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**Hurricane Ian/Florida**

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Dear Partners in the Gospel in the South Wisconsin District:

Once again, we see the images of destruction and devastation wrought by a hurricane in Florida. These images are often hard to watch. But they are a stark reminder of the reality that world broken by sin.

It is also a time when we and those under our care can respond with mercy. We have been mercies in the greatest way in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Our generosity in times like this is an outward display of that same mercy toward our neighbors who are hurting.

LCMS Disaster Response is the best way for us to direct our shared ministry of mercy to the places where it is needed most. Please share the link below with your congregation. Encourage them to put the financial resources in place so we can respond in mercy to those who will need it over the next weeks, months, and perhaps even years. If your congregation does a door offering over the coming weeks, it is best to use this link with a congregational credit card. This will allow for funds to get to the field most efficiently.

<https://www.lcms.org/give/hurricane>

It is also critical that we have an investment of human capital as well. Therefore, we are also training Lutheran Early Response Teams across our district. We have many trained LERT teams in the district. They will have the opportunity to respond soon. There are trainings scheduled in the future, The next one is October 29 at St. Paul West Allis. To register people for this event, please go to the Event page of the [www.swd.lcms.org](http://www.swd.lcms.org).

As we pray for those suffering and recovering from this Hurricane, may our good and gracious Lord lead us to respond in the most faithful ways possible. If you have any questions, contact me at [meador@swd.lcms.org](mailto:meador@swd.lcms.org).

Serving Christ and you!

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