

Dear GFMC Family,

In the information below you will see two ways we as a church can respond to the desperate needs from Hurricane Harvey through the Free Methodist Denomination and Gateway Conference.

### **1) Free Methodist Church--USA:**

In the Wake of Hurricane Harvey, Pray and Give

The world is familiar with natural disasters. We often see them from afar. The Bishops' Crisis Response Fund was created to assist our ministry family and bring much needed relief to those impacted most by the disaster. Hurricane Harvey has wrought devastation on our shores in the U.S., and though we are not able to assist all, we are here to help those close to us this time. So far, though there has been loss of life and significant loss of property in that area, the Free Methodist churches, pastors and members are safe. However, we are called to help all in need. Please pray for pastors, churches and all impacted by this tragedy. If the Spirit leads you or your church to give tangibly to the relief effort, **you can give to the Bishops' Crisis Response Fund at [fmcusa.org/bfund](http://fmcusa.org/bfund)**. We thank you for your genuine love and concern. May God bless you and restore those broken by this event.

Board of Bishops, Free Methodist Church – USA

### **2) Superintendent Ben Tolly, Gateway Conference:**

Hurricane Harvey-How Can You Help? The humanitarian need in Texas is of a historic nature and requires a response from people across the nation.

Mosaic of Greenville University, Morningstar, and Gateway are joining together to donate basic items to the Salvation Army and Red Cross. The following items are needed for dispersal:

- Diapers
- Bottled water
- Baby wipes
- Gift cards
- Stamps
- Labels
- Boxes
- Cash Donation

**Please drop off to La Casa on the Greenville University campus located across the street from the Whitlock Music Center.** This is an excellent opportunity to partner with Mosaic of Greenville University, Morningstar Church of East St. Louis, and our FM Community.

Ben Tolly, Superintendent, Gateway Conferenc