

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



2017 Projects

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NATIONAL RESPONSE	\$1,953,955
Alabama	\$22,500
Presbytery of Sheppards & Lapsley	
April 2017 – Montevallo, AL, church fire	
May 2017 – Church of the Covenant, Anniston, AL, storm damage	
First Presbyterian, Birmingham, AL, storm damage	
June 2017 – Initial community damage grant, Birmingham, Ensley-Fairfield area, AL, tornado	
Arkansas	\$22,170
Presbytery of Arkansas	
March 2017 – Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center, storm damage	
April-May 2017 – Randolph County, NE AR, flooding	
Ferncliff – Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) support	
Arizona	\$5,700
Presbytery of deCristo	
January 2017– Tucson Sanctuary Coalition, refugee, human-caused disaster	
California	\$35,000
Presbytery of Pacific	
December 2017 –Sylmar, CA – “Creek” wildfire	
Presbytery of San Joaquin	
September 2017- Calvin Crest Camp – “Railroad” wildfire	
Presbytery of Santa Barbara	
December 2017 – Ventura, Ojai, Santa Paula – “Thomas” wildfire	
Presbytery of San Diego	
March 2017 – FPC in Oceanside – storm damage	
Presbytery of San Francisco	
March 2017 – West Oakland – community fire	
Florida	\$272,070
Florida presbyteries (six)	
Annual support of Florida Disaster PDA Network (FLAPDAN)	
Presbytery of Central Florida	
July 2017 – VIND Long-Term Recovery (Hurricane Matthew 2016)	
December 2017 – St. Luke’s Titusville – Hurricane Irma church damage	
Spring Lake, Sebring- Hurricane Irma church damage	
Presbytery of Peace River	
September 2017 - Initial community damage grant – Hurricane Irma	
Hurricane Irma Church Damage; First, Lehigh Acres; Lely, Naples; First, Arcadia;	

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Florida (cont)

Buckingham, Hope United, Cypress Lake in Ft. Myers - September 2017
Presbytery of Peace River/Tampa Bay
May 2017 – Beth-El Farm Worker Ministry – human-caused
Presbytery of Tampa Bay
August 2017 – Long-Term Recovery Groups (4) – Hurricane Hermine (2016)
September 2017 - Initial community damage grant – Hurricane Irma
Hurricane Irma Church Damage; First, Auburndale; Northwest, St. Petersburg;
Lake Seminole, Seminole; First, Fort Meade; Springwater, Brandon; First Hispanic, Tampa
September 2017
Presbytery of Tropical Florida
September 2017 - Initial community damage grant – Hurricane Irma
Hurricane Irma Church Damage; Grace, Lantana; Trinity, Key West; Korean, Palm
Beach; Iglesia Presbiteriana Nueva Veida (New Life) and Riviera, Miami
Presbytery of St. Augustine
January 2017 – Geneva in St. John’s – church damage (Matthew)
February 2017 - Initial community damage grant – Hurricane Matthew
June 2017 – St. Johns/Putnam Long-Term Recovery – Hurricane Matthew (2016)
September 2017- Memorial in St. Augustine – church damage (Irma)
October 2017 – Ft. Caroline in Jacksonville – church damage (Irma)

Georgia \$20,500

Presbytery of Flint River
February 2017 – Long-Term Recovery – January 2017 tornadoes
Presbytery of Savannah
July 2017 – Washington St. in Dublin – church fire
Atlantic Korean American Presbytery
October 2017 – Korean Presbyterian in Valdosta, church damage (Hurricane Irma 2017)
Savannah Korean in Savannah, church damage (Irma 2017)

Illinois \$5,000

Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
June 2017 – Initial community damage grant – Williamson County April 2017 flood

Indiana \$10,000

Presbytery of Wabash Valley
May 2017 – Salem Center in Hudson – church damage, flooding
July 2017 – Deer Church in Camden – church damage, flooding

Iowa \$5,000

Presbytery of North Central Iowa
April 2017 – Burt Presbyterian in Burt – church damage, fire

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Kansas **\$15,000**

Presbytery of Southern Kansas

March 2017- Initial community damage grant – Hutchinson wildfire

April 2017 – Initial community damage grant – Clark County, Ashland wildfire

Louisiana **\$165,710**

Presbytery of South Louisiana

January 2017- Disaster Assistance Coordinator – long-term recovery -2016 flooding

February 2017 – Initial community damage grant – SE New Orleans tornado

March 2017 – First in Lafayette, volunteer work team host site

June 2017 – First in Hammond, volunteer work team host site

August 2017 – Long-term recovery, Delta Corps – 2016 flooding

September 2017 – Initial community damage grant – SW Louisiana - Hurricane Harvey

