

# CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIANS

## Can Work Together To Relieve Suffering



### **Disaster Fund**

From time to time in the United States there are natural disasters—floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes. Such catastrophes place thousands of people in need of emergency help. The Cumberland Presbyterian Disaster Fund provides an opportunity for the church to respond to some of these most critical needs with material aid.

Contributions may be made by churches, groups, or individuals to the Disaster Fund at any time. The receipts are deposited into an interest-bearing account where both the principal and the interest are available to be disbursed in keeping with the approved policies.

### **World Emergency Fund**

The World Emergency Fund exists to provide assistance, primarily outside the U.S., where natural disasters have deprived people of life's necessities and/or destroyed personal and church property.

As in the case of the Disaster Fund, contributions may be made by churches, groups, or individuals to the World Emergency Fund at any time. These receipts are also deposited in an interest-bearing account where both the principal and the interest are available to be disbursed in keeping with the approved policies.

### **Hunger Fund**

Cumberland Presbyterians have two major opportunities each year to respond to the hunger needs within and outside the United States. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is received each Palm Sunday. Seventy-five percent of the money from this offering is forwarded to Church World Service (CWS) to be used by them to meet urgent needs around the world. Twenty-five percent of the OGHS offering is retained by the Missions Ministry Team and deposited into the Hunger Fund where it is used to meet hunger-related needs on Cumberland Presbyterian fields of ministry, both in the United States and overseas.

The second major opportunity to respond to hunger needs is the Loaves and Fishes program, which is conducted during the Thanksgiving season each year.

Congregations are given the opportunity to retain one-fourth of their Loaves and Fishes offerings to be used in meeting local hunger needs. When the balance of the offering is received by the Missions Ministry Team, one-half of the total offering is to be used for a special project identified each year and one-fourth of the total offering is retained by the Missions Ministry Team and placed in the Hunger Fund to be used as indicated above.

**For additional information on these funds, contact**

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