



Work Crews Needed for Hurricane Florence Relief in Both Wilmington and Lumberton, NC

OCTOBER 9, 2018 BY CHRIS GIESLER

We continue to hold those who were most affected by Hurricane Florence and its subsequent floods in our prayers. We are thankful that Covenant Moravian Church in Wilmington, NC was spared significant damage and so they are in a position to host work crews wishing to come to the area and help those who have suffered as a result of the storm. We are also happy to be partnering with the North Carolina United Methodist Disaster Response Agency in Lumberton, NC to provide work sites for individuals or groups who wish to continue serving into 2019.

Wilmington, NC – Mission Opportunities for November 4-10 and 11-17

The Board of World Mission is seeking volunteers to assist in the clean-up and recovery effort in the Wilmington area for the weeks of November 4-10, and 11-17. Crews will be hosted at the Covenant Moravian Church and doing clean up and demolition work at homes in the area. An effort is being made to secure sleeping cots, but it is advisable to bring your own air/foam mattress and bedding. Work sites are being arranged for us through Samaritan's Purse who is serving as a clearing house between work sites and incoming mission teams.

Individuals of all skill levels are needed to fill the teams as well as kitchen crews to prepare breakfast and dinner each day if possible. We are particularly in need of building experts who can help lead others who are willing to lend a hand but lack experience. (please note that if we are unable recruit a cooking team, crews are free to purchase their own food to prepare in the church kitchen or to eat at the wide variety of restaurants and fast-food establishments close to the church).

We are also in need of folks who have pickup trucks or vans that can be used to transport materials to our work sites.

If you are interested in joining a crew, please fill out the registration form found on our website at MoravianMission.org/MDR. Travel grants will be available for those coming from a distance. Questions can be directed to the Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler by email at chris@moravianmission.org, or by calling 610-868-1732.

Lumberton, NC – Mission Opportunities

Lumberton was devastated in 2016 with flooding from Hurricane Matthew and now Florence has only compounded their miseries. Moravians have been partnering with North Carolina United Methodist Disaster Response since Hurricane Matthew and we are happy to be continuing our partnership.

Groups choosing to work in Lumberton have more flexibility in selecting service dates because groups are housed either in a permanent facility in the Chestnut Street United Methodist Church or in a nearby home that the agency owns. Bunks with mattresses are available here and you need only to bring your sheets or sleeping bags.

If you are interested in serving either by yourself or with a group in Lumberton please contact Ann Wade 919-441-0735 or by email at ann.wade@nccumc.org. Once you have arranged your service

dates we ask that you contact the Board of World Mission office and let them know when you are scheduled to go.

Bless Others with your Financial Gift

We would invite your support for Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) funding as we respond to the needs of not only this storm but the on-going needs in the U.S. Virgin Islands from last year's storms and the potential for hurricanes and other disasters yet to come this year. Designating your gift to "MDR" allows us to use your donation in the place where it is most needed at the moment

You can help to bring aid to these affected areas by making a secure online donation at <http://moravianmission.org/give/> and click on the green "Donate Now" link at the top of the page.

If you wish to mail in your donations, please send them to our Bethlehem office:

Board of World Mission
1021 Center Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Those living in Canada may send donations to the following address in order to receive full tax credit for your donation which will then be sent along to the BWM:

Moravian Church in Canada
600 Acadia Drive SE
Calgary, AB T2J 0B8

For more information: Please call the Board of World Mission at 610-868-1732 or email Chris Giesler at chris@moravianmission.org. You may also visit the Board of World Mission web site at www.moravianmission.org to sign up to be a volunteer by following the "Serve" link.

Even as we prepare to respond to this need, our commitment remains to the rebuilding efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Texas and we welcome those with questions about those specific opportunities to reach out to Jill Kolodziej (jill@moravianmission.org) for more information.

We thank you for being part of the Body of Christ that continues to reach out to those who suffer so that they can find comfort and the love of God.

Peace in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler
Director of Mission Engagement
Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church in North America
1021 Center Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
610-868-1732