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Faithful Recovery in a Time of Climate Change

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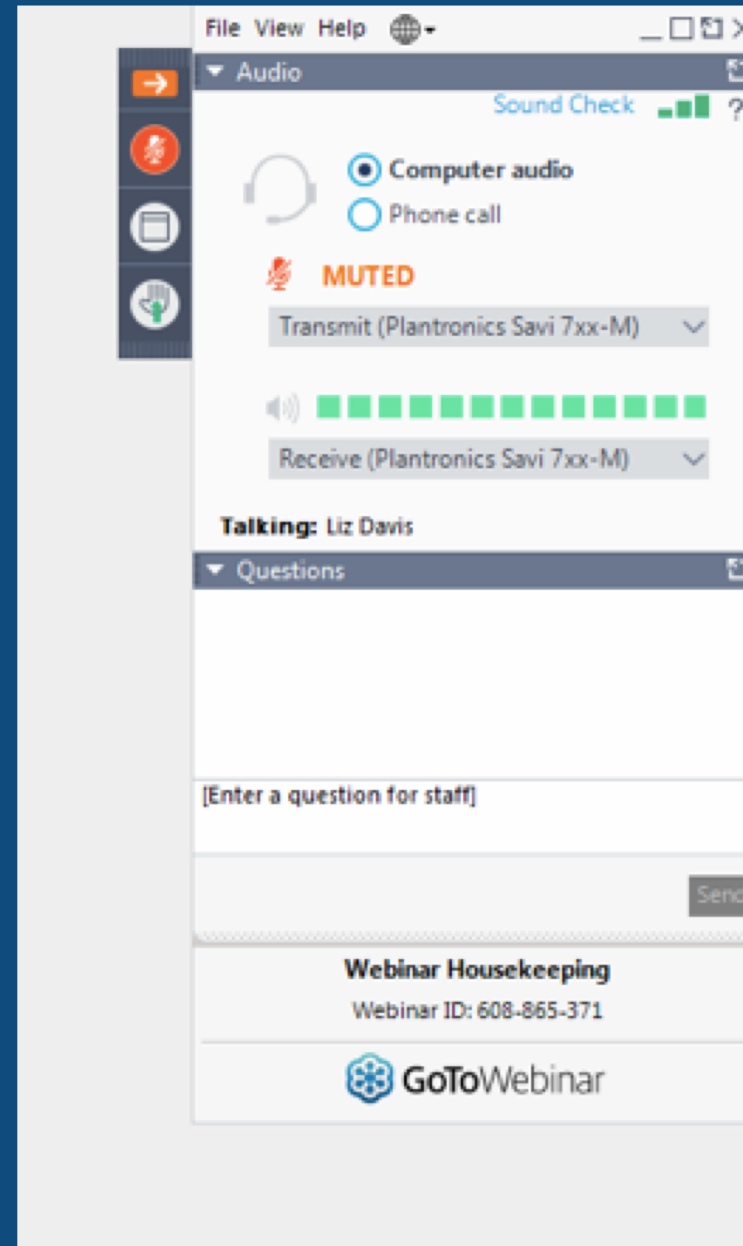
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We Cry Out to You

**God of all,
we cry out to you for help.
In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**Protect us, Lord, and be with us
especially those of us most vulnerable
during this coronavirus crisis.**

**Move us to reach out in love
to our neighbors near and far.
So that the humble may be exalted,
the hungry filled with good things.**

**Grant us the courage
not to rush back to our old ways,
but to rebuild our world together,
creating foundations of justice,
with equality and peace for all.**

Amen.

~Prayer: Catherine Gorman/CAFOD



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Mrs. Kim Burgo is currently Vice President of the national Disaster Operations office for Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) based in Alexandria VA. With over 35 years of non-profit experience, Kim has participated in, and/or led, social service-based disaster response and recovery programming in 25 countries, as well as in the United States and US Territories

Prior to her position with Catholic Charities USA, Kim's work focused on international disaster humanitarian relief. Her disaster experience with organizations such as Catholic Relief Services and Save the Children Federation, provided the framework for involvement in natural, human-made, and complex disaster situations. Since joining Catholic Charities in 2006, Kim's work has spanned more than 450 disasters throughout the U.S.

Kim completed a fellowship in 2009 with Louisiana State University's Stephenson Disaster Management Institute and attended the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, with a focus on Religious Studies.



