

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE  
**U.S. WILDFIRES**

SEPTEMBER 2020

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to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond. We expect immediate needs may 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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