



FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE NETWORK

In Partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PCUSA)



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Hurricane Recovery Update

Although things have been relatively quiet in Florida this hurricane season, recovery from past hurricanes is still going on. The Long Term Recovery Groups, called LTRGs, in several communities across our state are still working hard to help survivors repair their homes. LTRGs bring together community and faith-based organizations, government and private entities who combine resources to repair and rebuild hurricane damaged homes for families who are not able to recover on their own.



Hurricane Irma (September 2017): Communities throughout the Florida peninsula have just about wrapped up repairs for clients impacted by Hurricane Irma, however the work in Central Florida Presbytery is still going strong in the Daytona area. Many people who live in mobile homes



are still being served. Because proper repairs to mobile homes are difficult to make, the Volusia County LTRG has come up with an innovative program to fund the replacement of their clients' mobile or manufactured homes.

Hurricane Michael (October 2018): LTRGs working within the Presbytery of Florida in the panhandle were at the height of repairs and rebuilds when the COVID-19

pandemic locked everything down. It has been difficult to continue work since mission teams have had to cancel their trips. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance had to close their Volunteer Hosting Site at Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church in Panama City Beach at the start of the pandemic and is determining when it will be safe to reopen.



Hurricane Sally (September 2020): Recovery in Pensacola and the surrounding areas has been difficult due to lack of funding for repair materials. Smaller storms do not get much media attention therefore donations have been minimal. Thankfully, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been able to provide small grants to the LTRGs assisting Sally survivors.



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In addition to responding to domestic disasters, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds internationally as well. PDA has had long-standing partnerships in Haiti for decades. These meaningful relationships enable us to come alongside communities affected by disaster in the immediate aftermath, as well as support communities planning multi-year, long-term recovery projects.

Most recently, PDA is responding to the devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti the morning of August 14, 2021 resulting in the loss of more than 2,200 lives. Working closely with Presbyterian World Mission, our traditional partners on the ground and ACT Alliance, PDA is responding to emergency needs such as WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), emergency power generators, shelter, food, first aid and more. We remain committed to the long-term recovery. <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/haiti/>



Photo: Tijo Conseillant, ADLH Field Staff

PDA Haiti Videos for download:



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1-minute video: <https://vimeo.com/593736004>

Year round, but especially during a disaster, [FLAPDAN](#) stays in close contact with the Florida presbyteries, PDA, Synod, state and local emergency management, FEMA and community and faith-based disaster response organizations to assure continued communication of the latest updates, notifications and best practices. Coordinated response is a key element in all disasters from the federal level right down to each local community. Please contact FLAPDAN with questions or if you need help to create or update your disaster plan. **We are here for you. Thank you for your continued support of FLAPDAN!**

Blessings,
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