

**PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO
DISASTER ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE**

**NEWSLETTER
January, 2009**

What the churches in the Presbytery are doing:

The Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, Firestorm Team continues their monthly work days in Ramona working with designated families. Come and join them!

Their next workdays are: February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16 and June 20.

Please contact either Larry Muschek at lmuschek@lsglen.com or cell phone, 760 533-4284, or Linda Holland at linvbh@aol.com or cell phone, 619 787-4743, for more information. If you're planning on joining them for a workday, please call Larry or Linda no later than the Wednesday before the date so they can send you the information you need.

Christ Presbyterian Church, Carlsbad, sponsored two work days in DelZura (east County) September 13 and November 15th assisting families from the Harris Fire.

Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church: continues their education series "Roadmap to Recovery." (www.rbcpc.org/firestormresponseplan)

The latest news from the PDAC:

1. UnMet Needs committee: As noted in our September, 08, newsletter, we were successful in our request to Presbyterian Church (USA), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for a \$50,000 grant for use at the San Diego Recovery Teams' UnMet Needs Table. We are now represented with other agencies in the county hearing requests/proposals from case managers to assist individual families who are uninsured or underinsured families trying to rebuild their lives. As of Jan, we have provided assistance to 10 families and utilized about half of our grant.
2. Web site: There is now information about our committee on the Presbytery's web site. This includes: activities, newsletters, contacts, meeting dates & locations, links to the Recovery Centers. www.PresbyterySD.org/comm/DAC You will also find criteria and application forms for churches to utilize to request funding from the committee for fire response projects you are planning.
3. Our current project is the preparation of disaster preparedness materials for our congregations focusing on individual and congregational preparation. These will be available at the Presbytery's Leadership Training Jan 24th and on the web site shortly.

How can your church stay connected?

Please share this information with your congregation.

Review your family's individual preparedness.

Discuss with your church leadership how the church is preparing and what role it could play.

Do you have a work group of individuals with chain saws? Fallbrook Recovery Center is looking for such a group to assist with cutting avocado trees. JOIN US!

Next committee meeting: February 24, 2009 9:30 am – 11am

Ranch Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church.

RSVP to Carolyn Peterson, Chair: PDAC@PresbyterySD.org - 760 436-9165