



Our Mission:

To identify and strengthen leaders so that every congregation makes new and mature disciples for Jesus Christ.

Hurricane Irma Updates

Please see important info and updates from Florida Disaster Assistance below. Also, if your church has yet to check in with either a report of damage or of glad tidings, please contact one of the folks below and let us know how you're doing. So far very few churches in our Presbytery have reported significant damage!

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In Christ,

Rev. Dave Baker
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Volunteer Teams are Needed for Tarping, Debris Removal and Muck Outs

Florida VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) have recently adopted a national platform called Crisis Cleanup to coordinate the efforts of volunteers who want to respond after a disaster.

Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN) is a member of Florida VOAD and is asking our church volunteer teams to use the Crisis Cleanup platform.

Crisis Cleanup is a collaborative disaster work order management platform that helps relief organizations help more people.. It improves coordination, decreases duplication of efforts, enhances efficiency, and improves the volunteer experience. Crisis Cleanup works best when a large number of voluntary organizations with a lot of volunteers, work together to help a large number of people over a wide area, all at the same time.

Volunteer teams need to register with Crisis Cleanup and watch the training video.

- Introductory Video (right side of screen): <https://www.crisiscleanup.org/training>
- To Register: <https://www.crisiscleanup.org/register>
- Mandatory Training Video: <https://www.crisiscleanup.org/training>

Individuals wanting to volunteer need to register at:

<https://www.volunteerflorida.org/irma/>

or join with a local trusted disaster organization such as the American Red Cross or a church volunteer team that is using Crisis Cleanup (see above).

Survivors with property damage, trees down, etc. need to call 800-451-1954 to register their need for assistance.

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Beth-El Needs

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry is working diligently to provide additional support to our community as we recover from Hurricane Irma. We have an urgent need for the following items:

- Socks and Underwear
- Shoes (sneakers)
- Detergent (laundry and dish liquid)
- Paper products
- Water
- Shelf stable foods (canned)
- Hygiene products

This event came during the leanest time of year for our finances, therefore we would be especially grateful for any special financial contributions you could provide to support our ministry. For more information, please call Kathy Dain at 813-633-1548

Thank-you,
Dios le bendiga,

Kathy
Rev. Kathleen Dain
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Important Info For Irma Survivors

FEMA Assistance

Currently, nine counties are eligible for Individual Assistance through FEMA.

[Florida Residents Impacted by Hurricane Irma May Register for FEMA Assistance](#) starting 09/11/2017.

Survivors with losses due to Hurricane Irma in Charlotte, Collier, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Pinellas, and Sarasota Counties may now register for disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, according to state and federal officials. Individuals can register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or through the [FEMA App](#).

Disaster Distress Helpline

The Disaster Distress Helpline (DDH) is a program of the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) which provides crisis counseling and support for anyone in the U.S. experiencing distress or other behavioral health concerns related to any natural or human-caused disaster. Calls (1-800-985-5990) and texts (text "TalkWithUs" to 66746) are answered by a network of independently-operated crisis centers around the country, who provide psychological first aid, emotional support, crisis assessment and intervention, and referrals to local/state behavioral health services for follow-up care & support.

Reunification Assistance

As the United States responds to Hurricane Irma's damage to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and prepares for impacts to the mainland, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is connecting community partners with disaster survivors to reunite families separated as a result of Hurricane Irma.

Working in close collaboration with the American Red Cross, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), and other partners, FEMA helps to facilitate the reunification of children who have been separated from their parents or legal guardians as a result of disaster.

Survivors with internet access are encouraged to connect with friends and loved ones via social media platforms. When those are not available, the below resources are suggested for those in, and outside of, the impacted areas.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross [Safe and Well website](#) is a free public reunification tool that allows individuals and organizations to register and post messages to indicate that they are safe, or to search for loved ones. The site is always available, open to the public, and available in English and Spanish. There are a number of ways to use this service:

- Registrations and searches can be done directly on the [website](#).
- Registrations can also be completed by texting SAFE to 78876. Messages exist in both Spanish and English.
- To speak with someone at the American Red Cross concerning a missing friend or relative, please contact 1-800 Red Cross (1-800-733-2767).

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) activated its National Emergency Child Locator Center at 1-866-908-9570. If your missing child has a disability or has access and functional needs, please indicate that when making a report to NCMEC.

Anyone who finds a child who may have been separated from parents or caregivers, please contact the local police and enter basic information and/or a photo into the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's [Unaccompanied Minors Registry](#). If you have found an unaccompanied child, please indicate whether the child has a disability or has access and functional needs in the appropriate field in the [Unaccompanied Minors Registry](#). If you do not have access to the internet, please call 1-866-908-9570.

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