To: All Members of Staff/Congregations  
cc Members of PEC

From: Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis  
Chairman of PEC

Subject: Response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma

Date: September 07, 2017

Ref: PEC 320/17

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I greet you in the name of our Chief Elder, Jesus Christ.

Hurricane Irma ran a path of destruction across the Leeward Islands, French and Dutch St. Maarten, the US and British Virgin Islands on September 5th and 6th.

Barbuda seems to have been hardest hit. Confirmed reports indicate that the infrastructure is 90% destroyed with one fatality. This is a crisis of major proportion, for those who are in shelters have no house to return to. There is talk of evacuating the 1500 families on Barbuda to Antigua until they rebuild.

Reports out of St. Maarten, Anguilla, Tortola, St. John and St. Thomas indicate that they were badly damaged by the Category 5 plus, plus, plus hurricane Irma. They need our prayers and help.

**How can we help?** As a first response to the crisis, the EWIP will **contribute $5,000.00** to the Barbuda rebuilding effort to purchase well needed supplies. Secondly, **we invite every member in every Congregation to respond with a generous offering to assist our brothers and sisters in the recovery effort.** This offering will be taken on Sunday September 24, 2017. As other needs become apparent, you will be informed accordingly.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in this matter.
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**From:** Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I greet you in the name of our Chief Elder, Jesus Christ.

We have received some updated information on the status of our different Conferences. Members of Staff in the Virgin Islands are ok. However, we still need to connect with Brother Vankys Isaac on St. John.

The Churches, manses and fellowship halls/buildings on **St. Croix** are ok. Broken branches are our main challenge.

**St. Thomas** took a serious hit. We have received photographs from Pastor Connor which will follow in an attachment.

The Staff on St. Thomas have indicated that they are ok. Branches and Utility Poles are down. The **Hospital** has to be evacuated. The critical patients will be taken to St. Croix and the others to Puerto Rico. **There are 4 confirmed casualties on St. Thomas.**

We understand that **St. Maarten** is in a mess. Some members are unable to access their homes due to landslides and the pile of trees, roofs and other debris that went flying during the hurricane. So far, the members seem to be in good shape. There is a curfew in effect in St. Maarten.
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In **Tortola**, the East End and Road Town were extensively damaged. Both trees and Poles are down. Communication is currently being restored. The Hospital is intact and is dealing with minor injuries. A British Naval Ship has docked in Tortola and is prepared to deal with medical issues. Some looting is taking place. They are working on bringing that under control.

As was reported yesterday, **Barbuda** has been devastated. Barbuda seems to have been hardest hit. Confirmed reports indicate that the infrastructure is 90% destroyed with one fatality. This is a crisis of major proportion, for those who are in shelters have no house to return to. Last night, a mass evacuation of our brothers and sisters from Barbuda began. They are being evacuated by Boats to Antigua and families have been asked to accommodate persons. **The Provincial Headquarters will accommodate at least 4 families in its apartments. If needs be we might be able to accommodate more families.**

The Staff in St. Kitts and Antigua are ok. Some properties in St. Kitts suffered minimal damages.

Let us continue to be in prayer for the situation.