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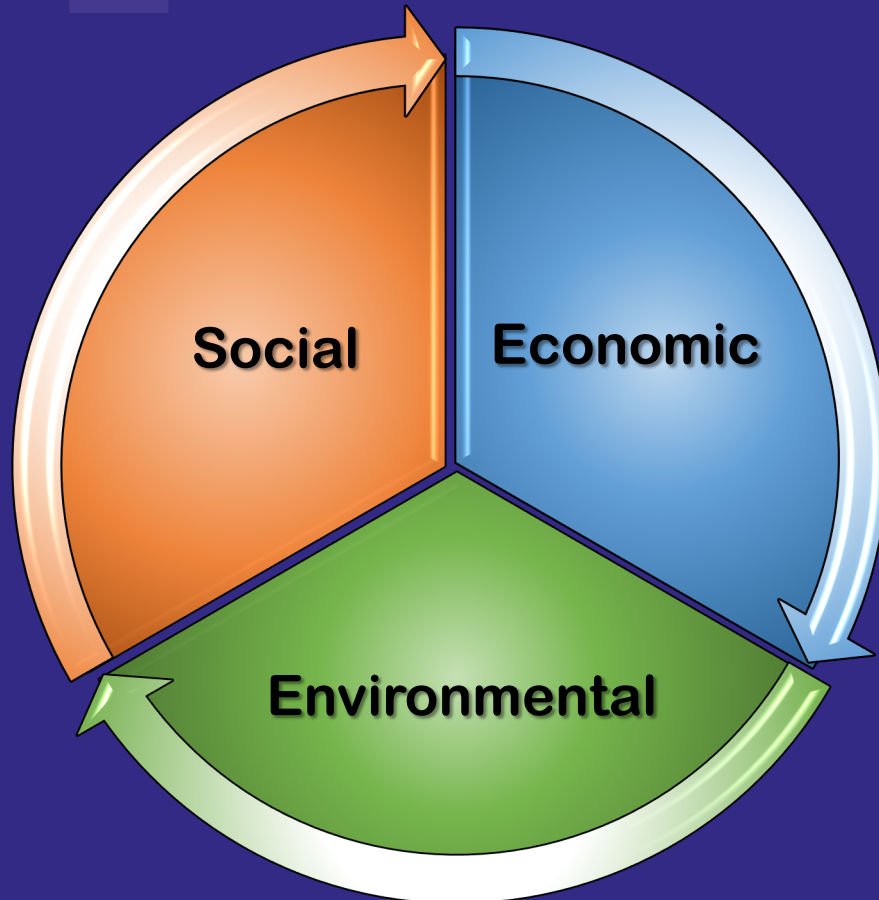


Working to Reduce Poverty in America.



Ending poverty, promoting justice and restoring dignity.

