

Why Lutherans Respond

The work of Lutheran Disaster Response is based in the knowledge that congregations proclaim the gospel in many ways in the communities in which they live. When a crisis or disaster arises and God's people are hurting and scared, God gives us the gift to share the hope and promise of new life in the midst of devastation.

The call of God motivates the church to reach into the world, to be full participants in community, and to care for the earth with all its creatures.

When something happens in our community, our neighbors will be knocking on our doors whether or not we are prepared to step up to the needs. It makes sense to be prepared to care for the people, buildings, information, programs, networks, and other resources that are important to us and our community.



Giving

Help expand and continue the disaster preparedness and response ministry we share:

- **GIVE to LDR Carolinas** to support ongoing preparedness and long-term recovery. An LDR grant began this work; you can help it continue! Send to: LDR Carolinas, 1988 Lutheran Synod Drive, Salisbury, NC 28144
- **GIVE to the Disaster Fund of either the SC or NC Synod.** (Addresses listed below.)
- **GIVE to Bridging Together.** Send donations to Bridging Together, 1988 Lutheran Synod Drive, Salisbury, NC 28144
- **GIVE to Lutheran Disaster Response** directly following a national or global disaster—either through a one-time gift or ongoing monthly giving. Use this link for giving by phone, by mail, or online: <https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse>

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Hope. Healing. Renewal.



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What is LDR Carolinas?

The ministry of LDR Carolinas has been funded by a grant from Lutheran Disaster Response. Grounded in faith, we focus on helping individuals and congregations prepare for disaster and on building a network of resources across NC and SC to respond when disasters occur. We are reminded that we can trust in God in any situation:

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble
with its tumult.*

—Psalm 46:1-3

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Preparedness

Preparedness involves taking time to understand the potential disasters likely in your area and taking precautions to minimize the possible effects on you, your home, and your congregation.

Preparedness also includes taking steps in advance that will help you recover more quickly from disasters when they occur.

LDR Carolinas provides resources to help you learn about potential disasters and how to best prepare yourself and your congregation.

Response

Response includes learning about the ways you can work to help yourself, your family, your congregation, and others after a disaster.

Response also includes coordinating the efforts of others who want to come to assist your community when a disaster has occurred.

LDR Carolinas provides a local response to disaster-affected areas. After Hurricane Helene, our focus is on helping get people back home. We are coordinating the work of volunteers in both states to help repair homes. We also partner with Mennonite Disaster Service through *Bridging Together* to replace private bridges.



How can I help?

Pray

for disaster survivors, volunteers, and response workers in the Carolinas, across the nation, and around the world.

Donate

by checking out the Giving section of this brochure.

Volunteer

to assist with debris cleanup, home repair, and bridge building.

Prepare

before future disasters affect your home, congregation, and community.