A tornado outbreak December 10-11 took the lives of at least 88 people across five states and caused damage and economic losses projected at $18 billion. The outbreak is already considered the costliest tornado event in U.S. history, according to AccuWeather.

And the atmosphere is still very unsettled and more storms are expected. Unfortunately, yesterday has proved to be another damaging event for many States- New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

Disaster Ministries in the national setting of the UCC held a coordination call on Tuesday. Conference Disaster Coordinators and Conference leaders are making initial contact calls with churches to learn of potential damages. In addition, Conference Disaster Coordinators are supporting the various state Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster efforts. Our CDC, Karl Jones, is supporting the Donations Management Team in Kentucky (online). He reports to the Indiana/Kentucky CDC Greg Dent.

Churches and individuals who want to help are asked to consider these options:

- Cash is the best way to contribute to recovery. To give to the UCC Disaster Ministries response go to https://www.ucc.org/appeal-severe-storms-2021/ and Designate Severe Storms 2021 – December Tornados.
- We all can hold in prayer those who may have been affected by these deadly storms, and also all those in any place who have been affected by this natural disaster.
- The Indiana-Kentucky Conference is accepting cash donations at http://ikcucc.org/connect/donate/. You will be directed to donate through PayPal to the IKC. When you process the PayPal donation, please be sure to add "DPMRT" to the field.
- Remember that our church gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing join with the gifts from other believers across the country to respond to disaster. You can give on-line or via text message at https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/one-great-hour-of-sharing/
- Support the Church World Service kit project. Learn more at https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/64870-United-Church-Of-Christ. Kits can be dropped off at sites listed on the Conference website.
- A **Crisis Cleanup** Home Cleanup Hotline has been opened to support survivors of the severe weather. It is scheduled to be open through Friday, December 24, 2021. Survivors needing assistance can call **800-451-1954. Volunteers are needed to help answer these calls.** Volunteers can be anywhere in the country. **Learn more.**

The United Church of Christ is now using the email address disasters@ucc.org for inquiries and offers to support.

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