



Church in North Carolina Update

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Rev. Annell George-McLawnhorn will serve as the CCNC Disaster Relief Coordinator during the wake of Hurricane Florence. Annell has served our region previously as staff, pastor, educator, and Disaster Relief Coordinator. She has already been working to organize the best efforts of safety and recovery for our people.

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Helpful information:

1. If there are people already asking about making contributions these items are always needed:
 - a. Money-Make all checks payable and send to: Week of Compassion Week of Compassion, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206 Memo Line: NC Disaster Relief
 - b. Cleanup Kits-Delivery Site TBA
 - c. Water-Delivery Site TBA
2. The following IS NOT HELPFUL
 - a. Clothing (it multiples & gets out of hand quickly)
 - b. Unannounced people showing up to "help." The care and concern is wonderful, but until places are able to accept help, these folks just add additional stress to an already stressed environment because they will need housing, food, water, etc. precious resources that are already scarce. We will let people know about opportunities to come and provide help, as they arrive.
3. Our immediate concern is to know about the condition of our churches and their communities during and immediately following the storm. It will be really helpful if our clergy and/or church leaders will give us reports by phone or by email. This is what we need to know.
 - a. What is the condition of you and your church members?
 - b. What is the condition of your church facility?
 - c. What is the condition of your community?
 - d. Please let us know if your county or community is being evacuated.
 - e. Please let us know if your church is setting up some form of response (i.e. a shelter, meals, collection site, etc.).
 - f. Please let us know if your church is able to host a short-term cleanup crew (i.e. day crew), if we have individuals or congregations seeking help with immediate clean up.
4. Once the storm has passed we will begin looking at ways to most effectively respond in both the short and long term. We will be constantly communicating with WOC and will be seeking solidarity grants as needed. We will be posting short term needs, (i.e. food, water, clean-up kits) and determining the best collection sites for these. We will also start making plans for longer term recover with work teams.