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## THE LIGHT OF HOPE IN THE CHARRED DARKNESS

*We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place (Ps. 66:12).*



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*Volunteers prepare to pray at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, California, which became an evacuation center for those affected by the wildfires.*

The airwaves have been filled with horrific images of California wildfires devouring everything in their path. Members of Presbyterian congregations across the three affected presbyteries have lost their homes while others are unable to return to their neighborhoods to learn the fate of their own homes.

Presbyterian churches throughout the fire-ravaged area continue to provide tremendous witness as the healing presence of Christ by opening their doors to serve the needs of the community—offering hospitality, respite, and showers for firefighters, and helping displaced people access social services to begin the recovery process.

National Response Team members from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) are working with presbyteries in the area as they organize for long-term recovery, engaging in ministry and witness with those least able to recover without outside help.

Your support is needed today to continue the Presbyterian response and witness to those displaced and struggling to recover from such great losses. Bulletin inserts and updates can be found on the PDA Web site, [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda).

## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

**Pray** for all those whose lives have been shattered, and for those who are working tirelessly to save lives and help communities recover.

**Give** to support ongoing emergency and recovery needs. Individuals may give online by credit card; send checks directly to PC(USA) Central Receiving Service, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202; or give through their congregation's normal giving channels.

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**DR000165**

(California Fires—Humanitarian Response)

**DR000180**

(Church Support)

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