

## **Good Works Program “Katrina Disaster Relief Project” Established**

CINCINNATI, Ohio—The United Church of God is announcing a new Good Works Program project—the “Katrina Disaster Relief Project”—to help with the many needs of members of the United Church of God who were impacted by Hurricane Katrina. We encourage as many congregations and members as are able to involve themselves in fund-raising projects, some or all of the proceeds of which they can dedicate to this disaster relief project.

Though we usually ask that special fund-raising projects be the means of funding the Good Works Program, and not direct cash donations, we believe that the magnitude and scope of the damage and dislocation caused by this hurricane is so great that we are opening up this project also to direct cash donations. Though at this time we do not know all the needs of affected brethren, we anticipate that the funds will be used to assist members in ways including, but not limited to, the following:

- Food
- Clothing
- Emergency shelter, prior to returning to their homes
- Transportation
- Facilitating attendance at Sabbath and Holy day services

In order to help with the administration of this project, we ask that any individuals or congregations who contribute to this special relief project include a note with their contribution stating the following:

This contribution is for use by the Good Works Program in funding the “Katrina Disaster Relief Project.” In the event that at some point the total contributions to this project exceed the total that can appropriately be disbursed in helping to alleviate these needs, the director of the Good Works Program is authorized to use any of the excess, including this donation, to help fund other Good Works Program projects that are then active.

Thank you in advance for all who are able to assist our displaced and suffering brethren in this time of real need.