Michigan **\$25,000**

Presbytery of Detroit

April 2017 – “New Beginnings” Refugee Freedom House program supported by the presbytery

Presbytery of Lake Huron

February 2017 – Flint, MI lead contaminated water crisis (2015-2016)

Fresh Flint Festival (April) support

June 2017 – Initial community damage grant – Midland County flooding

August 2017 – First Presbyterian, Mt. Pleasant – church damage, flooding

Mississippi **\$65,000**

Presbytery of Mississippi

January 2017 – Initial community damage grant – Hattiesburg, tornado

May 2017 – Initial community damage grant – Durant, tornado

Presbytery of St. Andrew

February 2017 – Long-term recovery seed grant, Coahoma/Quitman Recovery & Relief

March 2016 flooding

May 2017 – Long-term recovery organization (CQRR) grant – March 2016 flooding

Missouri **\$41,200**

Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy

January 2017– Clergy respite care – human-caused disaster

May 2017 – Church damage grants- flooding; First Presbyterian in Perryville,

Farmington in Farmington, Pacific in Pacific, Potosi in Potosi

Presbytery of John Calvin

May 2017 – Initial community damage grant – MO and KS flooding

May 2017 – Church damage grants – flooding; UMP in Ash Grove, Hillcrest in Springfield,

First in Mountain View, St. Andrew in Hideaway

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Montana	\$25,000
Presbytery of Glacier	
June 2017 – Initial community damage grant – Glacier Camp, human-caused	
September 2017 – Long-term recovery- Glacier presbytery, staff, and 5 communities	
Presbytery of Yellowstone	
July 2017 – Initial community damage grant – NE Montana, “Lodgepole” wildfires	
Nebraska	\$25,000
Presbytery of Homestead	
February 2016, DeWitt long-term recovery (2014 tornadoes)	
New Jersey	\$205,940
Presbytery of Monmouth	
2017 Camp Evans – long term recovery (LTR) hospitality site (Sandy 2012)	
February 2017 – long-term recovery group support, Ocean County (Sandy 2012)	
Long-term recovery group support, St. Bernard Project, Wall Township (Sandy 2012)	
New York	\$7,500
Presbytery of Utica	
July 2017 – Initial community damage grant – Whitesboro, flooding	
North Carolina	\$231,500
Presbytery of Charlotte	
July 2017 – Initial community damage grant – Charlotte fire – human-caused	
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina	
March 2017 - Disaster Assistance Coordinator – Cumberland County - long-term recovery Hurricane Matthew 2016	
April 2017 - Disaster Assistance Coordinator –Robeson County- long-term recovery Hurricane Matthew 2016	
Presbytery of New Hope	
April 2017 - First in Kinston, volunteer work team host site and coordinator (Matthew)	
August 2017 – Long-term recovery committee unmet needs support (Matthew)	
Oklahoma	\$10,000
Presbytery of Indian Nations	
February 2017 – Long-term recovery, Oklahoma Conference of Churches, emotional spiritual care	
Pennsylvania	\$7,500
Presbytery of Huntingdon	
August 2017 – Initial community damage grant, Coalport, flooding	

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South Carolina	\$127,000
Presbytery of Charleston-Atlantic	
March 2017 – long-term recovery group-Lowcountry’s disaster relief network (Hurricane Matthew 2016)	
June 2017 – Disaster Recovery Coordinator for 2015 flood & Hurricane Matthew recovery	
Presbytery of New Harmony	
June 2017 – long-term recovery group – Tri-County (Hurricane Matthew 2016)	
Tennessee	\$12,500
Presbytery of East Tennessee	
January 2017 – Initial community damage grant-Gatlinburg wildfires (Dec 2016)	
March 2017 - Gatlinburg Presbyterian- volunteer work team host site	
Texas	\$250,075
Presbytery of Grace	
June 2017 – St. Stephen in Fort Worth- church damage, human-caused	
Presbytery of Mission	
September 2017 – Initial community damage grant – Hurricane Harvey (8.25.17)	
September 2017 – Church damage grant – over 35 churches damaged - Hurricane Harvey PDA Advisory Committee special action for emergency grants	
Presbytery of New Covenant	
September 2017 – Initial community damage grant – Hurricane Harvey (8.25.17)	
September 2017 – Church damage grant – over 21 churches damaged - Hurricane Harvey PDA Advisory Committee special action for emergency grants	
October 2017 - Disaster Assistance Coordinator – long-term recovery (Harvey)	
December 2017 – Church damage support - Korean Presbyterian Churches, Houston	
Presbytery of Palo Duro	
March 2017 – Initial community damage grant – panhandle wildfires	
Presbytery of Tres Rios	
August 2017 – Las Americas Detention Intake Program – refugee grant	
Virginia	\$7,500
Presbytery of Peaks	
March 2016 - Appomattox County tornado (Feb 2016)	
Washington	\$7,500
Presbytery of Inland-Northwest	
July 2017 – Initial community damage grant - Greater Spokane, flooding	