**COVID-19, as a Global Pandemic
Disaster, means EVERY PERSON in the
US and in the world IS a disaster
survivor.**

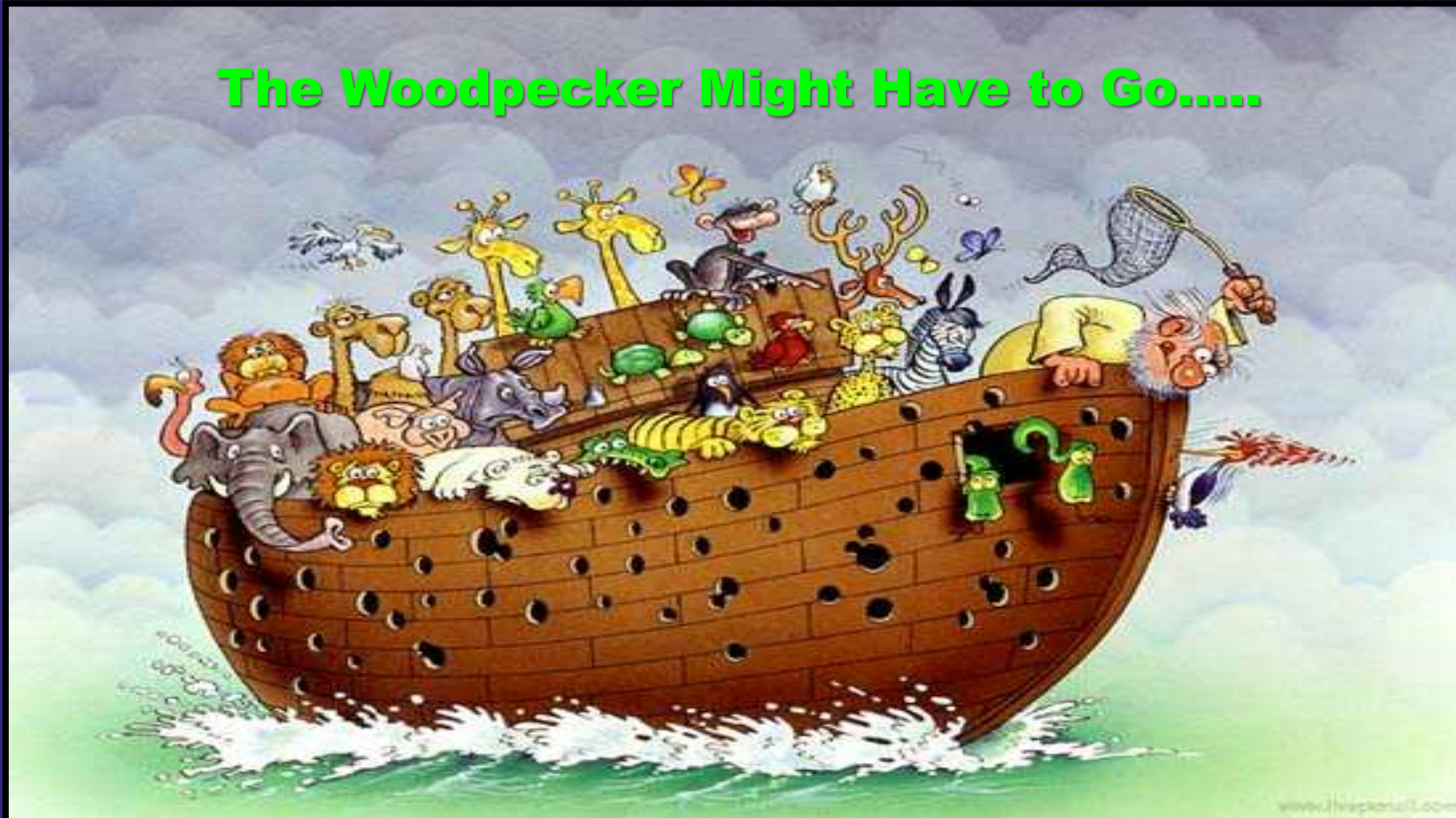


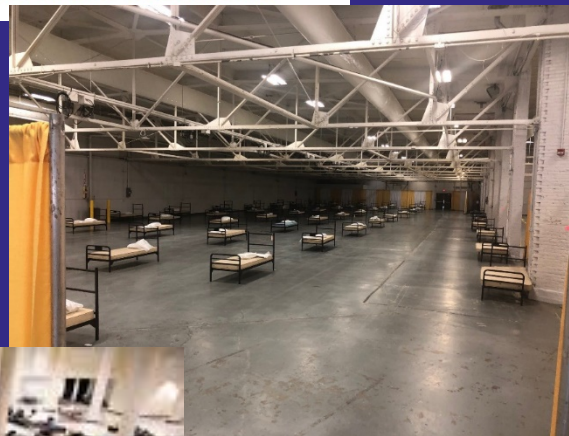
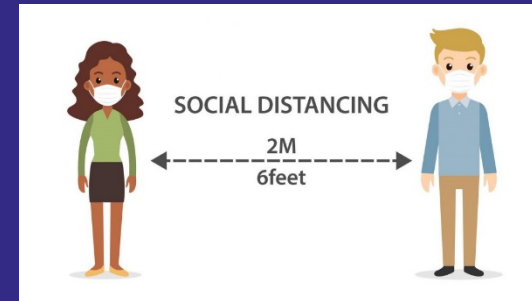
- **Societal “norms” are no longer norms.**
- **Lines have become blurred – Home, Work, School.**
- **Increase in Telehealth Services.**
- **USG Stimulus and Assistance Programs Ending.**
- **High Unemployment > Greater Poverty Population.**
- **Small Business closing**
- **Decrease in Air Traffic**
- **Lower Fossil Fuel Emissions**
- **Changing weather and impact on COVID 19 + climate change**

**If it were clear, concise and organized,
it would not be called a disaster.**

Most Disasters have a secondary Disaster

The Woodpecker Might Have to Go.....





