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**As communities across Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois continue to assess the devastating loss, the Mid-South District is coordinating donor funds to help with recovery efforts.**

Greetings to our Mid-South District congregations and fellow LCMS Districts. As you know, devastating tornadoes struck numerous communities across Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois in the evening and early morning hours of December 10 and 11. The death toll is staggering and continues to rise, while the devastation to property along the 250-mile storm path is unimaginable.

In the wake of such destruction, the need for aid is great. Already, countless calls asking "How can we help?" have flowed into the Mid-South District office. As the bleak aftermath of this disaster unfolds, **our first and most significant response is with prayer.** We pray for those who are still missing, those who are Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola

President, Mid-South District LCMS part of the difficult search effort, and those who are mourning victims of these devastating storms. To assist the thousands of individuals impacted by this terrible tragedy, both LCMS Disaster Response and Lutheran Church Charities are currently mobilizing critical resources.

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Thank you for the many calls, texts and emails to express concern and offer aid. Praise God for such a compassionate and caring group of pastors and congregations in our District and Synod!  In Christ,  Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola  President, Mid-South District LCMS     |  | | --- | |  | |  | | | |  | |  | | |
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