



Responding to Disasters

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a process for supporting our ministries when impacted by natural or other disasters.

2.0 Scope

- 2.1 This policy applies to any UWM member ministry in the United States that has been impacted by a disaster.
- 2.2 International ministries should refer to the policy on Responding to Disasters in International Ministries

3.0 Policy

UWM is committed to supporting its ministries when impacted by disasters and other traumatic events, and to providing the means for others in the Unity movement to join with us in a collaborative manner to assist in the recovery process.

4.0 Definitions

- 4.1 **Disaster:** a natural event such as a hurricane, flood or tornado, or an event caused by humans, such as an act of terrorism
- 4.2 **Regional Representative:** Minister selected by a Region to serve as the liaison between UWM members in the region and UWM's central office. This individual serves on UWM's Standards Ministry Team.

5.0 Responsibilities

- 5.1 **Regional Representatives** are the focal point for connecting with these ministries and providing relevant information to the region and to UWM. They assist with coordination and communication at the regional level.
- 5.2 **The Member Services Coordinator** is the focal point of connection at the central office and for coordinating and communicating support throughout UWM membership.

6.0 Procedures

- 6.1 The Regional Representative is the focal point of the information
 - 6.1.1 Ministries challenged by a disaster call your Regional Representative.
 - 6.1.2 Ministries or ministers aware of challenged ministry call the Regional Representative.

- 6.1.3 If the Member Support Coordinator receives information, he/she will call the Regional Representative.
- 6.1.4 Prayer needs will be communicated and/or prayer circles will be initiated.

6.2 The Regional Representative:

- 6.2.1 Initiates calls to challenged ministries.
- 6.2.2 Calls the Director of Member Services with information about challenged ministries.

6.3 Information gathered includes:

- 6.3.1 Contact name, working telephone number, and email.
- 6.3.2 Working address to receive packages, mail, and money.
- 6.3.3 A list of requirements, specific items, etc.

6.4 Unity Worldwide Ministries will communicate with membership about needed resources through the most immediate information channel available.