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West Virginia **\$99,590**

Presbytery of West Virginia

January 2017 – Summersville, volunteer work team host site (June 2016 flooding)

Long-term recovery, West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy & Workcamps

September 2017– Long-Term Recovery – West Virginia VOAD Bridge Project

Wisconsin **\$15,000**

Presbytery of John Knox

August 2017 – Initial community damage grant – Cambria - human-caused

Presbytery of Northern Waters

May 2017 – Initial community damage grant – Chetek and Cameron, tornado

SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST **\$7,500**

2012 Superstorm Sandy Recovery – a grant was given to the Synod of the Northeast to support the efforts of those in NJ and NY to continue the recovery by final funding the position of disaster recovery coordinator

SINODO PRESBITERIANO BORIQUEN DE PUERTO RICO **\$72,500**

Hurricane Maria struck the island of Puerto Rico on September 20, 2017. The infrastructure; communications, transportation, power and water plants on the island were destroyed. Initial and church damage grants for the Presbyteries of the Noroeste and Suroeste were sent to the Synod for distribution as an emergency special action. PDA Advisory Committee, appointed by the GA, acted to suspend the PDA guidelines on emergency grant funding. In December an initial community damage grant was issued to the Synod to assist the communities outside of the presbyteries on the eastern portion of the island. In the Presbytery of San Juan over 15 churches were damaged, in the Presbytery of the Southeast over 29 churches and in the Presbytery of the Northeast over 30 churches were damaged.

Puerto Rico **\$132,500**

Presbytery of San Juan

September 2017 – Initial community damage grant

Church damage emergency grant

PDA Advisory Committee special action for emergency grants

December 2017 – Seminario Evangelico de Puerto Rico recovery grant

Presbytery grant to assist PCUSA churches with community recovery

Presbiterio del Suroeste

December 2017 – Presbytery grant to assist PCUSA churches with community recovery

Presbiterio del Noroeste

December 2017 – Presbytery grant to assist PCUSA churches with community recovery

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PARTNERSHIP OPERATIONAL SUPPORT **\$164,760**

Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance
Church World Service
Foods Resource Bank
Memberships with InterAction, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD),
State VOADs

PDA REFUGEE RESPONSE **\$32,250**

- 1) Support for US emergency assistance (CWS cases)
 - 2) In partnership with CWS, support for Immigration Refugee program
- Note: National partnership grants funded are listed per state in the national grant information

PDA NATIONAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) National Response Team (NRT) members represent PDA following a disaster in the United States. They provide support, long-term recovery and compassion fatigue training, and provide emotional and spiritual care to affected presbyteries and synods as they assess the impact of the disaster on both the church and the community. They also assist in connecting presbyteries to local, regional and national resources. In 2017, NRT spend approximately 2,122 days in the field in 70 Presbyteries. The NRT assisted with disaster recovery in at least 38 states (including Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico) to natural and human caused disasters in 2017 and assisted in long-term recovery for disasters dating back from 2012. 35 NRT were deployed to lead trainings and workshops throughout the country.

PDA HOSPITALITY PROGRAM

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Hospitality Program became a permanent program area in 2012 in response to requests from mid-councils and local congregations to provide hospitality to volunteer work teams following disasters. A network of trained hospitality volunteers works with the mid-councils and partner agencies to assess hosting sites and help determine the hospitality model that will best match their facility to the recovery coordination. In 2017, more than 7,000 work team volunteers served through 34 PDA-related volunteer hosting sites in 13 states. Of these 34 host sites, the PDA National Call Center managed calendars for 22 host sites that housed volunteers donating more than 200,000 hours of labor for disaster recovery. The monetary equivalence of this labor is valued at over \$4.8 million; however, as the church we know the value of our service is not limited to financial support—by bearing the witness of Christ’s love, our gifts of service are multiplied.

