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to disasters in the United States and Canada



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From the Mission to North America Disaster Response Director

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

—Mark 12:30-31

God’s greatest command is that we would love Him and in turn love our neighbors as ourselves. Disasters provide opportunities to reach out to others with the love of God as we reach out with mercy in His Name.

The giving of one’s time and resources to bring help in the aftermath of a disaster is a beautiful display of the gospel to many. The ‘many’ includes those within the Body of Christ as well as those outside. Disasters break down barriers to the gospel and clear the way for the message to be heard. The proclamation is more than mere words, but a visual display in deeds.

The ministry of disaster response provides a means for the outworking of the skills, gifts, and calling that God has given to His people. Working together to bring assistance to those in need is rewarding both to the receiver as well as the one responding to the need.

Without you this ministry is not possible. You play a valuable part in bringing appropriate help in time of need. As you work through this booklet you will learn about the many facets of this vital ministry and explore ways you too can join in bringing restoration to a broken world. We are truly thankful for your partnership with us in this great endeavor!

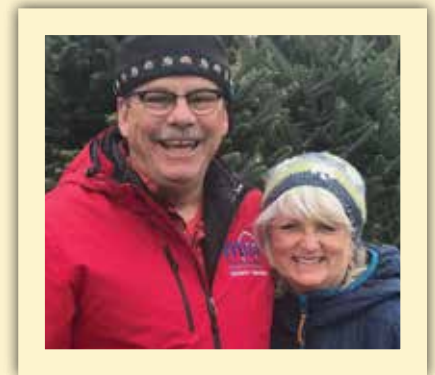
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MNA Disaster Response Mission and Vision

Mission Statement

The mission of Mission to North America (MNA) Disaster Response is to coordinate the response of the Presbyterian Church in America to disasters in the United States and Canada as assigned by the General Assembly.

Often when disaster strikes, local churches and presbyteries are overwhelmed and seek assistance. MNA Disaster Response stands ready to recruit and coordinate volunteers, provide site management, appeal for recovery funds, assist with distribution of supplies and equipment, as well as to channel prayer focus and spiritual encouragement upon the request of the local presbytery and church leadership.

Vision

The vision of Mission to North America Disaster Response is to see every PCA member, church and presbytery prepared for the certain coming disaster.

This vision is accomplished through pre-disaster training, equipping God's people to reach out with Christ's love, and facilitating a robust volunteer mobilization to disaster-affected communities.

How will this happen?

The mission of MNA Disaster Response will be best accomplished by facilitating a grassroots movement of God's people who undertake incarnational ministry through the following:

- US/Canada pre-disaster training and coaching
- prayerful strategic planning
- growing and facilitating a robust grassroots movement of first response and long term recovery volunteers
- equipping churches and presbyteries with vital resources
- securing and channeling funds to disaster-affected communities through PCA diaconates
- most importantly-bringing awareness, channeling prayer focus and spiritual encouragement to those in desperate need.



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MNA Disaster Response Five Guiding Principles

We are caught up in the ancient epic where God invades our story and invites us to join Him (to participate in what He is doing) in bringing restoration to a broken world.

PRINCIPLE 1: Christ-Centered and Gospel-Driven

“We know what love is because Jesus gave His life for us. That’s why we must give our lives for each other. If we have all we need and see one of our own people in need, we must have pity on that person, or else we cannot say we love God.” — 1 John 3:16-17

“The Gospel is what defines how to be a Christian man, woman, spouse, parent, and citizen. The Gospel brings the reign of Christ’s kingdom to our hearts and throughout the world. The Gospel blessings give joy to the Christian life and the ability to rejoice even in suffering. The Gospel imperatives direct our new desire to lovingly obey our Lord. The Gospel provides the foundation, the formation, and the motivation as it ignites our loving obedience to Christ as we discover the transforming truth that ‘He first loved us.’” — Harry Reeder

PRINCIPLE 2: Partnership Oriented

“And whenever I mention you in my prayers, it makes me happy. This is because you have taken part with me in spreading the good news from the first day you heard about it. God is the one who began this good work in you, and I am certain that He won’t stop before it is complete on the day that Christ Jesus returns.” — Philippians 1:4-6

Jesus prayed that His disciples would be one, even as He and the Father are one, so that the world might believe. It is right to pray and work for the ‘full visible unity’ of Christ’s church on earth which we know for sure will be completely realized when Jesus comes again. When we say that we ‘believe in the holy catholic church,’ we are confessing that Jesus Christ Himself is the church’s one foundation, that all who truly trust in Him as Savior and Lord are, by God’s grace, members of this church, and that the gates of hell shall never prevail against it. Therefore, we are blessed to work together with other denominations, leveraging the total of our resources to bless those in desperate need and advance His kingdom.