**DISASTER
RECOVERY
CENTER
CLOSING**



**Disasters will always disproportionately
affect the poor and vulnerable**



CC Agency Assistance Provision

- Food Distribution (Pantries, PODS, Food Banks)
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Housing Assistance
- Homeless Shelters – Congregate and Non-Congregate Care
- Case Management
- Continued Disaster Services
- Crisis Counseling/Telehealth Services

CCUSA Member Support

- Resource info page
- \$7.0 million financial support to agencies
- PPE Supplies –masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, gowns, disinfectant, etc.
- Laundry Trailer deployment
- Technical tools for disaster planning under COVID-19

THANK YOU...

CCUSA Resource Information Page

<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/resource/covid-19/>

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Marilyn Shapley

Marilyn Shapley is a Senior Policy and Legislative Specialist with Catholic Relief Services (CRS). She is part of a small team based in Washington, DC that focuses on crafting policy and advocacy recommendations related to global hunger and climate change issues as well as regional issues in East and West Africa. Marilyn has over 10 years of work experience, including positions at Mercy Corps, InterAction, the Alliance for Peacebuilding, and in the office of Rep. Dennis Cardoza. She has a MA in International Relations and International Economics from the Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and a BA in International Studies from UC San Diego.



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COVID-19: A Global Pandemic



Partnering with Health Systems

Training health care workers in Kenya



Distributing critical supplies in Ethiopia



Helping Communities to Prevent COVID-19

Distributing public health information



Encouraging hand washing



Protecting People in Fragile Communities

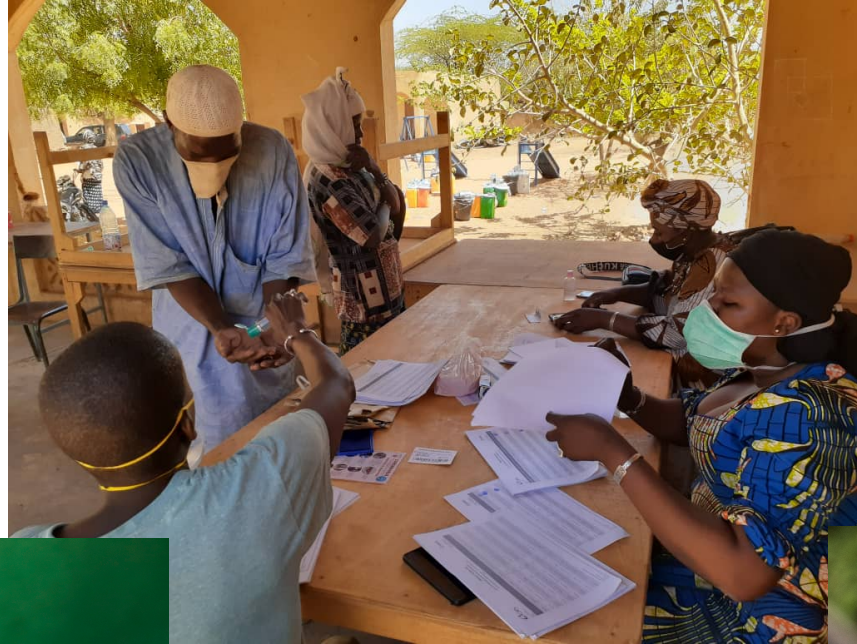
Refugee camps in Bangladesh



Cyclone evacuation



Providing Relief for those Facing Hunger



Food and household kits Mali

Food distribution Ethiopia

School meals Guatemala



Policy: Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill



CRS Confronts Climate Change

Adaptation in Malawi



Adaptation in Central America



Lead the Way with CRS

Lead the Way on Migration



Lead the Way on Hunger



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Ricardo Simmonds is a professional consultant and expert on integral ecology, focusing on the intersection of climate science, environmental policy, philosophy and theology. He has represented the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on climate and environmental policy with members of the US congress and administration, secular institutions, religious organizations and the Vatican. He is the founder of [Creatio](#), an environmental non-profit based in Colorado that integrates faith, ecology and service to the poor in thought, prayer and action.

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Questions ?



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