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PDA STORY MINISTRY

Story Productions is a ministry that connects, engages and equips congregations and communities through the medium of Story. These award-winning documentary resources are available to congregations and communities to organize screenings and host conversations about important and timely issues. If you are interested in these resources or hosting a screening, trailers, film posters, descriptions, study guides and links to the full films can be found at www.pcusa.org/StoryProductions

In 2017 PDA released *To Breathe Free*, short documentary and winner of "Best Documentary Short" at the Covellite International Film Festival 2017:

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

To Breathe Free follows the 5-year journey of a Syrian family fleeing the war in Homs to the refugee camps in Jordan and starting a new life in Washington, D.C. Using home movies, phone video, family photos and interviews with family members and former refugees, this short documentary gives an intimate and unique perspective not seen in current media reporting on the refugee crisis. *To Breathe Free* captures the intersection of individual narratives from a family fleeing the Vietnam War in 1970, to the Syrian Conflict in 2017, to the families who help create a new home in our nation's capital, giving voice to our common humanity and the struggle that binds people together.

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

2,443,144.16

Bangladesh

\$55,111.83

Rohingya Crisis, Flooding

Provided relief and recovery assistance to the Rohingya people displaced by conflict and affected host communities included: emergency food assistance, non-food items such as hygiene kits, kitchen utensils, clothes, shelter, livelihood recovery and psychosocial support.

Provided the flood-affected population of Bangladesh with sufficient food and rehabilitated community infrastructure and livelihoods.

Chile

\$13,000

Chile Earthquake

Roof repairs for special needs school

Colombia

\$5,000

Floods

Livelihood restoration

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Cuba	\$60,000
Hurricane Irma	
Shelter/roofs, non-food items, food security, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), psychosocial support, livelihood recovery	
Dominican Republic	\$50,000
Flooding in Puerto Plata	
Humanitarian aid	
Democratic Republic of Congo	\$10,000
Kasai Crisis	
Kasai solidarity grant	
Haiti	\$1,077,289
Haiti Earthquake, Hurricane Matthew, Superstorm Sandy	
Agriculture and livestock, food security projects, rebuilding projects, livelihood rehabilitation	
India	\$153,202
Tsunami	
Tsunami rehabilitation projects	
Kenya	\$87,200
Food security, drought, and peacebuilding	
Supported an initiative to enhance competency of the member churches to design and implement appropriate responses to hunger and poverty through agricultural and sustainable food production. In response to a drought resulting in food scarcity, response activities provided more than 1,500 people with emergency relief assistance, including items such as water, maize, beans, vegetables, food vouchers and livelihood recovery. Supported peace activities to campaign for peace throughout Kenya's presidential election.	
Lebanon	
<i>See Syria</i>	
Liberia	\$20,025
Flooding	
Community Resilience Project	
Madagascar	\$10,000
Cyclone Enawo	
Cyclone Enawo Rapid Response Fund	

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Malawi	\$38,000
Malawi hunger relief and food crisis Moringa tree project	
Mexico	\$10,000
Mexico earthquakes Supported the relief efforts of the Comunidad Teologica de Mexico in the aftermath of the earthquakes, which included: emergency food assistance, distribution of clothes, medicine and other non-food items	
Myanmar <i>See Bangladesh</i>	
Nepal	\$199,997
Nepal Earthquake Earthquake recovery project	
Peru	\$10,000
Peru floods Flood recovery solidarity grant	
Philippines	\$319,975.66
Typhoon Haiyan and Marawi Conflict Typhoon Haiyan rebuilding projects, livelihood projects and humanitarian response to the Marawi conflict	
Serbia	\$50,000
Migrants/refugee work Support for migrants and refugees transitioning through Serbia	
Sierra Leone	\$10,000
Freetown flooding Flood recovery solidarity grant	
South Sudan	\$136,608.67
South Sudan Violence Aided in the improvement of rural livelihoods through an increase in food security and the provision of clean and safe drinking water. Provided emergency relief assistance to more than 4,000 displaced persons, which included items such as maize, beans, cooking oil, clothes, blankets, mosquito nets and medicine.	

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Syria

\$154,735

Syria Conflict, South Sudan Violence

Supported the restoration and rehabilitation of two schools in Aleppo, benefitting 2,439 Syrian people. Rebuild/repared the homes of 25-30 displaced Syrian families living in Homs. Support for schools in Lebanon for more than 200 Syrian children residing in refugee camps included educational services to combat literacy and increase access to education, and items to meet basic human needs such as meals, uniforms, winter clothes and medicine. Support for accounting services to the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon's Syrian humanitarian relief and educational projects benefitting refugees and internally displaced persons in Syria and Lebanon. Support for South Sudanese refugees in Syria.