

Critical need for disaster clean-up bucket kits

I received word yesterday [dated 9/8/17] from Texas VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) that there is a critical need for Clean-up Bucket Kits. In coordinating this response with my colleague Jenn Dorsch at Brethren Disaster Ministries, she indicated that the need is so critical that they may have to use disaster dollars to buy the materials and use volunteers to assemble the bucket kits. Your immediate assistance will allow us not to have to divert those resources.

With our emphasis this weekend on God's Work Our Hands, I thought this might give congregations in our Synod a tangible way to respond to the needs in Texas-and almost certainly, in the aftermath of Irma.

We are fortunate to have a quick means of getting these kits to Texas with the Brethren Disaster Ministries and Church World Service warehouses located at New Windsor, Maryland. If your congregation can assist with this need, please click on this link to Church World Service to get a list of items to include in the Bucket Kit:



<http://cwskits.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/CWS-Emergency-Cleanup-Buckets.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7UxIKgSZRWQ>

Once you have bought the materials and put together the kits please take them to:

Brethren Service Center Annex
601 Main St.
New Windsor, MD 21776-0188

If you are unable to assist in assembling bucket kits, you can contribute directly to Brethren Disaster Ministries to assist in the cost of shipping these to Texas. Checks can be made out and sent to:

Brethren Disaster Ministries
Attn: Jenn Dorsch
601 Main St.
New Windsor, MD 21776-0188

Beyond making these bucket kits, the most effective way you can contribute to disaster response needs is by the giving of a cash donation. This allows us to obtain only the supplies we need, provide direct assistance to clients and support the local economy where the disaster has occurred. Our Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) will use 100% of the money you donate towards our disaster response efforts. Please use the following link to give to LDR: