

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,

As the weather continues to be volatile this spring, damaging homes and lives through a wide swath of the country, I'm grateful for our churches' role throughout the life cycle of the disaster. Congregations from Arkansas to North Carolina are opening their doors to assist their neighbors, feeding and comforting them and providing needed assistance in the days and weeks after the tornados. And across the country, congregations and dioceses continue to respond to the long-term needs of disaster survivors.

Below you'll learn about an opportunity for young people to serve in one of these long-term recovery ministries in the Episcopal Diocese of New York, either in the field leading volunteers to rebuild homes or working behind the scenes in the main office of Episcopal Relief & Development. Please pass this information along to any young people you know who might be interested.

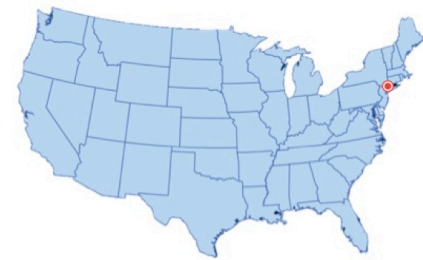
Please join me in keeping all those impacted and those responding in prayer.

Peace,
Katie

Fall internships in disaster recovery on Staten Island and at Episcopal Relief & Development

This fall, young adults between the ages of 21 and 30 can take leadership positions in Hurricane Sandy rebuilding efforts or work in Episcopal Relief & Development's Manhattan office as part of the [New York Disaster Recovery Program](#).

A joint program of the Episcopal Service Corps, the Episcopal Diocese of New York and Episcopal Relief & Development, the program will sponsor seven, one-year internships



Featured in this Issue:

The Episcopal Diocese of New York: Internships are available for disaster recovery.

Join "Ready to Serve":

[Sign up here](#) to offer your services to your vulnerable neighbors after a disaster.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Easton, New Jersey and New York
Find volunteer opportunities and registration information for Hurricane Sandy-impacted areas at relief.episcopalny.org.

Diocese of Bethlehem
Volunteer opportunities include indoor and outdoor repair of flood-damaged homes in the Diocese of Bethlehem, PA. Contact [The Rev. John Major](#) for information on how to sign up.

Episcopal Relief & Development-supported projects:

beginning in September of 2014.

Five interns will work on Staten Island as [Rebuild Team Leaders](#) with the Episcopal Recovery Team of Staten Island. The interns will oversee rehabilitation projects, work with outside volunteer groups and build relationships with homeowners, partner congregations and other organizations. The work includes construction tasks such as installing insulation, sheetrock and flooring, taping and mudding, painting, installing molding and other finish work.

The [Social Media and Website Intern](#) and the [Eastern Asset Map and US Disaster Intern](#) will work strategically at Episcopal Relief & Development's offices in Manhattan, providing broad-based program and marketing and communications support.

All the interns will be housed at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Staten Island. New York Disaster Recovery interns are actively connected to many of the nine other Episcopal Parishes on Staten Island, providing ample opportunity for spiritual discernment and growth.

An [online application](#) can be found on the Episcopal Service Corps website. The deadline to apply is June 2, 2014.

Disaster Response:

Tornado Response

Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi

Mudslide Response

Episcopal Diocese of Olympia

Mudslide Response

Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming

Disaster Recovery:

Episcopal Diocese of Colorado

The Diocese of Colorado is working to help people recover following flooding that swept the state's Front Range in the fall of 2013.

Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut

The Diocese of Connecticut is supporting Ben's Lighthouse, a ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church in Newtown, which is working to promote the long-term health of the community's children, youth and families and to nurture a culture of non-violence and caring.

Episcopal Diocese of Easton

The Diocese of Easton is hosting volunteer groups to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy and construct new ones where existing homes cannot be repaired.

Episcopal Diocese of New York

The Diocese of New York is working with volunteers and young people from Episcopal Service Corps to rebuild homes on Staten Island following Hurricane Sandy.

Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

The Diocese of New Jersey is working with parishes statewide to identify those falling through the cracks and creating parish-based programs to meet needs following Hurricane Sandy.

Resources for Disaster Preparedness and Response:

[View a news report on the Episcopal Recovery Team of Staten Island.](#)

Visit Episcopal Relief & Development's on-line [Resource](#)

[Library](#) for numerous case studies and best practices in disaster response on the diocesan and congregational level.



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