

FINANCIAL APPEAL FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN SYRIA AND TURKEY



The news continues to unfold about the devastating earthquake on the border of Turkey and Syria. The death toll continues to rise - numbers are pointing to over 35,000 - depending on the source. This is shattering news and adds to the challenges of the war in this area for over a decade.

Immediately after the earthquake, the UCC posted a prayer and short statement in response to this crisis. "We petition our loving and compassionate God for strength for those who are already responding to search for those who may be lost, to deliver medical care to those in need, and to console and encourage the many who are now wondering what is next. And we offer encouragement to our partners throughout the region - in Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Greece, and beyond - who are working tirelessly to be present in most appropriate ways. Amen."

While the earthquake was on the border, the tremors were felt as far away as Lebanon and Cyprus. At this time, we are issuing an appeal to help recovery efforts in Turkey and Syria. It is hard to tell what other areas are affected or the extent of the damage from this seismic event.

Amid this current uncertainty, you can be certain that with your financial support the United Church of Christ will be there helping those in need. Give generously. You may also text UCCDISASTER to 41444. You can also go to the [UCC website](#).

All donations will be deposited into the International Emergency fund designated for "Turkey and Syria Earthquake Response". Your generous financial support will be used by our partners in the areas of greatest need, for relief and long-term recovery. You can also mail a check made payable to the United Church of Christ, PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "Turkey and Syria" on your check in the memo section.