

# Lamplight

A Newsletter of the US Disaster Program



*"Be dressed, ready for service and keep your lamps burning."* — LUKE 12:35

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## A Note from Katie

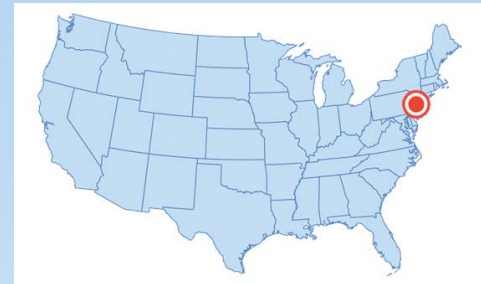
Hello Everyone,

To begin, thank you so much for the outpouring of prayers, donations, and offers of help we've received since Sandy hit last week. Thankfully, as staff we are okay. Several of us were without power for many days (a few are still waiting!); a few had slight damage at home, but we were lucky.

I've been so encouraged to know so many people care and desire to help. Already, Episcopal Relief & Development has partnered with the dioceses of New York, Long Island, Newark, New Jersey, and Connecticut to help meet immediate needs for the most vulnerable in our communities including food, water, and blankets. By donating to the [Hurricane Sandy Response Fund](#) you can support local Episcopal congregations in serving their impacted neighbors. If you do not live in the area, donating to Episcopal Relief & Development is the best way to help out this winter.

For now, the immediate need for volunteers can be met best through the many millions of us in the tri-state area who are largely unimpacted and have places locally to stay. We are currently working with our partner dioceses to plan for the long-term recovery and hope churches can begin hosting volunteer groups next spring and summer. So keep your passion to help alive: donate now and prepare to volunteer in the near future. We'll keep you posted as the timeline for volunteering becomes clearer!

Thanks again for your prayers and support.



## Act Now

Donate to the [Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund](#).

Invite your congregation to donate by downloading our bulletin insert [here](#).

Read "[Sunday After a Disaster](#)" and "[Ministering to Children after Disaster](#)" if you live in an impacted area.

Follow us on [facebook](#).

Visit our website for the latest updates on relief efforts. [www.er-d.org/Hurricane-Sandy](http://www.er-d.org/Hurricane-Sandy)

## Contact Us:

Add your name to the "Ready to Serve" volunteer and skills roster at [volunteer@er-d.org](mailto:volunteer@er-d.org)

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Peace,  
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