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November 16 Giving Sunday - Alaska Disaster Relief Fund

The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference has established a relief fund to support Western Alaska communities devastated by recent storms. This fund offers local churches and friends across our connection a way to respond with compassion and generosity.

The people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta are facing the aftermath of Typhoon Halong, while still recovering from the destruction of Typhoon Merbok. In villages such as Kipnuk, Kwigillingok, Kongiganak, and Tuntutuliak, families have been displaced, homes evacuated, and entire neighborhoods lost to rising seas.

Emergency partners are working to provide shelter and food, but the road to recovery will be long. Help is urgently needed.

To respond, OIMC is designating **Sunday, November 16 as Alaska Relief Giving Sunday** across all our local churches. There are two ways to contribute:

- **By check:** Mail to OIMC with memo line: Alaska Disaster Relief (please list on designated giving on remittance form)
- **Online:** Visit our website and select Online Giving to donate to Alaska Disaster Relief

Your gift will support long-term rebuilding efforts, providing essential materials, skilled volunteers, and—most importantly—hope to those facing another winter of uncertainty. Every donation makes a difference.

Warm regards,

Rev. Donna Pewo, DCM



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From: Rev. Margaret Johnson, Assistant to the Bishop

OIMC – here is our opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in Alaska. We are blessed despite with all that is going on around us and I believe our Creator God is calling us to help. Recently, I connected with Rev. Murray Crookes, former Pastor at Angie Smith Memorial UMC, before he returned to Alaska. I was relieved to hear he and his family were not affected by Typhoon Halong. Rev. Crookes was also confident that Ray Buckley and Fawn White, the daughter of Rev. Jim White of Ponca Indian, was also not affected. We praise our Creator for this good news, still yet, so many other natives have been affected by the storm.

Let us search deep into our hearts as we observe Sunday November 16th to show our support to our Alaska brothers and sisters with this special offering. We ask that your local church treasurers mail the special offering to the OIMC office. Once the office receives all donations, a check will be sent on behalf of OIMC to assist with what is needed. Pastors, take time to do research regarding this typhoon and its destruction and share with your congregation.

Since this storm is their second round of Typhoon as Typhoon Merbok came a few years ago, let us think of all we would need if we were in that situation....

God our Creator is with them, but needs our hearts to be wide open to help his people, our brothers and sisters in Alaska.

Please pray and let the Holy Spirit guide in your giving,

Rev. Margaret Johnson.

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