to flooding and hurricanes in Ghana, Nepal, the Dominican Republic, Brazil; wildfires in Chile; climate response and disaster preparedness in India and Sierra Leone; humanitarian response to conflict in Israel/Palestine, Lebanon, Republic of Congo, Uganda, Tanzania, and Ukraine and nearby countries; and long-term response to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

COUNTER STORIES PRODUCTIONS

Counter Stories Productions currently has four documentaries in different phases of production. The *Trouble The Water* docuseries will soon be edited into one film and distributed across streaming platforms, including Amazon, Apple, Roku and Cable On Demand. Production, listening sessions, and interviews continued with community partners from the Eastern Woodland Indigenous Tribes of NC for the industrial pollution and environmental racism documentary, as well as for a new short documentary focused on eviction and homelessness amplifying the voices of children and families. Production continued on a new documentary focused on gun violence prevention with listening sessions and interviews with community/faith leaders from across the country who are working to prevent shootings and save lives in their communities.

CALLS TO ACTION

- **PDA volunteer host sites need you!** For information on volunteer opportunities, visit www.pcusa.org/pdavolunteersites, call 866-732-6121 or email PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org
- **Disasters and their impact are intensified by climate change.** Our colleagues in the Presbyterian Hunger Program offer resources on environmental and sustainable living, visit www.pcusa.org/climate
- **Action alerts** are available through our colleagues in the Office of Public Witness. Learn more: www.pcusa.org/washington
- **Accept the Matthew 25 invitation!** Work with us to dismantle structural racism, eradicate systemic poverty and build congregational vitality. Join the over 1,000 Matthew 25 congregations: www.pcusa.org/M25

