

FPC, recently received this nice note from the Director of the PDA in response to the significant gift to the PDA from our congregation:

The PDA has deep gratitude to the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island for your incredible generosity. With the gifts we have received so far, we have supported a number of partners within Ukraine and in the bordering countries who are receiving floods of refugees with emergency aid, (shelter, food, transport, WASH, etc) we have also begun supporting projects that are providing mid-range interventions— more sustainable housing, trauma support, and the like— also in several countries.

Additionally, we are working with our global partner, ACT Alliance, on some combined efforts that will move toward long-term recovery. As the war is still very much active and the destruction and displacement catastrophic, it will take time for the long-term recovery and rebuilding work to get underway and be implemented, so of course as a long-term responder, we will be committing substantial funds to the long-term rebuilding effort, both in Ukraine and in the affected neighboring countries where refugees may be settling for the long term.

Our situation page on Ukraine <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>) provides more details and can be accessed so your congregation can be kept apprised.

and all shall be well,

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