

**SAN DIEGO PRESBYTERY
DISASTER ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE**

We affirm a commitment to strengthen our presbytery's disaster preparedness, response, recovery and rebuilding efforts and we commit ourselves to equip Presbyterians throughout our Presbytery to serve survivors in the name of Jesus Christ. We partner together in recognition of the mutual task before us in bringing God's hope and wholeness to the survivors of disaster so that they may be strengthened and encouraged for the task of rebuilding their communities and livelihoods.

STATEMENT OF MISSION

To provide assistance and coordinate support for churches of the San Diego Presbytery, their congregations and their communities as we address common issues of preparation, response and long term recovery following a disaster event.

To accomplish this, we will:

- Establish a chain of communication between individual churches of the Presbytery and the Presbytery office during times of need or disaster
- Recommend protocols to be used by congregations in times of disaster
- Facilitate outreach efforts of individual congregations
- Provide a communication link between the Presbytery and the San Diego and Imperial County community organizations involved in disaster
- Identify needs and develop resources
- Advocate for specific needs in affected communities
- Support training for disaster preparedness and response for congregations
- Coordinate recovery projects and logistics, and
- Provide direct support to disaster organizations and individuals.

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