PRINCIPLE 1:

**Christ-Centered and
Gospel-Driven**

PRINCIPLE 2:

Partnership Oriented



PRINCIPLE 3: Winsome

“When I am with people whose faith is weak, I live as they do to win them. I do everything I can to win everyone I possibly can.” — 1 Corinthians 9:22

“A key challenge, wherever such efforts are made, is to make sure everyone involved knows how to answer the question: ‘Why are you doing this?’ The answer to that question might come in a variety of expressions—but it should always include something to the effect that ‘We are doing this out of a sense of thanksgiving to God for what He has given us in the gospel of Jesus’. No one should ever get involved in such relief work without being ready to be a straightforward witness to his or her Christian faith.” — Sherry Lanier, World magazine article, June 2012

PRINCIPLE 4: Effective in Practice

“Each of you has been blessed with one of God’s many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of other, so use your gift well”. — 1 Peter 4:10

We seriously seek to be good stewards of God’s resources, including best utilizing the time, talent and treasure of our supporters, staff and volunteers. Being good stewards of God’s gifts allows us to bring more resources to bear in support of this restorative work.

PRINCIPLE 5: Local Church & Presbytery Focused

*“I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God. His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine. Amen.”
— Ephesians 3:20-21*

There is an order. God’s word instructs us to assist those in our church family first. *“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”* Galatians 6:10. That is not to say that we never help those outside the community of faith; we always do. As our PCA family recovers we channel resources to local diaconates to reach out with Christ’s love. Most often these efforts take place concurrently.

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Robust Mobilization of God's People

Care and Comfort Teams

Serving the needs of those who have been affected by disasters involves more than tarps, chainsaws and hammers. MNA Disaster Response has partnered with Reformed Theological Seminary's Counseling Centers to help prepare specially called volunteers to be first responders delivering emotional and spiritual care to those in crisis. Care and Comfort Teams help connect the broken-hearted to the local church and most importantly toward the One Who "... heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3. If this is an area of interest to you, please contact us to discover how you can partner with us in this vital ministry!

"In June of 2008, One Ancient Hope, an Iowa City church plant still in the planning stage, had no people, no building, no money, and our family was still living in St. Louis when a massive spring flood took out over 600 homes in our target area. By God's grace and with the help of MNA Disaster Response, enough people and resources were made available so that One Ancient Hope was able to bring in over 1,000 volunteers to rehabilitate over 100 homes - and a church plant took shape."

— Pastor Michael Langer - One Ancient Hope PCA, Iowa City Iowa

During 2006 MNA Disaster Response re-organized to better empower lay leadership. Through 2020 this growing network of relief providers has trained, equipped and mobilized more than 165,000 volunteers to disaster-affected communities, likely a record in the orthodox reformed world. And the momentum in mobilization continues to grow. We have coordinated at least 64 major responses in 23 states. This vital work has included rebuilding at least 40 PCA church physical plants, stabilizing and rebuilding hundreds of homes, and delivered a strong measure of God's shalom in tempest-tossed communities where the victims are looking for an answer. These PCA volunteers have been delighted to learn along the way that they can be engaged in this great endeavor without undertaking expensive specialized training or spending significant amounts of money to put together a team and join in.

MNA mobilized volunteer teams serve in many different capacities including disaster assessment, first response, site management, care & comfort compassion teams, shower-trailer deployment teams, hospitality & volunteer care, long-term rebuilding, sheltering, warehouse operations, Sheds of Hope building, etc. This ministry operates on the gospel fuel of love-driven sacrifice, and there is a place for you!



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"

— Matthew 25:35-40



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MNA Disaster Response Training / Educating & Coaching

How do we prepare our family for disaster? How can our church diaconate prepare our church family and physical plant in advance of a flood? Our church has some folks who have special needs and others who are residing in assisted living facilities, how can we best care for them in the event of a forced evacuation? Can you help our presbytery communicate more effectively when affected by a hurricane? Our church would like to put together a traveling disaster response team and serve on a disaster recovery worksite, but we don't know how to get involved? Can you help us pick out equipment? Our church is mostly older folks, or young couples, or business types, or college students — is there a way we can be involved? How can we pray more effectively for this vital ministry?

