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**THROUGH US**

SYNOD CONVENTION 2025

# WELS Christian Aid and Relief

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As we have opportunity,  
**let us do good  
to all people,**

especially to those  
who belong to the  
family of believers.

GALATIANS 6:10



# Our Mission



Our mission is to reflect Christ's love and compassion to souls suffering from disasters and hardships (*mercy/compassion ministry*).

# Our Commission



# Our Administrative Assistant



# Our Volunteers



# Our Three Areas of Service



**DISASTER RELIEF**



**HUMANITARIAN AID**



**PERSONAL RELIEF  
GRANTS**

# Principles that Guide Our Work

- Honor our Savior by imitating his compassion.
- Carefully assess needs and opportunities.
- Responsibly and effectively utilize the resources provided by God's people.
- Assist congregations with mercy ministry opportunities.
- Provide a meaningful and positive service experience to our volunteers.
- Seize every opportunity to bring the comfort of the gospel to hurting souls.



**Disaster Relief**

# Disaster Relief

- Through May of FY24-25, we utilized \$417,807 for disaster relief.

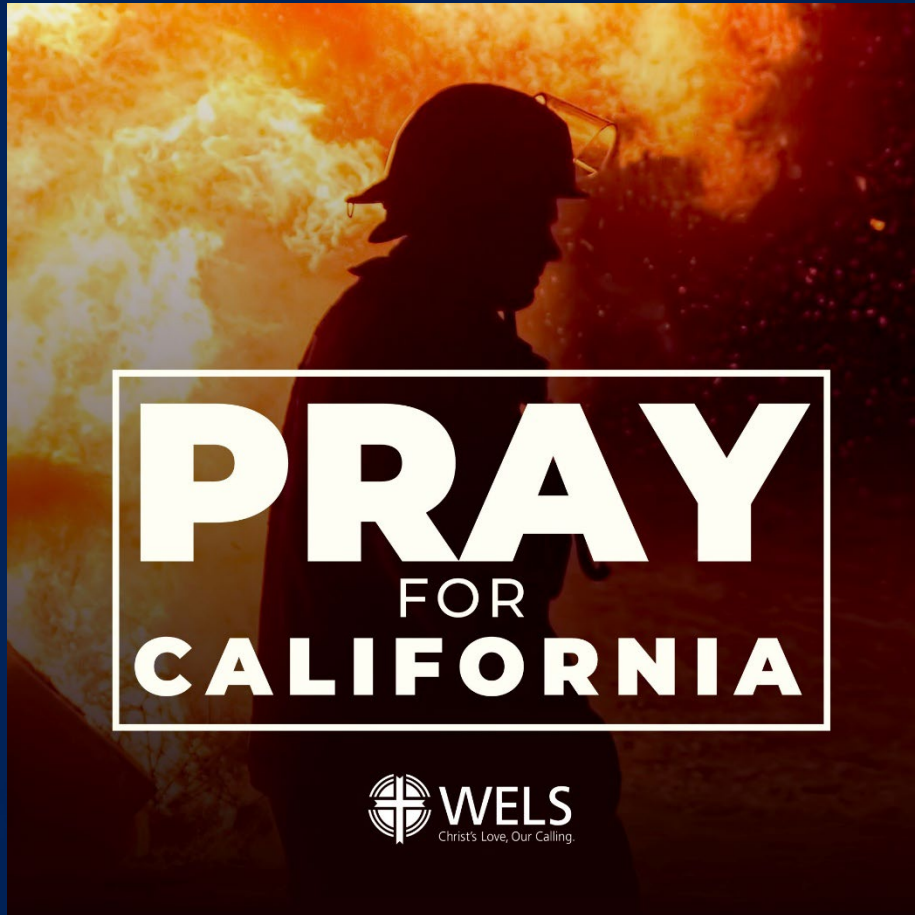


# International Disaster Relief

- Helped to rebuild several churches in Malawi.
- Assisted victims of flooding in India, Kenya, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- Gave aid to victims of persecution in Pakistan, war in Myanmar, and an earthquake in Nepal.



# Wildfires



- We helped WELS congregations assist those impacted by wildfires in Texas, on the San Carlos reservation in Arizona, and in Los Angeles.

# Hurricanes Helene and Milton

- We assisted congregations and members in Florida, Tennessee, and in North Carolina with cleanup and recovery efforts following hurricanes Helene and Milton.



# IMAT Training



- In February 2025 we trained our first group of Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) leaders to help us lead our disaster relief deployments.

