

# Disaster Response and Recovery



When disasters happen, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding – that disaster response is local – forms the foundation for UMCOR’s U.S. disaster training and response efforts.

When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR works with the conference disaster response ministries to provide the following:

- Financial assistance - emergency grants may be sent when a bishop of the affected conference contacts UMCOR;
- Expertise - UMCOR's disaster-response experience and knowledge are made available to those in need;
- Networking - connections with volunteers, experts, local government and other organizations can help communities recover from disaster.