All those are good questions. Our answers to those and many more questions have been framed by our experiences since 2004. MNA has responded to every major disaster to strike the US and Canada during this timeframe including:

- Hurricane Sandy – the largest hurricane families with over 100 homes incinerated
- Hurricane Katrina – the most destructive hurricane
- The 2010 Haiti Earthquake – worst ever in the western hemisphere
- The 2011 SE Tornado Outbreak – the largest tornado outbreak in the US
- 2015 Great SC Flood
- 2016 Historic LA Flood; Hurricane Matthew
- 2017 Hurricane Harvey
- 2018 Hurricanes Florence and Michael
- 2018 Paradise CA Camp Fire – the worst fire in CA history and greatest loss to PCA
- 2019 Tropical Storm Imelda
- 2020 Hurricane Laura and 2021 Hurricane Ida – tied as the strongest hurricanes to make landfall in the state of LA
- 2021 Tornado Outbreak – began in NE AK, before progressing into MI, IL, TN, and KY. The deadliest December tornado event in US history
- 2022 Hurricane Ian – the deadliest hurricane to strike FL since 1935
- Many, many other disaster events including man-induced calamities, wildfires, floods and mudslides





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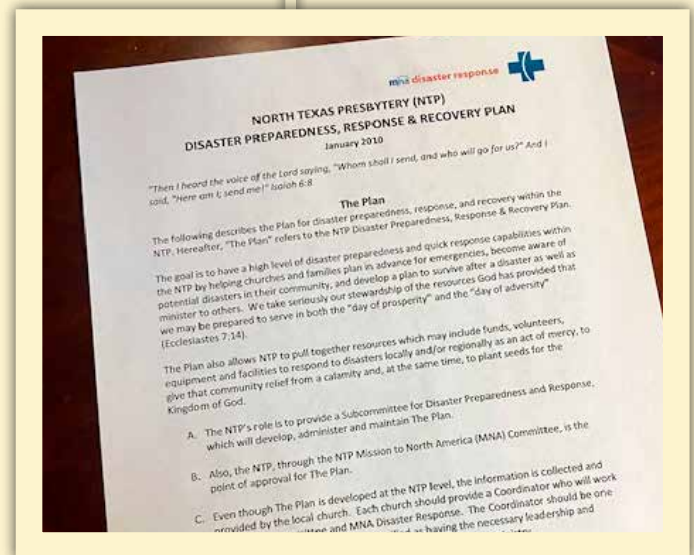
Twin Generator Trailers

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MNA Disaster Response Specialists are regional staff available to help your congregations prepare for the coming storms through Gospel-centered training events and coaching. Our staff members are assisted by more than 150 **MNA Disaster Response Key Leaders** who have demonstrated proficiencies in disaster response and have been serving with us for many years. Together we are available to resource you in preparedness and response in the following ways:

- **Introductory ministry presentations** can be scheduled for individual churches or presbyteries.
- **Regional workshops** facilitated by MNA Disaster Response staff and key leaders at the presbytery level can assist presbyteries as they develop and approve mutual aid agreements in advance of disaster events. Presbyteries that already have disaster response structures in place have proven to respond more effectively and recover sooner than presbyteries with no plan.
- **US/Canada wide training** is conducted every other year at the Charles H Jones Family Disaster Response Training Center and Warehouse in Rome GA, centrally located between Atlanta, Birmingham and Chattanooga.
- **Coaching** is available by telephone or in person most anytime by MNA Disaster Response Staff and/or key leaders.
- **Web-based** resources are easily accessible and our toolbox is constantly growing.

Presbytery Disaster Readiness Planning is a major component of the work of disaster response. MNA Disaster Response has developed a Presbytery Readiness Plan template that is available for presbyteries to review and adopt. The plan, when adopted, creates and identifies a leadership structure, identifies assets, promotes consistent collaborative readiness training, seeks approval of a budget line item, and streamlines communications between member congregation key leaders. When adopted, each presbytery has 'already-in-place' permissions 'to act' when affected by disasters including ways to assist sister presbyteries across the region or across the country. The plan urges each presbytery to create a subcommittee that operates under the MNA or Mission Committee of presbytery and appoints leadership and identifies key leaders at each congregation. Presbyteries which adopt the plan identify resources within its member churches, potential team-hosting possibilities, conducts annual training events, and promotes ways the presbytery can work together to provide relief to affected communities served by the PCA.



