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SEC Disaster Assistance & Relief Team News

The SEC DART (disaster assistance & relief team) continues to expand throughout the 5 state SEC conference. On March 20, 24 individuals from Georgia, South Carolina, & Tennessee attended disaster training at 1st Congregational Atlanta. Florence Coppola, (National Executive for Disaster Ministry), Joann Hale (Church World Service), and Ken Skilitzky (FEMA) each shared the scope of their influence in preparedness and recovery in both short and long term disaster work.

The scope of disaster work is varied and includes but is not limited to the following:

- Preparing congregations for a potential disaster in their midst
- Preparing congregations to provide assistance to the community
- Preparing Kits of the Heart to be sent to communities at home and around the world in times of disaster.
- Encouraging and providing the opportunity for families & individuals to prepare a personal family go-kit.
- Assisting with long term recovery projects (work camps)
- Continuing support of OCWM

The following churches were represented at the training: 1st Congregational (Atlanta, GA); Rush Memorial (Atlanta, GA); Open Community (Atlanta, GA); Praxis (Atlanta, GA); Circular (Charleston, SC); Church of the Savior (Knoxville, TN); Holy Trinity (Nashville, TN); Pleasant Hill Community Church (Pleasant Hill, TN)

There is much that can be done in disaster ministry. You can help. Please watch for information and ways you can be involved in your congregation and community.

You may contact the following state leaders for more information about the training: Larry Calvert (Rush Memorial, Atlanta, Georgia); George Drumbar (Circular, UCC, Charleston, South Carolina); Bob & Connie Waidmann (Pleasant Hill Community Church, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee)