



August 30, 2019

Ohio Disaster Response & Recovery

Situation Update – Dayton Oregon District Shooting

Early in the morning of August 4, 2019, a mass shooting took place in the Oregon District of Dayton, Ohio. The event claimed nine lives and injured twenty-seven people. A family assistance center was established in the nearby Dayton Convention Center to help victims, families and residents cope and begin the healing process of this tragedy. To support this effort, Lutheran Church Charities mobilized comfort dog teams - Anna, Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Toledo, Ohio; Barnabas, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hobart, IN; Bethany, Trinity Lutheran Church, Danville, IL; Jared, Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School, Fort Wayne, IN; Mercy, Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, Louisville, KY; and Rosie, Atonement Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH; and Tobias, Lord of Glory Lutheran Church, Grayslake, IL - to the area. Their first deployment included four teams from August 4th to the 6th and a second deployment of six teams from August 8th to the 10th, contributing 424 hours of volunteer service. LSS Disaster Services provided logistical support for the teams during their deployments to help ensure effective local coordination.

Situation Update – Memorial Day 2019 Tornadoes

The Miami Valley Long Term Recovery Group (MVLTRG) continued to serve as the centralized point of activities in response to the Memorial Day tornado outbreak. The group is comprised of over 20 not-for-profit and faith-based organizations in collaboration with local, state, and federal government partners. The bylaws of this group were officially formalized on August 9th and committees (Finance, Material Management, Emotional and Spiritual Care, Disaster Case Management, Volunteer Management, and Housing/Repair & Rebuild) have been defined and many are already meeting regularly. LSS assisted in establishing a central long-term recovery intake line to connect disaster survivors directly with disaster recovery advocates (disaster case managers) to assist in recovery planning. **Anyone that needs tornado recovery assistance should dial 2-1-1 or (937) 225-3000.** If your church or community group is interested in attending a meeting of the MVLTRG, the next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 am on September 9th at Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (719 S. Main St., Dayton).

The Volunteer Management committee has scheduled a regional Community Cleanup Day for September 14, 2019. This event will include as many municipalities as possible to not only continue cleanup efforts but also to reenergize the volunteer effort in the recovery process. Currently, the three communities identified as participating are Harrison Township, Trotwood and Old North Dayton. The event is scheduled to last from 9am to 3pm. Details on how to participate in this Community Cleanup Day will be listed on the LTRG website - www.MVStrong.org. Multiple congregations in the Dayton area plan to participate and LSS is providing logistical support.

The Housing/Repair & Rebuild committee is working to establish its operational policies and outreach methods. An important result of these policies will be to facilitate the inclusion of non-regional volunteer teams. In the recovery process, outside volunteer teams are a force

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multiplier when it comes to leveraging both monetary and regional labor resources. However, it is critical that a process to engage them and connect them with unmet needs is developed to smoothly integrate their involvement. If your church or community group is interested in participating in the rebuilding proceeds, please contact us.

On August 7, 2019, FEMA announced that the registration deadline for FEMA Individual Assistance was being extended to September 3, 2019. The Small Business Administration also extended its registration deadline to match that of FEMA. The main reason given for the extension was due lower than expected registration rates for certain populations (mainly renters) and the need to allow more time for public announcements to reach those populations and encourage them to register. As of August 30, 2019, all the FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers are closed. Any new registrations before the deadline will need to be made either online or through the FEMA hotline telephone number. If you or anyone that you know experienced property damage and/or uninsured loss from the Memorial Day tornadoes, please register with FEMA before the deadline.

DR-4447 FEMA Individual Assistance Data Report COB 8/28/2019	
Registrations Total	6465
# of Designated Counties	11
Average Household FEMA Assistance	\$2,163
IHP \$ Approved	\$4,344,088
HA \$ Approved	\$3,104,069
ONA \$ Approved	\$1,240,019

IHP=Individuals and Households Program | HA=Housing Assistance | ONA=Other Needs Assistance

September is National Disaster Preparedness Month – Be Prepared, Not Scared! National Preparedness Month (NPM) is recognized annually in September to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning. NPM is designed to raise awareness and encourage people to prepare themselves for emergencies that could impact their homes, jobs, schools, and communities. Visit [ReadyOhio](#) for additional details.

Please Save the Date for a disaster resilience workshop at the Salem Church of God in Dayton - 6500 Southway Rd, Clayton, OH 45315 - on Tuesday, September 24th 10am-1pm. Lunch will be provided. Registration information is forthcoming. This is the first event of what we hope will become an annual resilience summit in September as part of National Preparedness Month. The workshop will be an opportunity for participants to learn new skills, nurture existing relationships, and develop new relationships all with the focus of creating on-going opportunities for people to put their faith into action through crisis resilience, restoration, and risk reduction.

About LSS Disaster Services

LSS Disaster Services is the statewide coordinating entity for disaster response, recovery, and resilience for the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod, the ELCA Northwestern Ohio Synod, the ELCA Southern Ohio Synod, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Ohio District, the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, and represents over twenty Lutheran social service (LSS) agencies in Ohio.

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