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SHEDS OF HOPE

One of the defining ministries of MNA Disaster Response is Sheds of **HOPE** (SOH). SOH are storage sheds constructed on the property of catastrophically affected disaster victims. Since beginning the SOH project MNA Disaster Response has furnished over 1,900 SOH. These sheds provide a means to store and secure salvaged personal belongings as well as supplies and materials needed for repair and recovery.

“Thank you so much, Arklie! This will be mean the world to those still waiting for more than just a Shed of HOPE, but the Hope of the Gospel through our witness to honoring our promises to help these folks who continue in the throes of the aftermath of the tornado over six months ago now. Lord bless you and this ministry every day. Praying daily for you, your family and ministry.”

— Pastor Richard Wiman, First PCA Belzoni

MNA Disaster Response utilizes two distinct types of SOH teams. The first type are Pre-Build Teams that purchase materials and ‘pre-construct’ SOH kits. The kits are then transported to either our warehouse in Rome GA or regional depots, where they are then shrink-wrapped and readied for deployment. Currently, there are six strategically located teams that pre-build SOH. SOH Set-Up Teams assemble SOH on the property of storm-affected homeowners. Set-Up Teams serve as ambassadors of the closest local PCA congregation. Typically, we have 75+ SOH in inventory.

One great outcome of this ministry is the relationship we build with the recipient families as we spend time with them during the build. Often this is the first time the family has been around the household of faith. We have been blessed with countless opportunities to demonstrate Christ’s love to those who are open to hearing about the redemptive power of Christ.

We expect this ministry to grow and expand in the years ahead. We invite your participation and will gladly train your team.



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Mobile Bunkhouses

Providing Mission-Critical Equipment

MNA Disaster Response channels recovery funds to PCA diaconates enabling the local church to recover more quickly and simultaneously reach out with Christ's love in storm-damaged PCA communities. In advance of disasters we are able to systematically and carefully steward funds to equip churches which have taken enabling steps to develop a disaster response ministry. Designated funding to MNA Disaster Response has allowed us to partner with many PCA congregations and presbyteries to purchase disaster response trailers; more than 50 have been purchased to date through these partnerships. This includes first responder trailers equipped for chainsaw and debris removal teams, flood recovery teams, food canteens, long-term recovery / carpentry teams, and shower trailer teams. We have supplied tractor-trailer-sized storage containers, set up communication systems, provided funding for materials and resources, and developed volunteer hosting sites. Each new disaster presents unique challenges; each response is framed by the specific needs in the affected community.

Mobile Showers

When launching a new disaster response in the wake of a storm, our assessment teams determine the sustainability of supporting volunteer teams that will soon arrive to undertake the work at hand. Typically, the worksites are established at the churches closest to the impact area. The assessment team's report identifies administrative operations possibilities, cooking facilities, sleeping arrangements, security concerns, adequate hygiene facilities, etc. Most churches do not have showers on site which is by far the most important component in hosting traveling teams. What we have learned is that without showers the likelihood of sustained operations falls off quickly. Disaster response work by nature is hard and nasty work undertaken in hot, difficult areas. At the end of the day our volunteers need to remove the muck and mire and get a goodnight's rest.



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MNA Charles H. Jones Family Disaster Response Warehouse and Training Center, Rome GA

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We asked the PCA to begin praying that the Lord would provide just one church that would step forward and partner with us to provide a shower trailer; He answered with the provision of eight shower trailers currently placed at strategic locations – in GA, NC, FL, LA, TX, and VA.

Mobile Bunkhouses

Taking care of PCA volunteer disaster responders is a priority for MNA. MNA owns five high-quality mobile bunkhouses for our first responders. The units provide climate-controlled, secure housing for our early arriving teams. Each self-contained bunkhouse has individual private bunk-beds with LED lighting and charging ports. They are equipped with fuel injected power generators because shore power is typically unavailable during the early days of a response. The units have proven their usefulness during recent deployments.

