

2005: The Year of the Hurricane

You are there through UMCOR, offering relief and hope



Volunteers unload relief supplies in a Red Cross shelter for survivors of Hurricane Katrina housed at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Ocean Springs, Miss.
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A Comprehensive Response

UMCOR's response to five major hurricanes in 2005—Dennis, Katrina, Rita, Stan, and Wilma—and their unimaginable devastation was both swift and comprehensive. UMCOR has already released nearly \$5.5 million in grants to support annual conferences, national mission institutions, and additional staff in their response efforts.

Because of the faithful and generous support of people like you, UMCOR will be able to follow-through with its holistic and long-term outreach to the thousands of people in need of assistance.

How UMCOR is Giving Hope to Thousands

▶ Seeking out and helping the most vulnerable.

UMCOR is committed to helping the most vulnerable people affected by this year's hurricanes. "Our expertise is holding the hands of those persons who cannot recover from this even on their own," says UMCOR disaster response consultant, Christy Smith.

▶ Responding with knowledge that comes through experience.

Through local United Methodist churches and trained disaster workers, UMCOR provides immediate relief. UMCOR will bring its years of experience, capable volunteers and creativity to the rebuilding of communities devastated by these powerful storms.

▶ Looking ahead to long-term recovery.

UMCOR's main focus in any disaster is the long-term rebuilding process. Recovery from some devastating storms may take up to five years—well after the media have stopped paying attention.

"We walk alongside survivors for the duration of their recovery."

—Paul Dirdak, UMCOR Deputy General Secretary

How You Can Help

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Give by Phone 1-800-554-8583 8:45 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, where

Give by check through your United Methodist church or by mail to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068. Please write Advance #982523, Hurricanes Global 2005 on the memo line of your check.



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