In Brief

What is International Orthodox Christian Charities?
IOCC is the humanitarian relief and development agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. IOCC works in cooperation with the Orthodox Church and on behalf of Orthodox Christians. In carrying out its mission, IOCC applies the highest professional standards and renders itself fully accountable to the public and its donors.

What is the mission of IOCC?
IOCC, in the spirit of Christ’s love, offers emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination, and strengthens the capacity of the Orthodox Church to so respond.

Who benefits from the services of IOCC?
Since its inception in 1992, IOCC has provided more than $692 million in humanitarian relief and sustainable development programs to people facing hardship. All assistance is provided solely on the basis of need and benefits families, refugees, people displaced in their own country, the elderly, schoolchildren, orphans, people with disabilities, and those facing or recovering from natural or manmade disasters.

Where is IOCC providing assistance?
IOCC programs have helped people in more than 60 countries across Europe, Asia, Africa, and North and South America. Since the need for help is great, IOCC continually works to expand its programs to other areas.

What types of services does IOCC provide?
- **Agriculture and food security** programs help rural families to raise their levels of nutrition, standard of living, and agricultural productivity.
- **Emergency response** programs address the immediate needs of people suffering from natural disaster, war, or civil unrest.
- **Education** programs help to improve access to learning for children and youth, as well as to nurture local leaders who advocate for their communities and promote the general welfare.
- **Health** programs help to protect the well-being of communities through prevention and intervention.
- **Water and sanitation** programs help to improve access to clean and safe water and minimize public health threats in vulnerable communities.
- **Economic opportunity** programs give people the tools to work their way out of poverty with dignity.
Inspired by Faith, Driven by Purpose

IOCC was formed in 1992 to meet the needs of people and communities facing historic upheaval, beginning with the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Programs have helped survivors of manmade and natural disasters—from the breakup of Yugoslavia, conflict in Syria, and economic crisis in Greece, to disease in rural Ethiopia and extreme storms in the US.

Then and Now

In response to a need expressed by members of our Orthodox Christian community, IOCC was established under the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA).

Now the official humanitarian and development agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America (SCOBA’s successor), IOCC has provided more than $692 million in humanitarian assistance to people in need in over 60 countries.

IOCC’s Approach

Working with and through the Orthodox Church—as well as ecumenical partners and international agencies such as the United Nations and coalitions of nongovernmental organizations—IOCC strives to meet humanitarian needs in an appropriate, responsible, and effective way.

IOCC is committed to working in a fiscally responsible and transparent manner. We carefully steward every donation so that each gift makes the greatest impact possible for the communities we serve. All programs are guided by the highest humanitarian standards, as well as a commitment to careful stewardship and accountability to donors.

Today, IOCC applies its expertise in humanitarian response to natural and manmade crises in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and the United States, offering assistance based solely on need.

Learn more at iocc.org, and follow us @IOCCRelief on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.
“IOCC’s mission in the service of the poor is a common, sacred task. … IOCC is a vehicle of cooperation for the sister Orthodox Churches. We need this inter-Orthodox unity not only in the area of philanthropy but also on a broader spectrum.”

—His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

“IOCC has opened avenues for Orthodox activity where no one imagined we would ever go.”

—His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios
of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

“You don’t have to be Orthodox Christian to appreciate the great work IOCC does. Through partnership with local community organizations in more than a dozen countries, they are creating lasting, positive change on a broad scale. I have seen IOCC’s work first-hand and admire and support their humanitarian efforts around the world.”

—Jim Rosapepe, former US Ambassador to Romania

“I certainly give my most heartfelt recommendation to all Orthodox Christians to participate in this organization, because it is indeed a manifestation of our unity and has shown itself in our hour of need.”

—His Holiness Patriarch Pavle of Serbia

“We are very proud of the work which IOCC has done in Serbia. It’s really a unique organization filling a unique role in this society. IOCC is at the cutting edge, not only representing the best of American society, but representing some of the new and fresh forces in the Church.”

—Richard Miles, former Chief of Mission,
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

“[IOCC is] American Orthodoxy’s gift to the world.”

—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Constantine M. Triantafilou has been leading International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) for over two decades. As Executive Director and CEO, he manages all facets of IOCC’s relief and development programs, including its international headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland, and 10 field offices in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and the US.

Triantafilou began his career in humanitarian assistance in the early 1990s with community-development projects for the Orthodox Church, working in Kenya and Tanzania. In 1993, he joined IOCC as Commodities Manager in the former Yugoslavia. He became the organization’s Balkans Representative in 1995 and Director of Programs in 1997, before taking the helm in 1998. Under his leadership, IOCC has distributed over $692 million in emergency assistance and development aid to families and communities in more than 60 countries across four continents.

The international and ecumenical experience Triantafilou brings to the table has earned the respect of numerous government and private organizations, as well as recognition for IOCC. In 2006, he was elevated to the office of Archon, Orphanotrophos, by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople.

Triantafilou is a graduate of Texas A&M University, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in history. He and his family live in Greater Baltimore.

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