Mobile Generators

MNA Disaster Response owns approximately 50 portable gas-powered generators, and recently invested in several large diesel-powered mobile generators and related electrical power distribution equipment that are on standby at our Rome Warehouse and Dallas Depot. These new generators have enough capacity to repower the majority of PCA physical plants in the event the local electrical grid is disrupted by the storm. MNA Disaster has a goal of assisting congregations return to Sunday worship on the first Sunday after a storm disrupts the community. In addition, the mobile generators can supply power to mission critical mobile bunkhouses, showers, RVs, mobile kitchens, and command tents simultaneously.

Diesel Fuel Transport Trailers

MNA Disaster Response owns 500-gallon diesel fuel transport trailers designed to support our mobile generators and skid-steer loaders while deployed. Typically, local gas stations are quickly out of fuel or cannot supply fuel because the power grid is out of service. In the past Site managers in-



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vested many hours each day traveling outside of the disaster zone to procure fuel to keep a hosting site operating.

Skid-Steer Loaders and Transport Trailers

MNA Disaster Response owns skid-steer loaders and heavy-duty transport trailers. The loaders have proven to enable trained volunteers to multiply their efforts when engaged in many disaster recovery site tasks. Supporting chainsaw armies and debris removal teams, relocating construction spoil from gutted and mucked houses, and carrying debris to the street are all tasks that are made doable with these valuable loaders. Each loader has an assortment of attachments including industrial grapples, log grapples, buckets, and trailer spotters. Even our smallest loaders can lift and carry 1,000 lbs. Volunteers must be certified by our trainers before operating the loaders. MNA conducts training regularly; let us know if you would like to be certified.

Mud-Out Trailers

MNA Disaster Response owns specialized enclosed mud-out trailers that support volunteer teams engaged in mucking out flooded homes that are contaminated with mud and/or sewage. Each unit is equipped with high-capacity pressure washers, reservoir tank, submersible pumps, trash pumps, dehumidifiers, blower fans, portable generators, light trees, an assortment of long-handle tools, etc. Everything needed to mitigate the damage caused by rising water or storm surge flooding.

Mobile Appliance Trailer

During Spring 2023 MNA Disaster Response staff and key leaders built-out a specialty appliance trailer purposed to support long-term recovery efforts at host sites. The mobile unit includes laundry machines, robust ice making capacity, refrigerators and freezers, and self-contained HVAC system and generator. The mobile unit remedies the common challenge of providing basic necessities for site managers leading recovery efforts in areas where essential services are devoid.



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Volunteers preparing relief supplies for the next response.

MNA Disaster Response Warehouse Operations

MNA Charles H. Jones Family Disaster Relief Center Warehouse Operations & Training Center

“As pastor of the PCA church most seriously affected by the ravages of Hurricane Katrina, I have more than a passing interest in the MNA Disaster Response warehouse project. I know firsthand how critical this project really is. The biggest problem we faced in our early recovery efforts after the hurricane was the lack of a well-supplied work force. Had the warehouse been operational in 2005, I am confident that many of our frustrations would have been eliminated altogether and that we would have been much more effective in our ministry efforts to the community.”

— Pastor Guy M. Richard, First Presbyterian Church, Gulfport Mississippi



Understanding the importance in providing the resources the PCA needs to enhance our denominational response to disaster, during 2010 MNA Disaster Response was authorized to begin fundraising to establish a major campus in the strategic triangle between Atlanta, Birmingham, and Chattanooga. In 2015 MNA Disaster Response purchased a 15,000 square foot warehouse and property in Rome GA, and renovation began immediately to create a training center and warehouse campus. In 2018 after thousands of hours of volunteer work, the MNA Charles H. Jones Family Disaster Response Center became fully operational and was dedicated to the glory of God.

Since becoming operational the Rome warehouse has supported all major PCA disaster-responses including the responses to the historic LA flooding, Hurricanes Matthew, Irma, Harvey, Florence and Michael. The warehouse also provides a platform for regular training events and workshops. It also effortlessly transitions into a central collection point to gather and re-supply our teams on the ground, standing up longer-term operations.

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Mark Becker preparing SOH for delivery.

The warehouse is a collection point for the receiving, building and distribution of five types of relief kits and many different mission-critical tools such as water pumps, chainsaws, generators, dehumidifiers, fans, hand tools, etc. The campus includes secure storage for large equipment such as mobile showers and bunkhouses, enclosed delivery trailers, heavy equipment such as skid-steer loaders and workshop bays for equipment maintenance and outfitting.

