



Week of Compassion



**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

Joint Appeal for Ecuador Earthquake Relief

The **United Church of Christ One Great Hour of Sharing** and **The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Week of Compassion** issue this joint special appeal for \$500,000 for Ecuador earthquake relief and recovery. The United Church of Christ and The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), with our ecumenical partners, are well-positioned to respond to immediate needs and to be strategically active in long-term accompaniment as people recover their lives and livelihoods.

Your generosity to this special appeal will enable a far-reaching response.

On the 16th of April 2016 the people of Ecuador experienced a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. The death toll of hundreds and injury count of thousands are rising daily. Physical damage to buildings and infrastructure is catastrophic, including demolished buildings, broken roadways, and lost electricity along the Pacific coastline. A state of emergency has been called for 6 of Ecuador's coastal provinces.

Because the scope of the damage is so immense, the disaster ministries of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are leveraging our existing partnership to respond jointly. As members of the one body of Christ, we strengthen one another and stand together with those who are suffering.

Through our partnership, you are already there in the heart of the response. You are there as traumatized survivors evaluate their next steps amid the rubble of their former homes and as rescue responders continue to search for survivors. You are accompanying the people of Ecuador through your support of the UCC and Disciples disaster ministries.

Solidarity grants to Global Ministries (Disciples/UCC) partner, FEDICE (the Ecumenical Foundation for Integral Development, Training, and Education) already are enabling the provision of food, water, blankets, clothes and first aid supplies to the affected

communities. World-wide church partners with disaster response capacity and expertise, including the ACT Alliance, are mobilizing responses with local members and global connections, with support from our denominations.

The situation is urgent. The need is great. You can help!

PRAY

Reveal yourself, O God, to each one of us here. Bring us to your glory and help us move on to new days. In the name of Jesus, who is never far away. Amen.
[read the entire prayer at weekofcompassion.org/ecuador-prayer](http://weekofcompassion.org/ecuador-prayer)

GIVE

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