

Come Join in Rebuilding in the Lake Charles area!

The Lake Charles area has been hit with an unprecedented number of disasters, with each accumulating upon the others. Hurricanes, freezing, floodings, - all in the midst of COVID and racial justice awakenings. In partnership with several local organizations, we have identified significant, meaningful work that will help the Lake Charles region in recovering and rebuilding. We are inviting congregations to join us in this effort.

Work Group hosting:

The University United Methodist Church has extended an invitation for groups to use their church space as they work in rebuilding Lake Charles. PSL is deeply thankful for this invitation and looks forward to this shared ministry. Accommodations will be simple but sufficient, including bathrooms, showers, laundry, and limited kitchen access. We are working to have comfortable bedding (fingers crossed).

Potential Work projects:

Our community recovery efforts are coordinated by St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana. We are partnering with community-led efforts that have prioritized people most impacted by the storms, as well as people that have been marginalized by our society before the storms. The work needed is wide ranging - we will make efforts to match groups to their work skills. Anticipated work ranges from working in a food pantry to debris removal/mucking out houses to more skilled carpentry work.

Interested groups need to be:

Self-sufficient- Most meals / food will need to be provided by visiting groups. Visiting groups will also need to provide transportation.

Collegial - we are inviting folks to join alongside us in this recovery work. Come with an open heart & mind, and you'll learn a bit more about this piece of God's creation!

Flexible - we are working on hosting groups in the midst of difficult times. We are aiming for hospitality, not luxury!

Safe - We ask all group members to be fully vaccinated, and willing to join our rebuilding in a safe and uplifting environment.

To help with the costs of hosting, we suggest a donation of \$100/person/week for groups staying at University United Methodist Church.

If you are interested in joining us in this work, please email these two point persons:

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