

Christian Church in North Carolina Update

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Hurricane Florence seems on track to make landfall somewhere along the mid-Atlantic (with most models predicting the Carolinas). While the forecast for exact location and strength for landfall is still fluctuating, all of us along the entire potential impact zone should prepare for a significant storm. Governor Roy Cooper has issued a State of Emergency as Florence is forecast to approach the East Coast, so please do not take evacuation advisories lightly. Week of Compassion is working closely with your Regional staff, and they stand ready to provide assistance as needed.

Helpful Information from the Regional Office and Week of Compassion:

- The Camp Caroline staff and volunteers have been proactive in battening down the camp for impending weather. All preparations will be completed by Tuesday afternoon and for their own safety, our staff will evacuate the camp. Should you need to reach Casey Perry, Camp Manager, please use his mobile number 252.299.3157.
- The Regional Board meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church, Wilson, has been rescheduled for the same location and time on Saturday, September 22nd. All board members are asked to contact Lisa Tedder at lisa@ncdisciples.org or call 252.291.4047 to confirm your attendance.
- FEMA has provided a helpful preparedness guide through [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov): <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>
- In the event of damage to homes or church buildings, the on-line guide can provide some useful tips for beginning the clean-up process. It also contains information about filing insurance claims and (if a federal declaration is made) FEMA Individual Household Assistance. In the event of a Federal Disaster Declaration, Week of Compassion will send additional information regarding FEMA resources.
- Christmount Camp and Conference center in North Carolina is prepared to host up to 50 evacuees, starting immediately and extending for the next 3-4 weeks, depending on need. They ask that folks be in touch in advance of arrival to ensure there is space:

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If your church is planning to serve as a Designated Storm Shelter, please contact (lisa@ncdisciples.org or 252.291.4047) so that we might make the information available to the region.