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Hello,

I am a program manager with Canadian Lutheran World Relief. CLWR in partnership with ELCIC and LCC are implementing a project in Alberta to support people who lost their homes due to the 2016 Fort McMurray wild fire. As part of this response we are providing funds to Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) who will be building 6-7 homes for those in need. MDS works with volunteers to respond to disasters all over Canada and the United States, and we were hoping to promote this to Lutherans who may be interested in volunteering. For the project we are supporting, there are work sites in Fort McMurray and in Hague, Saskatchewan (due to a shortage of supplies in Fort McMurray Ready-To-Move houses will be built here)

I am including specific details below, but we were wondering if this is a service opportunity that could be promoted through LCC's channels? Or if you had any other ideas in relation to this? If you have any questions about this please don't hesitate to contact me as well.

Typically, the shortest period that MDS accepts volunteers are for one-week. They are currently looking for volunteers in two locations that are supporting this project:

1. Fort McMurray to build basements
2. Hague, Saskatchewan to help construct Ready-to-Move Homes that will then be transported to Fort McMurray.

To sign up as a volunteer either individuals, or one person acting on behalf of a group, can visit this website (<https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-registration/?valid=2600>). If someone is signing up on behalf of a group there is a tab on the website to indicate the size of your group. The website is also updated with a list of the weeks' volunteers are needed, and the numbers of people needed each week. Currently, the greatest need is in Hague throughout June and July for up to 5 people each week. In Fort McMurray, they need 3 people July 16-22, but have not advertised any later dates yet as they are still waiting to see how many more home owners they will sign up.

Volunteers are responsible for paying for their own travel to the work site, however once they have arrived food and lodging will be provided to volunteers free of charge for the week. This is an opportunity open to adults, and youth under 18 (provided they are accompanied by a responsible adult) so this could also be a great opportunity for church youth groups. I have also attached MDS's volunteer guide.

Best Regards,

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