

Annual report for Western District Conference
Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Unit 2023/2024
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The past year has been relatively quiet regarding disasters in the state of Kansas.

Local responses have taken place following a windstorm in May 2024 in Hutchinson, Halstead and Newton.

The State Unit has coordinated one week Learning and Service trips to Red Lake MN and Port Isabel TX. There have been numerous persons from WDC who have provided leadership at various MDS projects across the US. In the summer of 2024, several WDC congregational youth groups served for one week in Red Lake MN and Vermont.

In February of 2022 the Kansas MDS Unit purchased a cabinet shop in Goessel Kansas. One of the goals was to engage more local persons in MDS related work. There have been approximately 25 volunteers working in this response effort. During the past year 2023-2024 the MDS Cabinet Shop has shipped 85 cabinet sets to long term MDS rebuilding projects in Maryland, California, Texas, Virginia, Kentucky, Alabama, Florida, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, Arizona, and Louisiana. We have appreciated the strong support of this ministry from Western District Congregations through donations and volunteers.