

Disaster Response Volunteer Opportunities

Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria

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Lutheran Congregational Services provides this information as a resource for those wishing to volunteer for disaster response. It is our hope that this information results in meaningful service opportunities. Please be aware these listings are not volunteer opportunities with Lutheran Disaster Response-Eastern Pa. Neither Lutheran Congregational Services nor Lutheran Disaster Response-Eastern Pa assumes liability for your participation in any of these opportunities.

TEXAS

All Hands Volunteers made a two year commitment to Texas. Go to www.hands.org. On the website you will find a volunteer application for Hurricane Harvey response.

Upbring Disaster Response (Lutheran Social Services of the South) connects groups desiring to volunteer in the rebuilding efforts in Texas and Louisiana. Please contact Jessica Vermilyea at jessica.vermilyea@upbring.org or 504-376-9121.

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Disaster Response (Updated Dec. 8, 2017) – For at least the next 18 months, the greatest need in Texas is for **volunteers**. The Texas District, under the direction of Julie Tucker, Director of Disaster Response, will focus relief efforts in the Golden Triangle, which includes the towns of Beaumont and Port Arthur northeast of Houston, and the Coastal Bend, which includes towns like Corpus Christi and Rockport southwest of Houston. To volunteer go to: <https://txlcms.org/how-can-i-help-hurricane-harvey/>. To volunteer in the Greater Houston area, Galveston County, Winnie, Hamshire and Fannet go to or outside Houston/Galveston, go to <http://txlcms.org/harvey-volunteer-information/>.

FLORIDA

All Hands Volunteers are accepting volunteer applications. The area between Marathon Key and Key West will be the primary work area. If you are interested in volunteering in response to Hurricane Irma in the Florida Keys please go to <https://www.hands.org/projects/florida-hurricane-response/>.

Hurricane Irma recovery – To register to volunteer in Florida go to <https://www.volunteerflorida.org/irma/>. (Info from the NVOAD web site <https://www.nvoad.org/>)

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GEORGIA

Hurricane Irma recovery – To register to volunteer in Georgia go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VolunteerGA>. (Info from the NVOAD web site <https://www.nvoad.org/>)

LOUISIANA

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PUERTO RICO

Lutheran Disaster Response – Idalia Negron 787-209-8850 (info recd. Jan. 25, 2018)

Send Relief has a staff member coordinating Disaster Relief projects. His name is Ronny Bingham. There is an established a camp to host volunteers. Ronny said the best way to plan a mission trip is to go through their website and fill out the form there:

<https://www.namb.net/send-relief/disaster-relief/caribbean-hurricane-response> (info recd. Jan. 30, 2018)

All Hands Volunteers will be helping families in the areas of Yabucoa and Barranquitas, in the clean up process and to be there alongside them on the long road to recovery.” To volunteer go to <https://www.hands.org/projects/puerto-rico-response/>. For volunteer inquiries send an email to volunteer@hands.org.

Praying Pelican Missions are scheduling trips. Please go to www.prayingpelicanmissions.org. The phone number for questions is 888-776-4090 or email info@prayingpelicanmissions.org .

Puerto Rico Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – To register to volunteer in Puerto Rico go to <https://voad.communityos.org/volunteer-registration-pr-irma>. (Info from the NVOAD web site <https://www.nvoad.org/>)

US VIRGIN ISLANDS

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All Hands Volunteers are accepting volunteer applications. If you are interested in joining them as a volunteer in response to Hurricanes Irma and Maria in the US Virgin Islands, please go to www.hands.org and complete the form.

US Virgin Islands Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – To register to volunteer go to <https://voad.communityos.org/volunteer-registration-usvi-irma>. (Info from the NVOAD web site <https://www.nvoad.org/>)