

DISASTER RESPONSE

When disasters strike, WEEK OF COMPASSION is here to help – before, during, and after.



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

If a disaster affected your area, would your congregation be ready to respond? Planning before a disaster helps your congregation prevent loss and positions your church to care for members and neighbors in the aftermath. Week of Compassion offers resources and training opportunities to help your congregation prepare and respond.



IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

Week of Compassion first responds to disasters in the United States and Canada through local congregations and regions. We connect Disciples to state and national networks of disaster response organizations, communicate local needs to the wider church, and provide guidance for navigating disaster response. Additionally, we offer solidarity grants to assist churches in affected areas.

1. **HOUSEHOLD SOLIDARITY GRANTS:** assistance to Disciples households who sustained damage to their homes or experienced significant hardship
2. **CONGREGATIONAL SOLIDARITY GRANTS:** assistance to congregations that sustained damage to their church buildings
3. **COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY GRANTS:** assistance to congregations to support their relief efforts for the wider community

LONG-TERM RESPONSE

Week of Compassion supports and accompanies communities in recovery for the long haul. We invest the majority of our disaster response resources in long-term recovery, primarily for the purpose of repairing and rebuilding homes. Grants provided to local long-term recovery groups help communities assist households who do not have the resources to recover on their own.

Week of Compassion also works with local Disciples congregations and ecumenical partners to coordinate volunteer opportunities to support long-term recovery.