

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE
U.S. WILDFIRES

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Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "U.S. wildfires" will be used to help those affected by wildfires until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support this response and others like it.

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