



# URGENT DISASTER RELIEF

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LCMS Disaster Response staff are monitoring needs arising from the storm. We have been in contact with the Rev. James D. Cerdeñola, president of our partner church, The Lutheran Church in the Philippines, to assure him that the people of his country and specifically his church are in our prayers. We stand ready to assist in the Philippines as we are able.

Now we ask for your help. Please consider a gift as you have been blessed to help our brothers and sisters in need. This is our call from Jesus Christ – to reach out in love and mercy to those who are suffering.

### To respond through a long-term gift of help and hope:

- Go online ([www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster](http://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster));
- Send checks payable to “The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod” (with a memo line or note designating “LCMS Disaster Response”) to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861; or
- Call toll-free 888-930-4438.

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