

The Vermont Conference Disaster Response Committee has invited Lydia Velasquez and Angel Cepeda to Vermont from September 21 through 29th. The groups from Vermont churches who have traveled to Puerto Rico already know Lydia and Angel. Lydia is the contact person who organizes and supports the still critically necessary volunteer work from Hurricane Maria. Angel is the driver who meets people at the airport and takes them to the work site and to the Hostel where they stay while also providing whatever support the groups need. They are also officers in the United Evangelical Church of Puerto Rico, a denomination with a close connection to the UCC. We are partners in service to the people of Puerto Rico.

It is our goal to have Lydia and Angel reach as many Vermonters as possible in this limited time frame to share their stories of life after the hurricane which has exacerbated challenging conditions on an already poor country. The Disaster Response Committee invites you to have Lydia and Angel speak at lunches, dinners or receptions during the week. Both Sundays are already booked. The first part of the week they will be in northern Vermont and the second, in southern Vermont.

There is no cost at events; however, we would appreciate contributions to defray costs and provide them with funds for the continuing service they provide to the poor people of our country. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is a Territory of the United States.

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