



His Heart, Our Hands, Their Hope

NALC Disaster Response *“North American Lutheran Church”*

January 2025

Greetings in the name of our Lord!

2024 has been a God-filled year and we are praying that in 2025 we will be able to provide more support for our congregations when disasters strike, as disasters continue to happen throughout the United States. More disasters have occurred in 2024 than any year since 2011, whew!

NALC Disaster Response has responded to disasters from California wildfires to Florida hurricanes, see the attached annual report of NALC Disaster Response.

We are currently in long term recovery in 16 states, including wildfires in CA, Maui, and Texas.....tornadoes throughout the Great Plains, and hurricanes on the east coast including Hurricane Helene that has devastated western North Carolina: over 300,000 families have lost their homes. Volunteers are needed to help rebuild the homes destroyed by these disasters.

When the National Disaster Task Force met in 2024, new goals were set to help serve in each Mission District:

1. Engage youth and more adults in serving to the glory of God and sharing the love of Jesus
2. Provide disaster preparedness training for each mission district
3. Schedule as many youth and adults at the NEW Volunteer training and retreat center at the National warehouse in Caldwell OH
4. Engage more Spiritual Christian Care volunteers and promote Life To Life Discipleship - Check out our new Spiritual Christian care training program at www.thenalc.org/disaster.
5. Provide information about NALC Disaster Response for new congregations and new pastors
6. Schedule “Stuff the Trucks” in each Mission District, with support from Women of the NALC. Warehouses need to be filled with emergency relief supplies: Bibles, flood buckets, health kits, quilts, school kits, and baby supplies. This helps us to load and go when disasters strike!

Thank you for serving and being the hands and feet of Jesus when families lose everything in a disaster – thank you for sharing the Hope of Jesus!

Enclosed are individual sheets which outline our donations management and our volunteer needs – there were so many disasters in 2023 and we served through all of them with your help and support!

If your congregation wants to support NALC Disaster Response, please feel free to contact me for more information at 740-509-1132 or disasterresponse@thenalc.org

My prayers and the love of Jesus to you!

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