# Disaster Relief Task Force





**Humanitarian Aid**

# Humanitarian Aid

- Through May of FY24-25 we utilized \$501,467 for humanitarian aid.
  - \$62,337 for Home Missions
  - \$386,158 for World Missions
  - \$52,972 for Community Care and Compassion grants















community care &  
compassion

# grants program



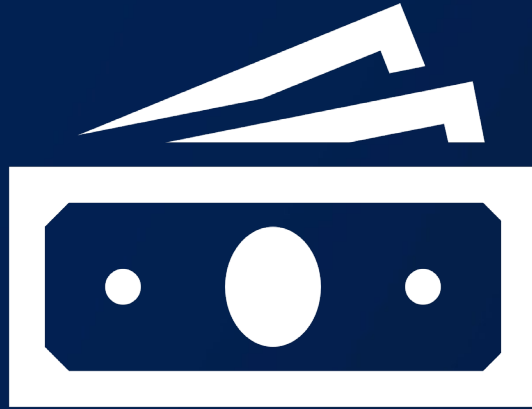
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## EQUIPPING CHURCHES TO CARE FOR COMMUNITIES



# Personal Relief Grants

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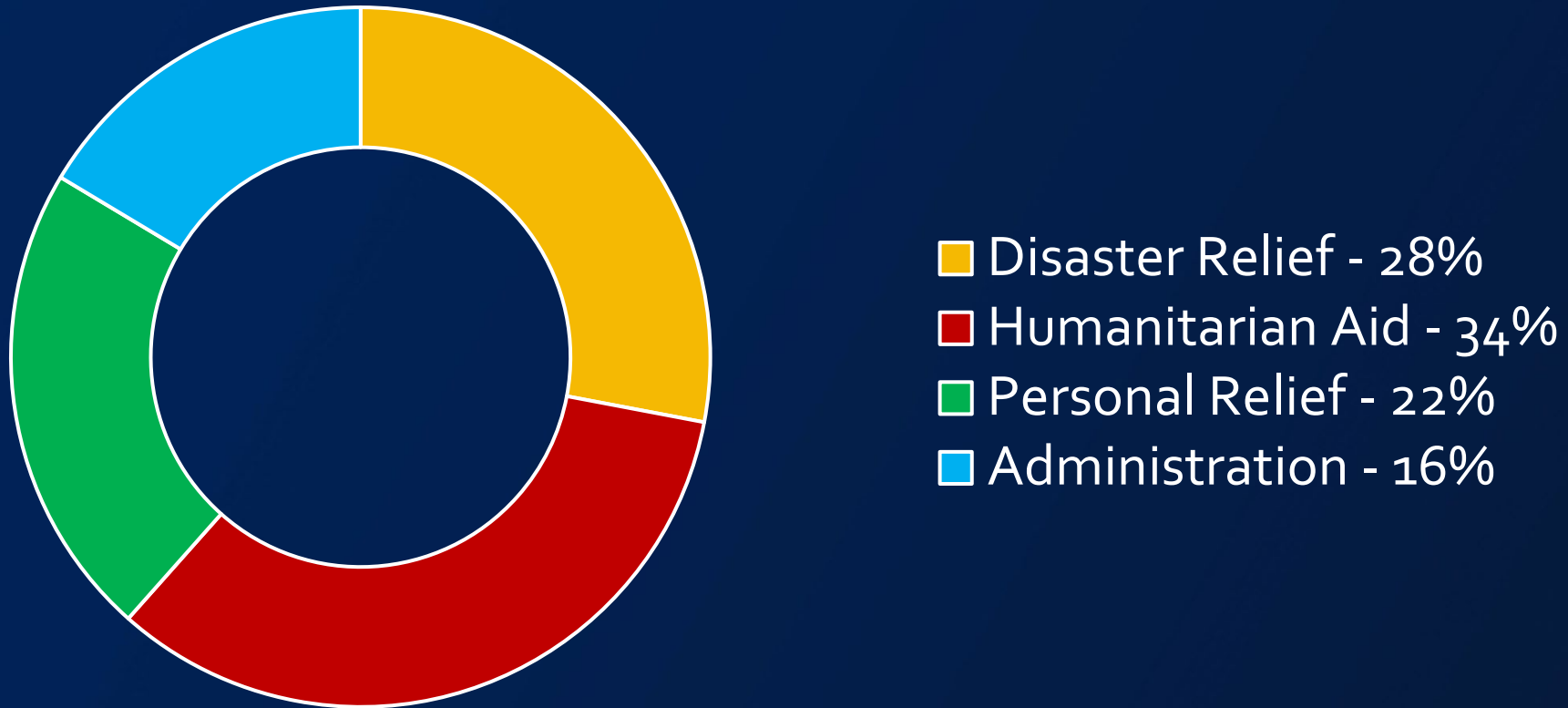
- Through May of FY24-25 we utilized \$328,915 for personal relief grants.



# Personal Relief Grants



# Allocation of FY24-25 Expenditures



# New Resources



- Disaster Preparedness
- Benevolence Fund Guidance
- Both available at [wels.net/relief](http://wels.net/relief)

# Looking Ahead

- Chainsaw Training: October 4, 2025, at WELS Center for Mission and Ministry in Waukesha
- Disaster Relief Trailer Program enhancement
- Research and develop disaster relief module for the WELS Chaplaincy program





# Staying Connected

- General Information: **[wels.net/relief](http://wels.net/relief)**
- News and updates: **Facebook** (WELS Christian Aid and Relief)
- Volunteer: **[welsdisasterrelief.net](http://welsdisasterrelief.net)**





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