

SITUATION REPORT 3

COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE



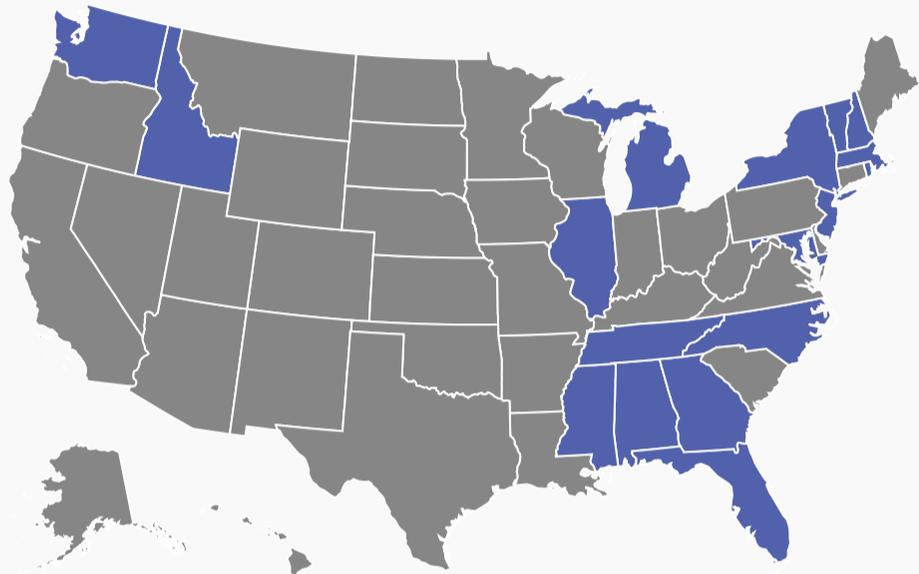
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UNITED STATES

SITUATION

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to dominate the headlines throughout the country. As of May 14, there have been a total of 1.3 million cases in the United States and over 80,000 people have lost their lives. This number continues to grow daily. Even as many states are taking drastic measures to prevent escalation, the virus continues to spread.



RESPONSE*

Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting ELCA synods and affiliated social ministry organizations around the U.S. in response to the pandemic, with special emphasis on vulnerable communities, e.g. unemployed, homeless, and senior populations.

- Northwest Washington Synod - supporting at least 15 congregations to procure food, PPE, cleaning and hygiene supplies, and packaging for their ministries.
- Southwest Washington Synod - supporting 19 congregations and ministries to deliver food and other essential supplies to low-income families and other vulnerable populations.
- Northwest Intermountain Synod - supporting 14 congregations to provide food relief and other support to vulnerable populations in rural contexts.
- Southeastern Synod - supporting 15 congregations and other ministries to distribute food and others supplies to low-income families, senior citizens, and others affected by the pandemic.
- Florida-Bahamas Synod - supporting at least 8 congregations throughout the state to strengthen their food ministries that support beneficiaries such as senior citizens, people with disabilities, immigrants, and those who are homeless.
- North Carolina Synod - supporting congregations and ministries in Native American communities, communities where individuals have insufficient or no health insurance, as well as communities with undocumented migrants.
- Metro DC Synod - supporting ministries that service Latino communities in Langley Park, Maryland, an area hard hit by COVID-19, through food assistance and advocacy work.
- New England Synod - supporting 5 ministries in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont that partner with grocery stores, local restaurants and businesses to deliver hot meals to vulnerable populations.
- Metro Chicago Synod - supporting 15 congregations in 10 cities in their food assistance, clothing supply, and emergency assistance ministries.
- Northwest Lower Michigan Synod - supporting 10 congregations with hunger and/or homelessness ministries to strengthen their capacity to reach out to vulnerable communities.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pray

Let us pray for the people who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

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