

Please Support Navarro County Flood Relief

While the heavy rains that swept across the state last week brought widespread flooding to many areas in Texas, Navarro County was hit particularly hard. As much as 24-inches of rain fell in a short amount of time in and around communities such as Corsicana, Blooming Grove and Frost. High water has found its way to areas with no record of floods, thus much of the devastation is impacting families with little or no flood insurance. Also, many of those affected are elderly, disabled and/or on fixed incomes.

Laraine Waughtal, coordinator of disaster response and UMVIM for the Central Texas Conference, is on the scene in Navarro County and is [reporting significant damage to the homes](#) in the areas that early responders have been able to access. The [list of inaccessible roads](#) is still seven pages long. As such, many more reports of destruction and loss are anticipated – especially with the return of heavy rain activity to the area. on Friday (Oct. 30)

Bishop Lowry has authorized a conference-wide appeal for financial assistance to help the families of Navarro County repair and rebuild. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has already issued a \$10,000 grant, and the CTC will apply for additional monetary support from UMCOR as the recovery and rebuilding process plays out. However, as is always the case, the majority of the funds necessary for the CTC to respond quickly and efficiently comes from the generous hearts of the individuals and the churches of the CTC.

At this time, donations of food, water, clothing and other such items are not needed and would actually be a hindrance to the recovery efforts, as there is no place to store such donations. Please send any and all monetary contributions to the Central Texas Conference, 3200 East Rosedale St., Fort Worth, Texas 76105, with a denotation to Disaster Response Floods. As always, 100 percent of monies received go to the recovery effort.

Central Texas Conference Early Response teams (CTC ERT) are mobilizing and plan to be active in the area as early as next week eliminating the “muck” from flooding, removing all wet areas and mold, tarping roofs and securing homes. It will be several weeks before the rebuilding process begins since the area and structures need time to dry out.

As always, your willingness and eagerness to assist those in need is greatly appreciated.