Disaster Response Program
Who We Are

• Northern California (370 churches)
• Southern California and Pacific Islands (350 churches)
• United Methodist Committee on Relief
  (Global Humanitarian Aid Agency)
A Tradition of Disaster Response

- Many years of responding
- Hurricanes, Earthquakes, Tornados, Floods
- Local, National, International
And Now...Wildfires

- Extended drought changed everything
- Larger and more destructive wildfires
- More fires and longer wildfire “season”
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• We participate in all phases of disaster relief and recovery
• During the Relief Phase:
  - Local Assistance Center
  - Immediate Evacuee and Survivor Assistance
  - Survivor Site Services (Early Response Teams)
Local Assistance Center

• Give survivors a place to talk
• Intake registration and make referrals
• Handout gift cards, cleaning supplies, wildfire tools, hygiene kits and PPE
• And organize follow up with survivors
2022 Wildfires

- Oak Fire
- McKinney Fire
- Mill Fire
- Mosquito Fire

Local Assistance Center participation, survivor follow up, involvement in Long Term Recovery Groups.
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Short-Term Recovery
- Continued Survivor Assistance
- Short-Term Grants

Long-Term Recovery
- Survivor Resource Donations
- Participate in LTRG
- Funder of Unmet Needs
- Rebuild Volunteers
Current Wildfire Recoveries

• Camp Fire 2018  - Unmet Needs, Rebuild Volunteers
• Slater Fire 2020  - Rebuild Volunteers
• Bear Fire 2020  - Unmet Needs
• River Fire 2021  - Survivor Assistance
• Caldor Fire 2021 - Survivor Assistance, Unmet Needs, Spiritual and Emotional Care, Rebuild Task Force
• Dixie Fire 2021  - Survivor Assistance, Unmet Needs, Spiritual and Emotional Care
Getting Involved in Disaster Response

• Organize a Disaster Response Team
• Establish local relationships – Red Cross, Govt
• Take local disaster response training (CERT)
• Take training offered by FEMA and others
• Build and sustain an inventory of supplies
• Involvement with VOAD or LTRG groups
We Are Ready to Work With You

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