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Christian Disaster Relief (CDR), which provides volunteer help in times of natural disaster, is an arm of the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite.

Church of God in Christ, Mennonite, is comprised of approximately one hundred thirty congregations in the United States and Canada.

### **Structure and organization**

The work of CDR is overseen by an executive board. The conference is divided into six geographic districts; a coordinator and assistant coordinator serve each district. Each congregation elects one or two representatives who recruit volunteers for response to a disaster. Smaller projects may be organized and undertaken by local congregations; however, the regional coordinator and executive committee organize and direct relief work in disasters of greater magnitude. CDR board members and district coordinators are elected by the conference; local representatives are elected by their congregation. All serve on an unsalaried basis and are usually reimbursed for travel and other expenses. Funding is provided by the conference treasury. Donations to any part of the CDR organization will be accepted and used for operation expenses.

### **Methods and operations**

Christian Disaster Relief's objective is providing volunteer workers who clean up after a disaster or assist in preventive work when natural disaster threatens. Workers usually supply their own tools. A limited amount of materials for rebuilding and repair may be supplied by CDR, although these are usually provided by other sources. CDR will cooperate with other relief organizations.

Christian Disaster Relief provides immediate help in times of disaster, but does not establish long-term presence in the affected community. Rebuilding projects of longer duration are directed by Christian Public Service, another agency of the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite.

In all projects, CDR workers are asked to be aware of the needs of the disaster victims and render help in a spirit of Christian compassion.