



The return of Global HOPE

Welcome Back to the Global HOPE Newsletter!

We are excited to reintroduce the **Global HOPE Newsletter**, your source for updates, stories, and opportunities to engage in disaster response, refugee support, and humanitarian outreach. Global HOPE (Humanitarian: Opportunities, Partnerships, Empowerment) is committed to bringing hope and healing to communities affected by crises, and this newsletter will keep you informed about our work and how you can get involved.

As we embark on this journey together, we want to introduce the dedicated team leading this important mission:

- **Andrew** – Our **Team Leader**, guiding the vision and strategy of Global HOPE and working to provide international emergency assistance and sustainable development.
- **Danielle** – The **Minister for Volunteer Engagement**, connecting passionate individuals with meaningful service opportunities.
- **Katie** – The **Minister for Disaster Response and Recovery**, working to bring aid and support to communities facing crises.
- **Craig** – Our **Program Assistant**, ensuring the smooth operation of Global HOPE's initiatives.

- Minister for Refugee and Migration Services is actively receiving applicants, apply [here](#).

We are thrilled to have you with us as we continue to serve with compassion and purpose. Stay tuned for inspiring stories, upcoming projects, and ways you can make a difference!

Together, we bring hope to the world

Andrew Long-Higgins Joins Global HOPE: A Journey of Faith, Service, and Peacemaking



“I am excited to be part of the UCC’s legacy and continued commitment to accompaniment around the world and next door. As a GMI with our Global Ministries partners, I have seen firsthand the impacts of the generosity of the local church and its ability to return agency and hope to those who need it most. I am deeply grateful to have this opportunity to be an extension of our church’s commitment to do what we are commanded: to do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with our God, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.”

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Danielle Hickman: Leading Transformative Mission and Young Adult Engagement in the UCC



Mission trips and young adult spiritual formation hold a special place in Danielle's heart because of the transformative experience she had with her own Campus Minister and a year of faith-based service. Outside of work, Danielle loves spending time with her family, reading, cooking, traveling, and long walks with her dog, Lola.

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Katie Howe: Leading Disaster Response and Recovery for the UCC



Katie Howe, MPH, is the Minister for Disaster Response and Recovery with the National Ministries of the United Church of Christ. As a lifelong member of the UCC and a seminarian, she is grateful to have a position that combines her passion for public health and preparedness with her faith background, and has been working with churches and conferences on all components of disaster preparedness and response.

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Craig Hoffman: A Life of Service, Advocacy, and Global HOPE Support



Craig Hoffman is a life-long member of the UCC. In his role as Program Assistant for the Global HOPE Team, he provides administrative support to his teammates, including processing payments for domestic and international grants. He also manages the UCC matching grant program which serves as an incentive to local churches to assemble kits that are distributed to disaster recovery sites. In his free time, he enjoys genealogical research (which includes visiting cemeteries) and being an advocate/activist for the environment.

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Compassionate Action and Support**



The Global HOPE team, part of UCC's Love of Neighbor unit, supports refugee ministries, disaster response, volunteer engagement, and sustainable development. HOPE stands for **Humanitarian: Opportunities, Partnerships, Empowerment.**

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