



CCNC Disaster Response Team

PRAYER AND PREPARATION FOR HURRICANE

PRAYERS: Let us pray for all who may find themselves in the path of Hurricane Dorian. May God still the raging waters and violent winds, and may the Holy Spirit fill us all with peace.

PREPARATION: Please keep an eye on the weather reports and take precautions as needed. Don't wait until the last minute, it's better to be prepared and not need it, than to find yourself unprepared. Prepare for yourself (food, water, medication), your pets, and your home.

If the government orders evacuations or if you feel unsafe in your area, please do not take a chance and stay. Gather your essential supplies and important papers and move to a safer area.

The following places are available for anyone desiring to evacuate. Please contact them first to make sure space is available and for any further instructions.

- **Christmount Assembly**, 222 Fern Way, Black Mountain, NC 28711 – to provide lodging and possibly some meals, pets ok. Contact: Rev. Rob Morris, rob@christmount.org, 828-669-8977 (Office/on call)
- **First Christian Church near Asheville**, 470 Enka Lake Road, Candler, NC. – they have room at the church for campers and members have offered to host evacuees in their own homes. Call Rev. Dr. Diana Crawford at 828-446-3835

DISASTER RESPONSE COMMUNICATION: Please be assured that our Regional Minister is already in contact with Week of Compassion and your NC Disaster Response Team.

To streamline communication, if you have any damage to your church facilities or homes of the pastors/members, please contact your pastor first and have you pastor contact the Regional Minister, along with our partners in disaster response as soon as communication is possible. If your pastor is impacted, please contact our Regional Minister directly.

Remember, there are Week of Compassion grants for those who have damage, as well as grants for those providing shelter during and after, as well as assistance for those doing mass feeding and other services.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

- Bishop Valerie Melvin, Regional Minister, valerie@ncdisciples.org, 336-303-2159(Cell)
- Rev. Caroline Arnold, Week of Compassion, caroline@weekofcompassion.org, 203-772-8597 (Cell)
- Annell George-McLawnhorn, NC Disaster Response Team, 252-717-4938, disasterresponseccnc@gmail.com

NOT IN THE STORM'S PATH? WE NEED YOUR HELP! We encourage churches not in storm preparation mode to begin preparing Church World Service hygiene kits and clean up buckets. These are desperately needed after a storm and a supply ready to go would be very helpful. Even if not needed this time, the hurricane season is young.

Please use the CWS guidelines for preparation:

CWS Hygiene Kit:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.

CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets:

- One 5 gal bucket w/ resealable lid
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g., hand wipes or easy wipes)
- One 50 oz or two 25 oz bottles(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed w/ water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft or one 100ft
- Five dust masks
- Two pair heavy duty waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex free, non-surgical)
- One pair work gloves: cotton w/ leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45-gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

All cleaning items must be new; all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during transit. Snap lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Prayers for God's blessings of protection, provision, and response!