

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE  
**U.S WILDFIRES**

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Lutheran Disaster Response is working with synods and social

ministry organizations in California and other western states to develop a coordinated response to the wildfires. We anticipate that immediate needs will include food and other necessities, as well as emotional and spiritual care for those who have been traumatized.

**Your gifts will support wildfire survivors. Gifts to “U.S. Wildfires” will be used in full (100%) to assist 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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