

Situation Report Update - Hurricane Sandy January 2013

PDA continues to support Hurricane Sandy survivors not only with needs from the immediate aftermath of the hurricane, but is also looking towards the long road to recovery. One Great Hour of Sharing and funds designated for [Superstorm Sandy relief \(DR000187\)](#) have been provided to nine mid-councils to help them in their response efforts. Funds have also been provided to help with hurricane recovery efforts in Cuba and Haiti.



Image courtesy of NOAA's National Weather Service

Some activities that PDA is currently involved with in the U.S. include developing, identifying or providing:

- Shelter/hospitality sites in New York, New Jersey and Maryland for responders and volunteer work teams to help with rebuilding efforts.
- Staff to help POD (Point of Distribution) sites for bulk and commodity distribution
- Establishing a roster for Pastor Respite Care to relief Presbyterian pastors who have been on the front line of response
- Emotional and Spiritual Care for clergy, responders and whole communities; this is in cooperation with Red Cross.

In addition, training is being provided for mid-councils and congregations in the Northeast on:

- Long Term Recovery
- Congregational Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Recovery Tools and Training

Please continue to stand in the GAP for Hurricane Sandy survivors.

[Give](#). Provide financial support to aid in recovery efforts to [DR000187](#). You can give \$10 now by texting PDA to 20222.

[Act](#). Organize volunteer teams. There will be tremendous need for volunteer teams to help in the clean-up and recovery efforts. Contact the [PDA National Call Center](#) at 866-732-6121 866-732-6121 to let us know of your team's interest, skill level and future availability. We can then contact you when volunteer opportunities are identified.

[Share your story](#) of how you have seen the hand of God at work around you following the impact of Superstorm Sandy.

Visit the [PDA Facebook](#) to see additional ways congregations and individuals are responding.

[Pray](#). As the communities work to recover, please keep them and those involved in the response in prayer.