

Disaster Response Volunteer Opportunities

Georgia, Mississippi, New Jersey, Tennessee, West Virginia

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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.

GEORGIA

Southeast Synod Disaster Response is currently working in the Savannah area. This recovery is post Hurricane Matthew and flooding. SES Disaster Response will soon also be working in Albany GA post tornadoes. To volunteer contact sesdisasterresponse@gmail.com. (info recd. Jan.30, 2018)

MISSISSIPPI

Southeast Synod Disaster Response – In Hattiesburg, SES Disaster Response partnered with R3SM, the Long Term Recovery Organization. They have a wonderful guest house for volunteers and also lots of work post floods and tornadoes. Darrel, their construction coordinator is top notch.

Chris Adams is the scheduling coordinator in Hattiesburg, MS. She is the contact regarding dates you are planning to be there and also to take the skill specifics about your group for Darrell. Her number is [601-818-5899](tel:601-818-5899). (info recd. Jan.30, 2018)

NEW JERSEY

Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey

Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey is helping families still not in their homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy in October 2012.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Joy Blazak (609) 802-1034, jblazak@lsmnj.org. Joy can tell you where work teams are needed, and also let you know about volunteer housing. Teams are being scheduled into summer 2018. The maximum capacity for groups is about 20. Teams and individuals can work any number of days, including weekends.

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TENNESSEE

Southeast Synod Disaster Response – In East Tennessee, Sevier County and Gatlinburg area, post fires, SES Disaster Response is working with Mountain Strong Long Term Recovery Group, and for scheduling groups are working through the Appalachian Service Project. Luke is the contact, [919-637-2030](tel:919-637-2030) . Currently they are building two houses. New construction. (info recd. Jan.30, 2018)

WEST VIRGINIA

Community Lutheran Partners

June 23, 2016 severe flooding hit West Virginia. 23 people died and thousands of homes destroyed. Forty-four of fifty-five counties were declared a state of emergency as 8-10 inches of rain fell in 12 hours. Several WV counties were flooded again in July 2017.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Sherri Shafer, Community Lutheran Partners, by texting (304)312-4222.