

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. Topping the list of work sites needing volunteers right now: Volusia County, Fla. http://www.ucc.org/disaster_disaster-volunteers
2. **Buy a house or part of a house for a family in Nepal** who lost everything to the powerful earthquake in April 2015. \$4,000 buys a whole quake-resistant house! The UCC's goal is to build 50 houses. http://www.ucc.org/disaster_nepal_earthquake
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' new Preparedness Guide: 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
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
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_2017_matching_grants_for_cws_kits_home_page
7. **Follow UCC Disaster Ministries on the web** - www.ucc.org/disaster - and on social media. We're "One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC)" - <https://www.facebook.com/onegreathourofsharingucc> - on Facebook and "oghs_at_ucc" on Twitter - 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
9. **Learn how climate change causes and exacerbates disasters, and work for environmental justice.** <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>
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.
12. **Volunteer – physically or virtually – to build houses in Nepal** with the UCC's partner Fuller Center for Housing. <http://www.fullercenter.org/global-builders/nepal>