

**PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO
DISASTER ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE**

NEWSLETTER #5

July, 2009

The latest news from the PDAC:

1. New Grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

Our committee prepared a second grant proposal to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and was successful with a grant for \$75,000. This grant, like the 2008 grant, is specifically targeted to assist the work of the community recovery process (for 2007 wildfire survivors) through the Unmet Needs Table. We participate with other agencies in the county as we hear requests/proposals from case managers to assist individual families who are uninsured or underinsured and are trying to rebuild their lives. As of July 9th, we have provided assistance to 27 families in Ramona, Dulzura, Descanso, Barrett Junction, Fallbrook, Valley Center, Potero and Escondido. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Escondido, and Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church also have provided funding for this project from funds remaining in their Wildfire fund.

2. Disaster Preparedness: One of our goals for 2009 is to assist individuals and congregations with their preparation for the next disaster. We made a presentation to the Presbytery meeting on June 16th and are requesting invitations from the sessions of our Presbytery to provide a 20 minute presentation to their session meeting regarding disaster preparedness. We are also working with a new San Diego group, San Diego Interfaith Disaster Coalition, for increased communication and coordination of activities.

3. Web site: Have you seen the new look of the Presbytery of San Diego's web site? Click on the box for the Disaster Assistance Committee and you will see our newsletters, meeting dates & locations, contacts, and information on disaster preparedness for yourself and your congregation. (www.presbyterysd.org)

4. Ham Radio operators: Does your church have individuals who are Ham radio operators? There is a Communication Summit scheduled for Sept. 12 relating to their use during disasters. Please advise if you have anyone who might be interested.

What the churches in the Presbytery are doing:

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

Their next workdays are:

August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 and December 12.

Please contact either Larry Muschek at lmuschek@lcglen.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 are 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.

How can your church stay connected?

Please share this information with your congregation.

Start preparing for the next disaster. Review your family's individual preparedness.

Contact us to provide a presentation to your Session.

Join a work day with Solana Beach Presbyterian Church.

Next committee meeting: July 28, 2009 9:30 am – 11am

Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church.

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