

Policy for the Lutheran Disaster Response Fund

The Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Response Fund is established to hold all disaster response donations to the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

The Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Response Fund responds primarily to declared* and undeclared disasters on the territory of the synod, working in partnership with disaster response groups such as voluntary organizations active in disasters (VOADs) and long-term recovery groups. In cooperation with the leadership of LSS-LDR Network coordinator, the fund may also respond to state or federally declared domestic disasters outside of our synod.

(*Declared means: LDR Churchwide Expression or a Federal Disaster Declaration by the President of the United States.)

Funds held may be used to make advance payments to respond to immediate needs with the funds to be replenished with subsequent fund receipts (designated to those immediate needs or undesignated). Such designated funds received by the synod in excess of any advanced monies shall be forwarded to the specific disaster for which designated.

A spending authorization of \$5000 is granted to the LSS-LDR Network coordinator for each disaster. Additional funding up to 20% of the fund may be distributed at the discretion of the bishop in consultation with the coordinator of the LSS-LDR Network. Funds above 20% of the balance of the fund can be distributed by action of the Executive Committee of the Synod Council.

The recommendation of a spending authorization can be implemented using a credit/debit card.

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