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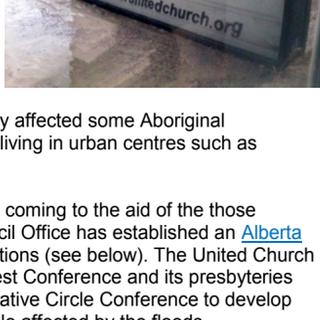


First United Special eNews

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Alberta Flood Relief

Flooding in Alberta has displaced more than 175,000 people and damaged and destroyed private property, vital infrastructure, and public works. Reconstruction is estimated in the billions of dollars. Entire communities are coming forward to help with food, bedding, medical care, friendship, and support.

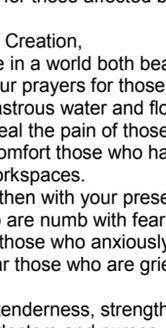


The impact of the floods has also seriously affected some Aboriginal communities, including Aboriginal people living in urban centres such as Calgary.

United Church people across Canada are coming to the aid of the those affected by the floods. The General Council Office has established an [Alberta Flood Relief Fund](#) and is welcoming donations (see below). The United Church will work closely with Alberta and Northwest Conference and its presbyteries and with All Tribes Presbytery of the All Native Circle Conference to develop plans to respond to the needs of the people affected by the floods.

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Help Those Affected



You can help support those affected by the flooding through The United Church of Canada's emergency response fund. Any donations received and designated for "Alberta floods" will be sent to the Alberta and Northwest Conference for flood relief efforts. Donations can be made online via our [secure donation page](#).

Prayer

Prayer for those affected by flooding in Alberta:

God of Creation,
We live in a world both beauty and danger are found.
Hear our prayers for those who have been overcome
by disastrous water and floods in Alberta.
Help heal the pain of those who are injured.
Help comfort those who have lost their homes, churches, community centres
and workspaces.
Strengthen with your presence
all who are numb with fear and distress.
Guide those who anxiously search or wait.
Be near those who are grieving, and bless them with your peace.

Grant tenderness, strength, and wisdom
to the doctors and nurses, police and military, fire-fighter and emergency
responders;
to all who assist them to minister to human need.
May we be moved by compassion,
and share willingly and generously
in the recovery of these your much loved people. Amen.

(Adapted from *Celebrate God's Presence*, pg. 564.)

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