



A MID-COUNCIL OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Office of the Transitional Presbyter

Dear Friends,

Presbytery's ability to nimbly respond to disaster needs is critical to our vision of being a presbytery for all within our care—those known to us and strangers. We would like to be able to respond to major disasters in our unusually event-challenged presbytery in their earliest days—the emergency period times of greatest displacement, anxiety, confusion, and direct practical needs. We ask for your help at this time to expand Presbytery's designated Disaster Relief Fund.

After The Dixie Fire destroyed the town of Greenville in Plumas County and the area's evacuees were directed to shelter in Susanville, our Presbytery sent \$10,000 to help during the emergency period to assist with those displaced and/or lost their homes. This was funded through the Disaster Relief Fund. The donation represented the then-present fund balance plus an amount rounded up by another Mission Support Committee designated account. The present balance of the Disaster Relief Fund is \$0.00.

Immediately after that allocation, the Caldor fire erupted in El Dorado County, burning out the town of Grizzly Flats and, as of this date, is still expanding. Nearly 23,000 people are under evacuation orders and the designated gathering centers are reported full.

How you and/or your congregation can help at this time and the near future:

1. We are soliciting contributions to NCC Presbytery in order to restore the designated Disaster Relief Fund (a/c 27302).
2. This same fund is also a pass-through account for contributions for donor-designated relief of named disasters *unrelated to contributions to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*—within presbytery or beyond). Checks for this purpose should indicate the specific disaster on the memo line.

The recipients of Disaster Relief Fund contributions are determined by the Mission Support Committee for payment to a non-profit—i.e., near-by PCUSA churches for their response program or a chosen non-profit. Example: The Dixie Fire check was sent to Plumas County's community foundation for that agency's account set up solely for this disaster.

Your donation, combined with those of others, will enable us to provide healing and hope to individuals and families in their hour of greatest need. Thank you for generously helping us bring comfort and provide for the sudden needs of our presbytery in a time of great, unanticipated needs.

In Christ,

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