

FOR THE BROTHER ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THE LDC UPDATE

[Note: Play the video *How LDC Supports the Preaching Work*. Thereafter, please read the following to the congregation and ensure that the images are displayed as indicated. The image files are available in the “Event Media” section of jw.org along with the video. This outline may also be provided to the brother caring for audio/video support.]

Understandably, Kingdom Hall construction and renovation has been affected globally due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, LDC has been heavily involved in responding to the pandemic and other disasters in the U.S. branch territory.

[Image #1] The LDC construction program is organized geographically into ten zones. This arrangement has also proven to be very beneficial in organizing disaster relief.

[Image #2] As the impact of the coronavirus pandemic became clear, our Branch Committee utilized the existing LDC organizational structure to appoint 16 COVID-19 Disaster Relief Committees. These committees have been providing relief support since March of 2020. Additional committees have since been appointed in response to other natural disasters.

[Image #3] As shown in this image, some of our brothers' homes have been badly damaged during these other disaster events. It is our desire to help our brothers resume their spiritual routine as quickly as possible. This requires willing and experienced volunteers who are committed to working safely. If you are interested in assisting relief efforts in this way, we encourage you to fill out a DC-50 application to become an LDC volunteer.

[Image #4] Those who regularly work with LDC gain valuable experience. Based on needs and availability, approved LDC volunteers receive invitations through *Builder Assistant* to support theocratic construction and disaster relief efforts locally and in other parts of the branch territory. All involved find great joy in assisting others, whether it is repairing a Kingdom Hall or helping families after a disaster. The practical assistance provided following a disaster is rightly described as “Jehovah’s love in action.” **[End images]**

As stated at 2 Corinthians 9:13, 14, such relief activity moves us to glorify Jehovah and to praise “the surpassing undeserved kindness of God.” Even if your circumstances do not allow you to personally volunteer at this time, all have the opportunity to support this relief ministry through voluntary donations to the worldwide work and by offering heartfelt prayers for our brothers and sisters. By doing so, we demonstrate that we truly “love one another.”—John 13:34.