

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we continue to respond to the devastation in East Iowa from last week's storm, we wanted to update the body about the continued response from the Presbytery of East Iowa.

1. A Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF) has been provisionally appointed by PCC to help ensure affected congregations and their communities have access to:

- Communication
- Connection to other people and agencies
- Response and recovery services (church, civic, not-for-profit, etc.)
- Financial assistance, coordinated through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Iowa VOAD
- Pastoral care
- Preparedness training

To ensure timely response, the members of the DRTF shall be appointed provisionally by the Presbytery Coordinating Commission and affirmed by the Presbytery governing body at the September Stated Meeting.

We need 4-5 Ruling Elders or congregants on the Disaster Recovery Task Force. If you are interested, please contact the office (319-354-9220) or email Rebecca (rblair@peia.org) as soon as possible. These individuals will work on the DRTF to complete the job description suggested by PCC.

2. If your church has damage, please reach out Rebecca at (rblair@peia.org). Rebecca is working with PDA, Iowa VOAD, and other agencies to assist with financial resource toward damaged churches.
3. If you wish to contribute to the Presbytery of East Iowa Disaster Relief Fund, you may mail checks to"

Presbytery of East Iowa
1700 S. 1st Ave. Ste 23
Iowa City, IA 52240

Please write "Disaster Recovery Fund" in the memo line.

If you prefer, you may donate online using Paypal. [Click here to donate](#). Please designate "Disaster Recovery" in the memo.

4. There are a number of ways that you or your church may volunteer to assist in the recovery:

For those interested in partnering with other Presbyterians to assist storm-impacted areas, please reach out to Kristin Hutson, chair of the DRTF at kristin.e.hutson@gmail.com or call the PEIA office. She is working with both groups and individuals.

Moving forward, please begin having conversations with your sessions to consider housing volunteer groups. With no hotel availability, campgrounds destroyed by trees, and home stay impossible with

COVID, church hosting is our best way to house out-of-town organizations. Ideally churches would have shower availability. If your church is available to host groups, please let the office know.

All of our information will be updated on social media and on our website. Please click <https://peia.org/disaster-assistance-information/>