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On UMCOR Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief, an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. When we give to specific Advance projects, 100% of our gifts are directed to the designated response.

UMCOR can do this because the funds we receive today join with those of millions of other United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly when disaster strikes.

For example, college professor Eugene Hileman, disaster response coordinator for the Rio Texas Conference, led his team in a swift response to Texans affected by the historic February 2021 winter ice storm. UMCOR supported Dr. Hileman and his team as they coordinated volunteer efforts and delivered cleaning kits to communities suffering the effects of snow, sleet, freezing rain and frigid temperatures.

Dr. Hileman is especially concerned for families in underserved and impoverished communities. Often living without safety nets, lacking insurance coverage and relegated to homes in flood-prone areas, they are the ones who can least afford to be hit by calamity.

UMCOR funding, combined with case management and disaster response training, allows Dr. Hileman's team to hit the ground running in an effort to meet survivors' immediate needs following a disaster. "We are proud to wear the UMCOR name," he says.

UMCOR doesn't just respond to emergencies for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR cultivates relationships and helps communities rebuild, often for years after a disaster.

In 2020 United Methodists, through UMCOR:
- assisted nearly 325,000 survivors of climate and humanitarian disasters in 52 countries,
- funded 133 UMCOR disaster response projects totaling more than $8 million, and
- trained 1,755 individuals in effective disaster ministry.

Please be an ambassador for Christ to relieve suffering by giving generously to support UMCOR Sunday.

HOW TO GIVE:

Write a check to your local church and write "UMCOR Sunday" in the memo line.
To give online or set up monthly giving, go to **UMC.org/SSGive**.

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