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Timing of this disaster could not have been worse—coming right before harvest. With the catastrophic loss of so much of the crop, food shortages will occur in the coming weeks and months. Severe shortages of seed for next year’s planting are expected as well.

ELCA Disaster Response stands ready to respond in affected areas with our companion churches in the region. We are already at work—providing shelter, clean water and food for people displaced by the floods.

Your help is needed now to bring immediate relief and ongoing support to communities affected.

**You can designate your gift for “Central America Flooding” or you can choose one of the four areas hit hardest—El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras or Nicaragua to allocate your gift. All designations will be used in full—100 percent—to help disaster survivors clean up, rebuild and recover.** Donations to the undesignated ELCA Disaster Response fund help immediately and effectively respond—where it is needed most. Because of your generous offerings of prayer and financial support, the ELCA walks alongside disaster survivors on the road to recovery. Thank you!

**Yes, I want to help!**

- ELCA Disaster Response: *Central America Flooding* \$\_\_\_\_\_ (IDG0073)
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Give through your congregation or send your check directly to:  
**ELCA, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764.** Write “*Central America Flooding, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua*” or “*Where needed most*” on your check’s memo line.



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