



A Future with **HOPE**

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The People of the United Methodist Church



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## Introduction

In the face of Superstorm Sandy, we see Jesus. Matthew 25:31-46

Superstorm Sandy was the most destructive storm New Jersey has ever experienced. It left 2.7 million New Jerseyans without power, 253,000 households sustained damage and tens of thousands of homes were uninhabitable. Sandy disrupted or discontinued thousands of jobs and impacted tens of thousands of people's lives. A storm this size calls for many partners working together to bring relief and recovery to New Jerseyans. The United Methodist Church, through its 600 congregations in the Greater New Jersey Conference and its 30,000 churches across the United States, will collaborate with other relief agency partners to *rebuild a future with hope*. Jeremiah 29:11

For more than 200 years, The United Methodist Church has been meeting human needs around the world. Through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) we have earned an A rating from the American Institute of Philanthropy. Our relief and recovery efforts will collaborate with civic, business, faith-based and governmental groups to rebuild homes, lives and communities impacted by Superstorm Sandy.

## The Greater New Jersey United Methodist Response

Through its nonprofit organization, *A Future with Hope*, United Methodists will focus on four areas – relief, repair, rebuild and renew.

We meet immediate human needs following a disaster. During the **RELIEF** phase we



- Provided more than 50,000 meals
- Provided day and night shelter for more than 5,000 people
- Distributed more than 11,000 cleaning buckets, more than 3,000 health kits, tons of clothing and other material supplies such as non-perishable food, heaters, blankets, etc.
- Assessed community needs and “mucked” out nearly 2,000 homes



We work with community residents, non-profit organizations, churches and local, state and federal agencies to assess damage and **REPAIR** homes, particularly for the elderly, disabled and low income whose insurance and other agency support does not cover all of the damages. We will utilize more than 20,000 trained volunteers under the supervision of professionals to repair 300-500 homes.



Repairing homes is essential and so is **REBUILD**ing the social fabric of a community. Bringing a sense of normalcy involves more than hammers and nails. It is community building. We will work with three communities to provide asset based community building strategies to develop local leadership and strengthen community organizations. This may also include repairing community centers and churches.



One of the harshest results of Superstorm Sandy will be the emotional and spiritual toll it has on people's lives. We will **RENEW** as we provide counseling and case management for more than 1,000 families over several years to help children, youth, parents/adults renew their hope and faith for the future.



# A Future with HOPE

## **A Future with HOPE, a nonprofit organization**

The relief, repair, rebuild and renew work will be overseen by a nonprofit organization, *A Future with Hope*. Its board, made up of community, religious and business leaders from across the State of New Jersey will oversee the relief and recovery work of United Methodists as we collaborate with civic and faith based partners who seek to build a future with hope.

## **Goals**

1. Distribute 10,000 cleaning buckets to clean flooded homes – exceeded (more than 11,000)
2. Distribute 1,000 health kits to families – exceeded (more than 3,000)
3. Provide day and/or night shelter for 3000 people – exceeded (more than 5000)
4. Distribute food, clothing and basic supplies to 10,000 people - exceeded
5. Provide case management for 500 households to help them access the necessary resources and information for people impacted by the storm
6. Provide counseling for 500 individuals and families impacted by the storm
7. Repair 300-500 homes damaged by Superstorm Sandy, focusing on the elderly, low income families and those with disabilities, particularly when there are not sufficient resources to complete repairs
8. Recruit, train, house, feed and coordinate 15,000 - 20,000 volunteers, 5,000 of whom will be youth and young adults over four years from New Jersey and across the country to repair homes and staff programs for children, youth and their families
9. Raise \$23 million in financial donations
10. Acquire and manage \$50 million of in-kind supplies and volunteer services for rebuilding hope in New Jersey

## **Recovery Projects and Programs**

1. Case Management – Core to recovery work is case management. The Disaster Case Manager serves as a disaster survivor’s primary point of contact, assisting individuals in coordinating necessary services and resources to address the individual’s complex disaster recovery needs in order to re-establish normalcy. Disaster Case Managers rely on the individual needing help to play an active or lead role in their own recovery. Case Managers advocate for the individuals they assist, in collaboration with Long Term Recovery groups, to help them obtain resources they need to recover. *A Future with Hope* will hire six case managers through our resources and we will partner with state sponsored case management. FEMA estimates that approximately 3,000 families will need case management. We will collaborate with all organizations who provide case management through county and community long term recovery groups to align our repair and long term recovery work with state-wide case management.
2. Volunteer Recruitment, Training and Deployment – We are blessed with a Nation-wide network of volunteers. We will recruit, train and deploy 20,000 volunteers during the next 3-5 years. Volunteers are essential to filling the gap between a low income

homeowner's resources and what it will take to repair their home. We will use the following to recruit, train and deploy volunteers:

