

Wildfires have devastated the Hawaiian island of Maui, and especially the history town of Lahaina. Exacerbated by strong winds, the wildfires have claimed over 100 lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. Wildfires have also affected the Big Island of Hawaii, and the islands remain vulnerable to more fires this season.

<u>Lutheran Disaster Response</u> is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead.

You can participate, knowing 100% of your gift will go directly to the needs of Maui residents, by contributing via the <u>LDR website</u>, or by making out a check and mailing it to Peace or dropping it in the offering plate this month.

For those who are <u>Thrivent members</u>, there are several additional opportunities to respond, as noted below:

1. Make a donation & Thrivent will boost it with a \$20K matching opportunity!

Donate online to support disaster relief efforts. For every \$2 you donate through Thrivent's online giving platform to one of the organizations listed below, Thrivent will add \$1*. Thrivent will also pay all the processing fees so 100% will go directly to the cause.**

- Convoy of Hope
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church Kahului
- Maui Humane Society
- Lutheran Disaster Response

2. Apply to lead a Thrivent Action Team

Jump into action and <u>lead a Thrivent Action Team</u> with your friends, family and coworkers. When you apply, input <u>HAWAIIFIRES2023</u> in the promo code field to expedite the shipping of your Thrivent Action Team kit.

Lead a fundraiser, as simple as a bake sale, and donate the funds raised via one of the organization fundraiser links listed above.

3. Direct Choice Dollars®

If you are an eligible Thrivent client, <u>click here</u> to direct Choice Dollars. Select one of the organizations listed above to aid in their Disaster Response efforts.

Need assistance? Click here for a how-to guide. From Thrivent.