The warehouse also serves to support strategically located depots, equipping them with critically needed items in advance of regional disasters and when disaster events occur, assisting with the transition of the depot into a central regional collection point to gather and redistribute items necessary to stand up longer-term operations. This enhances the efficiency of getting supplies and materials to the area of impact when they are most critically needed.

The campus is operated by MNA staff supported by church volunteer teams. Opportunities exist for church mission teams, including second career folks and youth teams, to volunteer regularly and assist with warehouse operations, relief kit assembly, Sheds of Hope construction, grounds maintenance, and with the delivery of supplies and equipment to established worksites. This a perfect opportunity for mission teams to work together to seek the welfare of our cities. We are praying with deep desire for your participation. To know more visit the campus website at mnawarehouse.com to view updated progress reports and urgent needs.

The MNA John Browne Family Disaster Response Center

Commonly referred to as the 'Dallas Depot' the campus was dedicated to God's Glory in January 2023 and named after our co-laborer, the Reverend John Browne, whose faith became

sight in 2020. The renovation was completed after three years and thousands of manhours of arduous labor by a team of PCA volunteers. The depot campus includes 10,000 square feet of warehouse capacity in addition to ample outside secure storage capacity for mission-critical trailers, large equipment, and Sheds of Hope kit storage. The depot is equipped with new mobile bunkhouses, mobile showers, enclosed delivery trailers, skid-steer loaders and attachments, forklifts, etc. The inventory of supplies and equipment is growing. The Dallas Depot provides coverage for a 300-mile radius of Dallas TX. This area comprises 31,000,000 people, includes a large swath of TX, LA, OK, KS, MO and AR.

The MNA Disaster Response Mid-Atlantic Depot

MNA Disaster Response began working to develop the same type of operation in Smithfield VA after being petitioned to do so by churches in the Tidewater area. Although early in the process, we have begun acquiring specialized trailers, equipment and supplies. We expect the depot to become fully operational soon.

The MNA Disaster Response Florida Depot

Coming soon! In March 2021, MNA Disaster Response has been authorized to begin fundraising to establish a major preparedness campus in central Florida. We are praying with deep desire for your partnership in establishing the Florida Depot. Once adequate funding is in hand, we will be seeking a location along the I-75 Ocala / Lakeland Corridor to establish the Florida Depot. Our desire is to purchase either an existing property with a warehouse-type securable building, 5,000 sq ft in size with room for future expansion or to purchase a vacant lot and construct a depot.

ARKLIE HOOTEN

Director

Arklie and his wife Katherine live in Elizabethton TN and worship at Memorial PCA where he currently serves as a Ruling Elder. He has coordinated over 64 major disaster responses in 23 states and led the ministry through explosive growth since 2005.



STEVE JESSEN

Regional Specialist, Carolinas

Steve and his wife Julie live in NC. Steve is a TE in the PCA and has ministry as well as construction experience having worked as a General Contractor. He desires to partner with the local church in sharing the gospel.



SHERRY LANIER

Facilitator

Sherry and her husband, Steve, reside in Brandon MS. Steve assists pastors, church planters, and missionaries providing pastoral support to help keep them on the field. Sherry is involved in women's ministries both on a local and national level with the PCA. She attended Belhaven University and RTS, and has been serving with MNA Disaster Response since 2005, starting as a volunteer before coming on staff full time. She oversees all volunteer mobilization, communications and administrative support.



ANDY EISENBRAUN

Regional Specialist, Midwest

Andy and his wife Holly reside in St Louis MO where they are members of New City Fellowship PCA. He grew up in the PCA, attended Covenant College and came on staff with MNA Disaster Response in 2012 after having served as a volunteer and key leader. He serves as a Regional Specialist for Chicago Metro, Central Indiana, Illiana, Northern Illinois, and Missouri Presbyteries.

LISA HELLIER

Administrative Assistant – Database Management

Lisa and her husband, Jim, live in Flowood MS where Jim works with Potlach Corporation. They are members of Brandon PCA in Brandon MS. Lisa joined the MNA Disaster Response Ministry Team as an administrative assistant in August 2016.



