

To: Members of the NPCUCC
Fr: Wade Schemmel
Re: Support of the NPCUCC Disaster Fund

Date: March 24, 2009

Dear Friends In Christ:

As you already know from watching the news there are a number of our brothers and sisters who are experiencing flooding. Many of the rivers and streams across ND are flooding, and ice jams are adding to the severity of the situation. I trust that you have received the email from our disaster coordinator, Lindy Holt, inviting you to contact the Conference Disaster Coordinator if you are experiencing some flood related problems.

The NPCUCC in cooperation with its VOAD partners is ready and willing to respond to the needs of folk across the state who are experiencing the trials that flooding can bring. We know from past experiencing how difficult to much water can make things.

Because we know how difficult to much water can we also are anticipating that many of you will wish to respond to your neighbor with support personally and when that is not possible financially. We are therefore **inviting you to make your contribution to help those suffering from the flooding to the Northern Plains Conference United Church of Christ.** We would set this money aside for support when called upon for individual and community response. So that we properly identify your disaster response contribution please label it "09 flooding".

If you have questions about this opportunity to support the NPCUCC disaster fund, or flooding conditions across the state or ways that you can be of help to those in need of are experiencing flooding in your home or church or business, please do not hesitate to contact the NPCUCC Disaster Coordinator Lindy Holt (701 430 0727) or the Conference Office (701 255 1104).

Thank you for your continued support at this vital time. Let us hold to the assurance that in the presence of God's Holy spirit it is through the covenant that unites that we find our fullest strength. May God's blessed Presence be with all who are experiencing the trials of this flood and with all who are reaching out in faithful help.

Grace and Peace