

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE
CHILE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is uniquely positioned to respond. Unlike other aid organizations, ELCA Disaster Response works through long-standing partnerships on the ground that are prepared and able to reach the most affected communities. One such partner,

the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile, reports that church buildings are already being used to shelter the homeless.

Our partners are in need of water, water filters, food, shelter and personal hygiene items to distribute to affected communities. **Your donations are needed to bring these life-saving supplies to those in need. Will you help today?**

Thanks to your Sunday morning offerings and gifts to ELCA Vision for Mission, **100 percent of your gifts designated for Chile Earthquake Relief will be used for this response effort.** Your prayers and generous gifts will make a life-saving difference. Please give today.

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