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The Disaster Preparedness and Response Ministry Team (DPRMT) has met virtually numerous times this past year to discuss training, preparedness, and work camp opportunities. Members of the DPRMT continue to be active in local, state, and national disaster resource organizations. Our newest team member resides in Hammond, Indiana which provides the DPRMT representation from northern Indiana.

As of Dec. 31, 2022, the balance of the Disaster Preparedness Fund was \$8,378.66 and as of Feb. 28, 2023, the balance of the IKC Kentucky Recovery Fund was \$124,408.49. Several grants to Kentucky communities were awarded through the UCC Disaster Ministries Global H.O.P.E. ministry. For western Kentucky, \$60,000.00 in grants were awarded to communities in response to the December 2021 tornadoes. An additional \$44,978.00 in grants were awarded to eastern Kentucky communities in response to the July 2022 floods.

Along with the UCC financial support provided to Kentucky, the DPRMT lead 11 work camps in western Kentucky since March 2021. A total of 91 volunteers donated 4,245 hours of labor repairing 23 homes. Six additional work camps are currently scheduled through November 2023.

The DPRMT continues to develop preparedness materials for the conference. One is the *IKC Security Plan for Faith-Based Events and Houses of Worship*. Materials will be provided to churches to develop their own individualized plan at the 2023 IKC Annual Gathering.

Respectfully submitted,

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