



UUs and Disasters—who we are plus contacts.

This is a hard season in the global economy. The COVID-19 pandemic continues, and many nations are responding to the impact of climate change. Communities are recovering from the damage caused by wildfires, extreme weather, floods, and major storms. Millions of workers are unemployed and the problems of poverty and oppression have increased. Many organizations have helped with emergency assistance. Their good work should be recognized and supported.

The Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community is unusual among religious organizations. We focus special attention on the need for economic justice. The UUJEC supports some of the organizations that are involved with emergency services work. We also work for the systemic changes that will help to prevent and reduce future tragedies. We want a radically different and more beautiful world in which people care for each other and their shared environment.

The list that follows is a list of some of the national Unitarian Universalist organizations that provide emergency services. We encourage Unitarian Universalists to work with these organizations and with other agencies, while continuing to promote economic justice and the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

- o UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST TRAUMA RESPONSE MINISTRY: The Trauma Response Ministry provides culturally sensitive spiritual care to survivors of mass disasters and other significant trauma. Volunteer training is available. Emergency telephone number: 888-760-3332. religiouseducation@uua.org
- o UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST COLLEGE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE: The College of Social Justice has organized volunteers to assist with disaster relief efforts. The UUCSJ works with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and the UUA. Telephone: 617-868-6600. info@uucsj.org
- o UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST DISASTER RELIEF FUND: The Disaster Relief Fund disburses grants to Unitarian Universalist congregations and allied organizations that are working in response to crisis situations. Funds are available to Unitarian Universalist organizations that help with community work in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Donations are needed. Telephone: 617-948-4642. lpresley@uua.org
- o CONGREGATIONAL LIFE STAFF GROUP: The Congregational Life Staff Group helps congregations to feel known, cared for, heard, seen, and affirmed. Much of the work is done through the regional offices of the UUA. For additional information, contact the national UUA offices. Telephone: 617-948-4364. jyork@uua.org