

Pastor to DR Projects:

Pastor your COGO Disaster Relief Team wants to enable you to lead some of your people in a hands-on experience following a natural disaster. To encourage pastoral participation, we wish to inform you that funds are available to assist with some of your personal travel costs to and from the worksite.

There are many laypersons who will never serve on a worship team, teach a class or be a good board chair, but they have a heart to serve with their hands in times of natural disasters. The ministry of these individuals is important to the Kingdom and some are waiting to respond to your invitation to join you in the next opportunity to serve.

Tell Me More:

Pastors or pastor couples are encouraged to tap into the heart of this portion of your congregation by signing up and helping bring a small group of volunteers together either to help meet a need sponsored by COGO Ministries or with a like-minded group of volunteers with another faith-based ministry who are serving an area hit by a natural disaster.

Current Guidelines:

1. Pastor or pastor couple, currently serving a local Ohio ChoG Congregation are encouraged to contact the COGO DR Team regarding a recovery effort in their area of interest and/or schedule.
2. Your COGO DR Team will assist you in making contact with those serving in a disaster recovery effort across the ChoG Movement and beyond.
3. The work project including travel would need to be at least six days in length and consist of up to five or six work campers. It is expected that a majority of the group would be from the congregation you serve.
4. The pastor and/or pastor couple will also interact with the community in which the project site is located. This includes the local culture, the families assisted and the variety of volunteers you will work alongside as together you seek to bring help and give hope to those in need.
5. We encourage the pastor or pastor couple to share about their faith-in-action stories with the local congregation and COGO Ministries. Sharing personal experiences of hope helps build up the community of faith as the excitement inspires others to serve.
6. Upon your return home submit copies of all receipts of personal travel, food and in route lodging to the COGO DR Team for reimbursement of up to \$500.00 per pastor or pastor couple. Our goal is to provide one grant per congregation per project.
7. Contact and other communication with COGO DR Team is to take place prior to and following the work camp experience. It is our hope that the participants be the lead pastor, however other pastoral staff may serve in this leadership modeling role.

HAVE QUESTIONS:

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