

## UCC Irene Appeal

Hurricane Irene impacted 14 states. Please keep our Vermont, Southern and Southeast Conferences [but also Penn SE, New York, New Hampshire and Connecticut] in your prayers. UCC Disaster Ministries is currently working with Conference Ministers and Disaster Coordinators to assess needs in affected areas. A One Great Hour of Sharing emergency grant has already been sent to help provide cleanup and recovery for historic UCC Franklinton Center in Enfield, North Carolina. UCC Partner Church World Service has provided affected areas with blankets, as well as hygiene and cleanup kits. It is through your generosity that the UCC is able to respond quickly and efficiently.

### How You Can Help

1. Make gifts payable to your congregation marked for Hurricane Relief, with the request they be sent through your Conference office to our national office in Cleveland.
2. Make a secure on-line donation at <http://www.ucc.org/disaster/hurricane-irene-update.html> Please note: Hurricane Relief in the Comments section.
3. Assemble Church World Service **cleanup** and **hygiene kits** which are urgently needed.

I want to support the vital work that our churches do together in Penn Central Conference. Please accept my contribution of:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ other

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

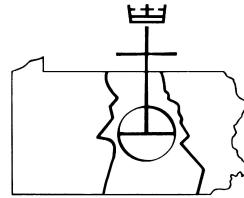
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your local church (name, city/town) \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form with check made payable to Penn Central Conference to:

Penn Central Conference UCC  
900 S. Arlington Ave, Room 227A  
Harrisburg, PA 17109.

Thank you for your support.



September 2011

**Penn Central  
Conference  
UCC  
QUARTERLY**

**God  
is still  
speaking,**

Four times a year (March, May, September and November), we bring you the "Penn Central Conference Quarterly." We hope this helps you feel more connected to your conference. We look forward to any comments you have on the Quarterly by calling 717-652-1560 or e-mailing [bwaleff@pccucc.org](mailto:bwaleff@pccucc.org).



**Penn Central Conference wants  
nominations  
for National Youth Event**

The UCC National Youth Event (NYE), held every four years, provides an opportunity for over 3000 youth (ages 13-18) to gather for faith, fun and fellowship. The next NYE will be held at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana from July 10-13, 2012.

Each congregation in our conference has been asked to nominate youth who they feel would benefit from attending NYE. These youth will receive personal letters of invitation this month to attend one of six informational sessions being held around the conference later this fall. The youth and their parents will hear from former NYE attendees, find out all the details of the trip, get ideas for fundraising and receive registration materials.

If your church has not nominated any youth yet, it's not too late. Send Brenda Waleff by e-mail ([bwaleff@pccucc.org](mailto:bwaleff@pccucc.org)), the name, and address of youth from your congregation that may want to consider attending National Youth Event next summer.



**Penn Central Conference**  
cordially invites you to join us in celebration  
at the Installation of  
**Rev. Dr. Laurene Beth Bowers**  
as  
**Conference Associate Minister for  
Congregational Life and Vitality**  
**October 2, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.**

at Salem UCC  
231 Chestnut Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Free street and lot parking  
available near the church;  
Salem is handicapped accessible.

**Please come and experience  
alternate styles of worship  
featured in this service  
that you can use at your own church!**

**Nov. 1-11, 2011...ONE UNITED CHURCH on a  
shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the  
hungry and confront food-related injustice.  
This is MISSION: 1**

In 11 days, the UCC will collect more than 1 MILLION ITEMS OF HEALTHY FOOD and other household items for local food banks and outreach services.

In 11 days, the UCC will make an extra-special push to gather online contributions of more than \$111,111 for Neighbors in Need, offerings that will be shared for hunger-action purposes with agencies of justice and compassion throughout the United States; and \$111,111 for East Africa famine-related ministries.

In 11 days, the UCC will offer more than 11,111 LETTERS to Congress asking our government to reform U.S. foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people worldwide, helping to provide a major final push to Bread for the World's 2011 "Offering of Letters" campaign.

**DURING THE FIRST 11 DAYS of NOVEMBER, an online tote board at [ucc.org](http://ucc.org) will tally our collective count of foodstuffs, donations and letters.** The UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries will organize church-member delegations to meet with Members of Congress to bring attention to our church's concern about hunger at home and abroad.

For the first 11 days of November, UCC congregations, colleges, seminaries and health and human service agencies will join together in this collective mission campaign. Let us know what you are planning! We want to highlight some of the creative ways churches are responding to hunger and homelessness in our communities through local media. Go to <http://www.ucc.org/mission1/> for resources and more info.

And plan now to join in a national celebration of our campaign's success on Sunday, Nov. 13 - in your local UCC church.