

Greetings!

As you know, the Lake Charles, Louisiana area has been heavily impacted by Hurricane Laura. A great many homes and businesses were destroyed as was the way of life for so many. I have a friend, Joshua Keith, who is a Lake Charles resident...and a Presbyterian deacon. Josh's church, Bethel Presbyterian, has mounted an effort to give assistance to those in the Lake Charles area most affected by the hurricane, even though many members of that congregation have been impacted as well.

If you are looking for a way to help those in need, this is a great opportunity. We as a church family can help in several ways:

- Mount a drive to put together much needed supplies, then find a way to get those supplies to Lake Charles.
- Josh encouraged me to invite members of our community to go to Lake Charles and spend some time working to get hard hit folks better situated. Their church has set up facilities trailers to accommodate any labor force.
- By sending money to buy needed supplies. You may send any monetary assistance to:

Bethel Presbyterian Church
2040 E. McNeese Road
Lake Charles, LA 70607
Attn: Deacon's Fund for Hurricane Laura relief

We know the amount of devastation caused by Hurricane Laura in our own community 400 miles north of Lake Charles. Imagine the need of so many in that city who have lost so much.

Please contact me with any questions. Thanks, Dave Shanklin