12 Ways You Can Help Disaster Survivors Recover Through UCC Disaster Ministries

1. **Organize a U.S. disaster recovery work team.** Just a week of your time will help disaster survivors rebuild their homes and lives. [http://www.ucc.org/disaster_disaster-volunteers](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_disaster-volunteers)

2. **Repair/rebuild a hurricane-damaged home or part of a home for a family in Texas or Florida.** $7,000 rehabilitates a Harvey-flooded affordable apartment in Port Arthur, Texas, including major appliances. $8,000 restores a Matthew- and/or Irma-damaged home in Volusia County, Fla. [https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/emergency_usa](https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/emergency_usa)

3. **Prepare your household and your congregation for an emergency.** You’ll gain peace of mind and be able to help others. Here’s UCC Disaster Ministries’ Preparedness Guide: [http://www.ucc.org/disaster_national-disaster-resources](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_national-disaster-resources)

4. **Contribute to the UCC’s Emergency USA Fund,** which supports our denomination’s rapid humanitarian response to both large and small natural and human-caused disasters in all 50 U.S. states and territories. [https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/emergency_usa](https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/emergency_usa)

5. **Contribute to the UCC’s International Emergency Relief Fund,** which supports our denomination’s disaster relief, long-term rehabilitation, advocacy and sustainability efforts along with refugee assistance around the world. [https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/international_emergency_relief_fund](https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/international_emergency_relief_fund)

6. **Assemble Church World Service Kits** – School, Hygiene and Baby Care Kits and – especially - Emergency Cleanup Buckets – time-tested packets of supplies that can be crucial to the recovery process following an international or domestic disaster. Do more with a UCC Disaster Ministries Matching Grant! [http://www.ucc.org/disaster_2018_matching_grants_for_cws_kits_home_page](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_2018_matching_grants_for_cws_kits_home_page)

7. **Follow UCC Disaster Ministries on the web - [www.ucc.org/disaster](http://www.ucc.org/disaster) - and on social media.** We’re “One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC)” - [https://www.facebook.com/onegreathourofsharingucc](https://www.facebook.com/onegreathourofsharingucc) - on Facebook and “oghs_at_ucc” on Twitter - [https://twitter.com/OGHS_at_UCC](https://twitter.com/OGHS_at_UCC)

8. **Invite your UCC Disaster Ministries Conference Coordinator to speak** at your Sunday worship service, adult Sunday church school or other occasion. [http://www.ucc.org/disaster_us-disasters_ucc-disaster-coordinators](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_us-disasters_ucc-disaster-coordinators)

9. **Learn how climate change causes and exacerbates disasters, and work for environmental justice.** [http://www.ucc.org/environmental-ministries](http://www.ucc.org/environmental-ministries)

10. **Contribute generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering,** typically taken during Lent. [http://www.ucc.org/oghs](http://www.ucc.org/oghs)

11. **Contact UCC Disaster Ministries Executive Zach Wolgemuth – wolgemuthz@ucc.org** - for information about serving as a long-term disaster recovery volunteer and for more information about disaster ministries.


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