



TORNADOES CARVE DEADLY PATH THROUGH MID-SOUTH COMMUNITIES

You Can Help Through the District's Disaster Relief Fund



As communities across Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois continue to assess the devastating loss, the Mid-South District is coordinating donor funds to help with recovery efforts.

Greetings to our Mid-South District congregations and fellow LCMS Districts. As you know, devastating tornadoes struck numerous communities across Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois in the evening and early morning hours of December 10 and 11. The death toll is staggering and continues to rise, while the devastation to property along the 250-mile storm path is unimaginable.

In the wake of such destruction, the need for aid is great. Already, countless calls asking "How can we help?" have flowed into the Mid-South District office. As the bleak aftermath of this disaster unfolds, **our first and most significant response is with prayer**. We pray for those who are still missing, those who are part of the difficult search effort, and those who are mourning victims of these devastating storms. To assist the thousands of individuals impacted by this terrible tragedy, both LCMS Disaster Response and Lutheran Church Charities are currently mobilizing critical resources.

HOW CAN YOU AND YOUR CONGREGATION HELP?

To assist with the relief effort, the Mid-South District has established a Disaster Relief Fund. Donations directed to this fund will be used for relief efforts in the tornado-ravaged communities. If you or any member of your congregation would like to contribute to this fund, you may make a gift online or by check payable to the Mid-South District Office / 1675 Wynne Road / Cordova TN 38016. Please note "**Disaster Relief Fund**" on any gifts sent by check. When donating online, please designate your gift as "restricted" for the Disaster Relief Fund.

[GIVE to the Mid-South District DISASTER RELIEF FUND](#)

Thank you for the many calls, texts and emails to express concern and offer aid. Praise God for such a compassionate and caring group of pastors and congregations in our District and Synod!

In Christ,

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