Hurricane Michael Response

Many residents of Southwest Georgia are reeling, their homes and communities damaged by Hurricane Michael. Hurricane Michael, which hit the area yesterday afternoon and evening after slamming into the Florida Panhandle, ravaged much of the area for hours. The wind was intense, uprooting trees, destroying buildings, and decimating crops. Hundreds of thousands are without power, and several counties are in a utility crisis, without power or water.

As we continue to pray for those affected by this storm, here’s what you need to know now:

**Financial Donations:** Monetary gifts will be extremely important as we respond to the affected areas. There are several ways to make a donation for disaster response relief. To aid with disasters within those Annual Conferences affected by Michael, your financial gifts can be made through your local church’s offering or by sending a financial gift through the Conference Treasurer’s Office earmarked Advance Special #6796 – South Georgia Storm Recovery. The address is PO Box 13145 / Macon, Georgia 31208.

**Early Response Teams:** Early Response Teams are needed. If you have a team ready to serve, please contact Luis Morales at morhilll@gmail.com or 478-335-6678.

**Cleaning Kits:** UMCOR cleaning kits (flood buckets) will be needed in the weeks and months ahead. Instructions can be found at [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org). There are several drop-off locations throughout the conference through the end of October. For a list, visit [www.sgaumc.org/disasterresponse](http://www.sgaumc.org/disasterresponse).