#### **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**

## **HURRICANE FLORENCE: 3 MONTHS LATER**

#### **DECEMBER 2018**

### **ELCA.org/Disaster**

In September 2018, Hurricane Florence struck the Carolinas and surrounding states with dangerous winds, storm surge and extensive flooding. The hurricane caused more than 50 deaths, displaced thousands of people from their homes and caused billions of dollars in damage.

As a church, we are accompanying our neighbors through their recovery – for as long as it takes. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with Lutheran Services Carolinas, the North Carolina Synod, South Carolina Synod, community partners and local long-term recovery groups to help those impacted by the hurricane.

Example of relief work that your gifts have already helped support include emergency temporary shelter assistance, gift cards for survivors' immediate needs like food and other necessities, providing emergency heaters for people without heat, and returning families back to their homes. The needs and the work will continue for years. We are also providing long-term recovery and assistance, including supporting pastors and other congregational leaders with educational opportunities around spiritual care after disasters and a respite retreat.

Your continued gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those who have been otherwise affected by Florence and other hurricanes until the recovery is complete.

Your gifts designated for hurricane response will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Give now to support survivors of disasters.

# Yes, I want to help!

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Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Hurricane response" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.



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