



## A Message from Florida Conference Bishop Timothy W. Whitaker

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Once again, we must reach out to our neighbors in the aftermath of Hurricane Wilma. I urge everyone to not weary in helping those who need assistance. There are a number of ways to respond, such as gathering supplies, working in affected parts of the state and giving generously to conference hurricane relief efforts. Please also consider becoming a volunteer to assist with the work of the Florida Conference Storm Recovery Center (SRC) at 800-282-8011, extension 149.

Thank you for all you have done and will do to meet the challenges at your local congregations and in helping your friends and neighbors.

### Hurricane Wilma: How to Help

#### Gather supplies, volunteer

Affected areas need a variety of supplies and assistance from work teams. Trucks and truck drivers to deliver supplies are also needed. Needs change daily so **please contact the SRC at 800-282-8011, extension 149, or stormrecovery@flumc.org** to find out what you can do to help. The center matches individuals/teams with current and emerging needs.

Health kits and flood buckets are also needed and can be sent to the Florida Conference Disaster Response Depot in Madison (call to make delivery arrangements: 850-869-0882 [cell] or 850-929-4938). Items included in both can be found at <http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/kits.cfm>.

#### Give generously

Individuals are encouraged to give to "Florida Storm Recovery" Fund, Conference Special #605, to assist with cleanup and recovery. Checks

should include the fund name and number in the memo line. Checks may be given at local United Methodist churches and made payable to the church or mailed to Conference Treasurer, The United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 3767, Lakeland, FL 33802, and made payable to Florida Conference Treasurer.

Individuals may also give to UMCOR Advance No. 982523, "Hurricanes 2005 Global." Contributions can be made online at <http://www.methodistrelief.org>, at local churches or by phone at 800-554-8583. Checks should include the Advance number and name on the memo line. Checks given at local churches should be made payable to the local church. Checks mailed to UMCOR at P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068 should be made payable to UMCOR.

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