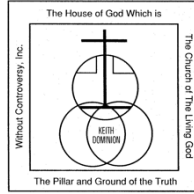


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To: NC Diocese at large

From: Bishop Charlene M. Jamison, Jurisdictional Prelate

Date: Monday, September 30, 2024

Re: **WELLNESS CHECK CALL MEETING**



“For the Lord God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.” Matthew 5:9.

Hurricane Helene has caused catastrophic damage, resulting in the loss of more than 130 lives in the Southeastern United States. The storm has produced significant rainfall, flooding, and strong winds across the region, impacting numerous communities and leading to the issuance of storm surge watches in Florida, Georgia, as well as North and South Carolina. News stations across the nation are consistently highlighting the devastating impact of this hurricane. I am profoundly saddened by the widespread suffering that I observe through daily news reports and communications with individuals who are in the process of rebuilding their lives.

Immediately following the arrival of the storm, my office established communication with Tr. Bishop Mary Lebby, Assistant Bishop of the North Carolina Diocese, as well as numerous church families both within and outside of North Carolina. After engaging in discussions with many of you, it became evident that a significant portion of the diocese was unprepared for this storm, lacking a certified action plan.

I have reached out to State Elder Troy Jackson, The House of God Church, Inc. - National Disaster Relief Agent, along with agents from various organizations such as the American Red Cross and Helping Hands International Relief Agents. These agencies, along with private commitments from sponsors, have assisted us in sending multiple pallets of water and hygiene supplies to areas most needed. It is written, Matthew 22:36-40, “Master, which is the great commandment in the law? (37) Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (38) This is the first and great commandment. (39) And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (40) On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” All that we do, we must do it with a heart of love, exemplifying the compassion of Jesus Christ.”

As the Jurisdictional Prelate of the North Carolina Diocese, my heart desires to ensure that your spiritual and natural wellness are paramount. Therefore, on **Monday, October 7, 2024, at 7:00 PM EST, via Zoom**, I would like for each Pastor, Assistant Pastor, Pastor’s Helper, Chairman Deacon, and Church Secretary of each local church, along with the leadership of each state auxiliary and the entire North Carolina Diocese of every rank and file, join with me for **The Wellness Check**. During the wellness check, we will check on the health of the leadership of each local church, the stability of the physical structure, and the spiritual condition of the local church and render an assessment of whether the storm has affected the membership of the local church.

This is just a gentle reminder: if any matter occurs within this diocese, wherein humanitarian aid or funds are to be given or collected to assist our brothers and sisters within or outside the diocese and the church desires to act, please notify the Office of the Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Charlene M. Jamison, in writing before any communication is sent via phone, text, email or social media post. **We must operate as one body at all times.** Remember, 1 Corinthians 12:12, “For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.”

Looking forward to the time that we shall communicate again.

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