



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) stands ready to respond to disasters—whenever and wherever they may strike. We do God's work in the world, and strive to restore lives and communities—no matter how long the journey or wide the chasm. We come together, proud of where we have been and stand ready for where we may need to be.

We are a church that is called to do God's work in the world. Through ELCA Disaster Response, we reach out to those impacted by disasters. And after the dust settles and the reporters leave, we stay—helping people in communities rebuild not only their lives but their livelihoods.

In the face of devastation, we are there. As ELCA members, volunteers, pastors, congregations, synods, the national office and our partners around the world—we reach out to those in need. We do more together than we could ever do on our own.

In 2010 we responded to nearly 20 disasters and contributed over six million dollars in aid. This was made possible through our global companions, partners and the generous support of people like you. Because of your financial gifts, we are not only able to respond quickly when a disaster strikes, but we are also able to stay, for as long as we're needed.

As we reflect on what has been done in 2010, we also know the devastation of what 2011 has brought. In Japan, Joplin, flooding throughout the Midwest and other areas in the United States and around the world—we remain committed to providing help and hope. This would not be possible without your support. Thank you.

We hope that you will take a moment to read about the work that has been done in 2010. Together, we have transformed the lives of people affected by disasters. We thank you for your support—prayerfully and financially—and hope that you will continue this support in the years to come.

In service,

Megan Bradfield
Director, International Disaster Response

Rev. Kevin Massey
Director, Domestic Disaster Response