RICK LENZ

Associate Specialist, South Central Region

Rick and his wife Shirley live in Ft Worth TX and attend Ft Worth PCA where Rick serves as a deacon. Rick is a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel and has served as a Financial Advisor. He started with MNA Disaster Response in 2008 during the Iowa Flooding disaster as a volunteer, has developed a disaster response preparation plan for presbyteries and churches, and now serves as a regional specialist for Houston Metro, North TX, South TX, and Southwest Presbyteries. Rick is overseeing the development of the Dallas Depot.



LAUREN AMMONS

Administrative Assistant – Volunteer Scheduling

Lauren and her husband, Clifford live in Madison, MS and are members of Highlands PCA. Clifford works as an attorney and they have one son, Cooper. Lauren is a graduate of Delta State University and joined the MNA staff in 2019.



EVAN SCROGGS

Regional Specialist, Gulf Coast Region

Evan, his wife, Claire, and their family live in Baton Rouge LA and are faithful members of South Baton Rouge PCA, a new and growing congregation. Evan provides regional disaster response leadership in the newly expanded Gulf Coast Region which includes the entirety of Southern LA, MS Valley, and Grace Presbyteries, and seven coastal AL congregations of the Gulf Coast Presbytery. A graduate of LSU and participant in RUF, Evan began volunteering with MNA Disaster Response during our Katrina Response.



**MNA JOHN BROWNE FAMILY DISASTER
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KEITH PERRY
Regional Specialist, Florida Region

Keith and his wife Marianne reside in Melbourne FL where they attend Covenant PCA. Keith began serving with MNA Disaster Response as a volunteer in 2004, served as a Key Leader during the response to Hurricane Katrina, setting up food distribution and establishing worksites, and has been instrumental in the development of disaster response training materials for local churches and key leaders. He currently serves the state of Florida as a regional specialist.

MARTY HUDDLESTON
Response Specialist – Logistics

Marty and his wife Beth grew up attending presbyterian churches and met as students at Belhaven University in Jackson MS. Marty, a PCA Deacon, and Beth live in Sevierville TN and are long-term members of Evergreen PCA. They are the parents of four grown children — Megan, Andrew and wife Ashley, Rachel and husband Craig, and Sarah..



MARK BECKER
Regional Specialist, South Central Region

Mark, a PCA Ruling Elder, and his wife, Suzan, have two adult children and live in Katy TX where they are members of Christ Church PCA. Mark began as a volunteer with MNA Disaster Response in 1994 and continued to volunteer on a regular basis including in 2017 when he and his wife served as disaster site managers following Hurricane Harvey. After his retirement as a process engineer, he came on staff of MNA Disaster Response in 2020 and hit the ground immediately serving in a leadership capacity in response to Hurricane Laura in Lake Charles LA..

MARK WILLET
Regional Specialist, Mid-Atlantic Region

Mark and his wife, Yvonne, reside in Hopewell VA and are members of West Hopewell PCA where Mark is a deacon. He works with the VA State Police and is an EMT. Mark serves as the regional specialist for Chesapeake, Heritage, James River, and Potomac Presbyteries and is available to assist member churches in pre-disaster planning and training, and development of traveling disaster response teams.



MIKE KENNAMER
*Regional Specialist, TAG Region
(Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia)*

Mike and his wife Trisha live in Henagar, Alabama. Mike, who is a licensed paramedic, serves as an administrator at a local community college and Trisha is a jewelry artist and volunteers with animal rescue. Mike has been a PCA ruling elder since 2006 and he and Trisha have been involved in disaster response since 2005, when their family served in Biloxi and Bay Saint Louis after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast. They organized and managed disaster response efforts for sixteen months after deadly tornadoes ripped through Alabama in April 2011. Mike and Trisha attend Grace Community, a PCA church plant in Trenton, Georgia. They have three grown sons.



STEVE BRITTON
MNA Disaster Response Specialist for Sheds of Hope

A graduate of Delhi High School and Northeast LA University (now ULM) my career has taken me across three occupations. The last was retiring from State of LA Department of Public Safety in 2014. Prior to retirement, I enjoyed helping others as a member of Jaycees and Lions Club. My wife, Janice, and I have been blessed with two daughters, three grandsons and two princesses. For over 40 years I have been a member of Delhi Presbyterian Church and Deacon for many years. When I became aware of MNA Disaster Response, I knew that I had to volunteer and now so thankful to serve as the MNA Disaster Response Specialist for Sheds of Hope.



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