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THE

RESPONSE REPORT

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BEYOND THE HEADLINES



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- **AO Homecare is a partner in Moldova with whom we have been working since the onset of war in Ukraine and the influx of Ukrainian refugees into the country. Moldova is one of the countries in Eastern Europe with the fewest financial resources. With support from PDA, they are strengthening the work being done among vulnerable communities, which includes refugees living in increasingly tenuous circumstances. Seventeen specialist teams are being established to serve multiple centers: telemedicine will support medical, social and psychological (trauma) care, as well as providing legal aid.**
- **Buckingham Presbyterian Church in Florida, a former PDA Volunteer Host Site, experienced a devastating fire on August 28, 2026. Peace River Presbytery has received a Church Damage Grant on behalf of the congregation, and PDA remains in communication with presbytery leaders to partner in their recovery.**
- **New resources were added to the immigration resources page on knowing your rights at airports and resources regarding receiving mental health aid.**
- **Pre-production trip planning with partners in Detroit involved with the gun violence prevention documentary.**
- **We are currently supporting two initiatives based in Jordan's Middle East Council of Churches office. The first is a conference in Egypt for regional faith leaders to address issues of hate speech and its impacts in regional relationships. The second is a project with refugees from Gaza being hosted in Jordan, which will provide livelihood training, psychosocial support, and emergency assistance.**
- **PDA awarded Church Damage Grants to several congregations impacted by severe weather events: Hillcrest Presbyterian Church (MO), First Presbyterian Church Kerrville (TX), Central Presbyterian Church (OH), First Presbyterian Church Paris (TN), Bethesda Presbyterian Church (SC), and Limestone Presbyterian Church (SC).**

- PDA's Migration Accompaniment Ministry (MAM) provided support to a presbytery who had a member taken by ICE. MAM continues to work with this presbytery to see how we can best support the affected family.
- Ongoing work to move forward with the roll out of new documentary on racism and dominant narratives, including work with a Fair Use attorney to ensure copyright adherence.
- Nepal landslide and catastrophic flooding: Working through our two local partner organizations, Juneli and Together for Nepal, we are providing emergency assistance for survivors and have set aside funds to support mid- and long-range recovery efforts that are being established in hard-to-reach areas of the impacted communities. Together for Nepal is working with the Nepalese government to gain access to these cut-off communities and is assessing needs prior to submission of a more substantial grant request.
- Tres Rios Presbytery received a PDA National Recovery Grant to build safe, temporary housing for residents whose homes are undergoing reconstruction due to damages from the floods of July 2025 and 2026 in Central Texas.
- Supporting work with ecumenical partners on a gathering of migration accompaniment ministries across multiple denominations.
- Last September, Peace River Presbytery (FL) received a PDA National Recovery Seed Grant for the Hope Pathways Long Term Recovery Group, who has now closed out 132 Hurricane Milton cases and awarded over \$700,000 in unmet needs funds to survivors over the course of this year.
- RECONCILE, one of PC(USA)'s long-term partners in South Sudan, is implementing a project promoting social and economic initiatives that offer alternatives to violence for women, youth and community leaders. These are taking place in the Yei River/Malakal/Morobo region and involve peacebuilding and income-generating activities and trainings.
- MAM prepared and began promoting a prayer service that will be on October 14th to honor individuals disappeared by ICE and those who have passed away in ICE custody.
- A PDA National Response Team member attended the rededication of Marshall Presbyterian Church (NC). The church was damaged by the floods of Hurricane Helene in 2024. The church celebrated with BBQ and tours of their restored facilities.
- We are working with three presbyteries to provide funding for their direct aid of families affected by immigration enforcement.