



SC is still recovering from the 2015 Flood and Hurricane Matthew. Recovery efforts will be ongoing for years to come. Although we have generous, good hearted, hard-working, devoted volunteers coming from all over the country we need to reach people who live in our communities. In an attempt to get local volunteers involved in state recovery efforts I'm attaching a poster from **SBP** who is one of the organizations heading up recovery efforts in the Columbia area. If there are people in your respective communities who want to get involved and volunteer for a day, a week or longer in the **Columbia** area, they should call SBP directly to find out how to help. Again, this is specific to where SBP is heading up recovery efforts.

The attached poster advises volunteers to call PDA, that is ONLY if they have need for housing. If they are local and plan to drive they should contact SBP directly!

Organizations working in the Columbia area include:

SBP: <http://www.sbpusa.org/>
ReachGlobal: <https://go.efca.org/opportunities/ways-serve/south-carolina-flood-response>
Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM): <http://www.brethren.org/bdm/>
UMCOR: <http://www.umcor.org/>

Anyone interested in volunteering closer to home or in other parts of the state can contact me directly. Please share this information with your congregation, other churches and community/civic organizations.

With gratitude,
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