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UCC Issues $250,000 Appeal for Puerto Rico

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Power outages and damages have been reported and people are afraid to go to sleep and stay indoors for fear that another quake will come, or that their homes will crumble due to the damage caused by the quake.

Pray for continued strength and resolve for those whose lives have been impacted by this and all disasters. Please also pray for the First Responders, disaster volunteers, and all the people who are working tirelessly to provide relief, now and in the days, months, and years to come.

Stay up to date on the UCC Response and Recovery. https://www.ucc.org/earthquake_recovery_puerto_rico

Donate. The response and rebuilding will be long term. Your generous financial contribution now makes an immediate and long-term response possible. https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/Disaster

Assemble CWS Clean-up Kits. The UCC has matching grants available, even if you previously assembled kits. http://www.ucc.org/disaster_2018_matching_grants_for_cws_kits_home_page

Give through your local UCC Congregation, or make your checks payable to the United Church of Christ with “2020 Puerto Rico Earthquake Response” on the check and mail to:

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