



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE RAPID INFORMATION NETWORK

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Cleanup buckets are needed

Many parts of the United States have experienced a large amount of flooding this year due to rapid melting of an above-average snowpack in the Upper Midwest, above-normal precipitation during the spring, and after-effects from Hurricanes Irene and Lee.

One of the ways that PDA helps in response to flooding is through Gift of the Heart kit Clean-up buckets.



These buckets are extremely helpful as a first step in the recovery process. Unfortunately, the large number of disasters has pretty much exhausted the Church World Service supply of Clean-up buckets. A shipment of 250 Clean-up buckets was recently sent to a Presbyterian church near Binghamton, New York, to help that community begin the recovery process, but more are needed for other locations.

Please prayerfully consider participating in this important mission. [Instructions for putting together the buckets can be found on the PDA website.](#)

Call for volunteers



The large number of natural disasters this year means that many people need help in cleaning up or rebuilding their homes. There are several U.S. locations currently hosting volunteer work teams and several others that are almost ready to do so. Your presence is needed to help families put the disasters behind them, repair their homes and restore their lives.

The PDA Call Center can help you plan your next disaster response mission trip. Please give them a call at (866) 732-6121 to schedule your team or [register your interest online.](#)

Alternative Giving resources

PDA is finishing some new materials for use in your Christmas and other alternative giving events. This year's brochure clearly explains how each gift is an example of what a gift through PDA can accomplish.

This year, materials can be ordered from Presbyterian Distribution Service. Below is a list of available items.



- Full color brochures - featuring disaster survivors from around the world, the brochure offers information about international, national, and general response opportunities. [PDS item #25412-11-004](#).
- Gift cards - for those at your event or in your congregation who make a donation to PDA in honor of a loved one. [PDS item #25412-11-007](#).
- Poster - 11x17 poster to assist with promoting your special event. [PDS item #25412-10-005](#).
- Bookmarks. [PDS item #25412-11-006](#).
- Pew Envelopes. [PDS item #25412-10-010](#).

Order items by calling PDS at (800) 524-2612 and asking for the # listed. All items are available at no charge. Please allow ten days for receipt. If you have questions or need items sooner, [please email us](#) or call (888) 728-7228, x5839.

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