- a. Volunteer Groups - We will recruit volunteers from our connectional network of United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIMs), United Methodist Youth, college campuses and other faith based groups. We will establish a volunteer hospitality team that will orient and train volunteers and ensure their stay is an experience that benefits both the people they help and the volunteers themselves.
  - b. Hosting Sites – We will adapt four church buildings into volunteer hosting sites where volunteers may sleep, shower and be fed. We will also use a United Methodist Camp to host volunteers. We will be able to host 300 or more volunteers a week.
  - c. Generation Restoration – We will recruit and deploy at least 5,000 youth and young adults from New Jersey and across the Nation. Our objective is to engage young people in the restoration of New Jersey to be a witness to the Nation of how young people are making a difference in the world. It will also be an opportunity to shape young people for mission, ministry and service. We will convert two church parsonages to be young adult community houses. In each house there will be 3-5 young adults. Two of the young adults will be responsible for recruiting young adults from college campuses and churches. The other young adults will be employed as case managers and project coordinators. We will provide community building, supervision and support for these two young adult communities. The young adults will also connect with several congregations assisting in worship and congregational leadership. Additionally, special young adult weeks will be planned during Spring Break and the summer. Additional programming will be developed which will connect young adults from around the country during the week they are in New Jersey. This will include an evening concert, a beach afternoon, and opportunities for young people to explore mission, ministry and service.
3. Repairing Homes – We will use 20,000 volunteers to repair up to 500 homes of the low income, elderly and disabled. Teams of 5-7 volunteers will work on a home. We estimate, on average, it will take seven teams over seven weeks to repair a home. A paid construction manager will oversee the repairs of 4-5 homes at a time. The construction manager will be experienced in construction and will ensure quality workmanship.
  4. Community Building – A number of communities have been severely damaged and we will employ the Communities of Shalom asset based model to organize residents and community leaders to rebuild the community fabric and institutions within their communities. This will include leadership development, community development, employment, business development and human services development. The United Methodist Church has been a leader in establishing this initiative in 300 communities within the United States, Haiti, Ghana, Ireland and Zimbabwe.
  5. Counseling – we will contract with therapists to provide trauma and grief counseling to individuals and families as necessary.

## Budget

Four to five year relief and recovery budget to rebuild a future with hope. One hundred percent of the funds given to the GNJ Sandy Relief Fund will be used for direct relief and recovery efforts. Overhead and administration costs such as office space, accounting, and support services will be underwritten by The United Methodist Church.

## Income

Four to five year income recovery budget

United Methodist Churches from around the world	\$14,120,000
• GNJ Sandy Relief Support from Churches - \$4 million – anticipated \$1.5 million already raised	
• United Methodist Committee on Relief - \$7 million – anticipated	
• United Methodist Volunteers 13,500 x \$220 = \$2,970,000 (\$120 for food and housing and \$100 toward construction materials. Does not include the full number of volunteers because some will be students or lower income and unable to pay most or the entire amount)	
• Church grants from United Methodist Agencies - \$150,000 \$60,000 already raised another \$60,000 requested	
Grants	
• Corporate Sponsors	\$1,000,000
• Foundations	\$4,500,000
• State Grants	\$1,000,000
• Individuals	\$1,200,000
Total needed income	\$21,820,000

## Expenses

A four year recovery budget to repair 300-500 homes, community building in three communities, and social service support

• Volunteer recruitment, training, housing and coordination	\$4,010,000
○ 20,000 x \$250 per volunteer - \$5 million	
• Construction materials and supplies	\$14,608,000
○ 400 homes X \$31,000 = \$12.4 million	
○ 20 churches and community centers X \$100,000 = \$2 million	
○ storage & tools = \$331,000	
• Community building programs for children, youth and communities	\$900,000
○ 3 communities x \$300,000	
• Case management and temporary grants	\$2,100,000
• Counseling support	\$225,000
Total expenditures	\$21,843,000

## **A Future with Hope Board of Directors**

- John Bishop, business executive, serves on local and international boards, disaster early responder
- Dr. Vivian Bull, President, Drew University
- Rev. Dr. Timothy Ahn, Sr. Pastor Arcola UMC in Paramus New Jersey and Chair of the National Korean American Caucus
- Honorable Michael Chagares, Federal Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- Rev. Chris Heckert, Pastor of Morrow Memorial UMC in Maplewood, lead communications for the world wide United Methodist Mission and Disaster Response Agency that provided services in 130 countries
- Rev. Dr. Regina Hendrickson, Sr. Pastor St. Andrew's UMC, Cherry Hill, NJ
- Dr. Wilbert Mitchell, Executive Director, Respond, Inc. Camden, NJ
- Dr. Patricia Morton, Director at W. M. Keck Center for Collaborative Neuroscience at Rutgers University, and social entrepreneur
- Bishop John Schol, oversees the 580 United Methodist Churches of New Jersey
- Bobbie Ridgely, Director, A Future with HOPE, Inc. Sandy Recovery Program
- John Cardillo, Treasurer, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church



## **GNJ SANDY RELIEF FUND**

**The GNJ Sandy Relief Fund** will serve as the primary channel of fundraising within the bounds of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, as well as direct conference to conference partnerships. This fund will directly support the efforts of A Future with Hope project. 100% of all funds raised through the GNJ Sandy Relief Fund will go to benefit those affected by Superstorm Sandy.



**The United Methodist Committee on Relief** will serve as the primary channel of United Methodist contributions outside of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. UMCOR will also provide assets other than funding to assist the efforts of A Future with Hope project, including consulting and a network of volunteers. 100% of each gift given to UMCOR through The Advance will go to its intended mission or ministry.

**The Greater New Jersey Conference of The United Methodist Church**, the 580 United Methodist Congregations will serve as the organization the underwrites the administrative overhead for *A Future with Hope* and provides volunteers and loans administrative staff to *A Future with Hope*.