



# Oklahoma Conference of Churches

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The Honorable Mary Fallin  
Oklahoma State Capitol  
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Dear Governor Fallin:

We write as members of the Oklahoma Conference of Churches' Council of Communion Leaders to thank you for the wonderful leadership you have provided in the aftermath of the recent devastating tornadoes. Thank you also for having the relevant counties declared Federal Disaster Areas, to enable timely financial assistance through FEMA.

We appreciate greatly your immediate and effective response to the destruction, providing much-needed assistance to those families, businesses, and organizations directly affected—including churches. Especially notable was your calm and reassuring demeanor as you spoke to the media and to our state's citizens. The manner in which you worked with the federal government and with leaders across the political spectrum was exemplary.

Through our own denominations' national relief organizations and our local congregations, as well as jointly through the Oklahoma Conference of Churches, we are also doing whatever we can to help meet immediate needs and facilitate long-term recovery. We are particularly involved in the ongoing spiritual and emotional care of the individuals and families impacted by the tornadoes, storms, and flooding—especially those who have lost loved ones.

Please be assured of our prayers and our practical cooperation if there are additional ways in which we may be of assistance to you and the disaster relief efforts in Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Dr. William Tabbernee  
Executive Director

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