

Hurricane Katrina Relief News

The Deacons continue to be amazed with the generosity of our fellow brothers and sisters here at CPC. With limited announcements prior to last Sunday's Lord's Supper service we collected \$4,200 to be used immediately in the relief efforts associated with Hurricane Katrina. We approved gifts of \$4,000 each to the Presbyterian Church of America (www.pca-mna.org) and World Relief (www.wr.org) disaster relief funds. Also visit www.opc.org/katrina for the latest update on our denominational efforts.

Please take note that we are not finished yet in expressing our compassion for our brothers and sisters in the South. We are contacting these organizations in an effort to identify more specific needs within the churches which we might be able to meet. These needs may include supporting families that need to relocate and providing household items. One CPC member has already offered a house in the area that can be used by a family, and another has offered a room in her home. So please standby for further news concerning relief efforts.

For those of you who were not able to be here on Sunday or who wish to donate to the relief efforts, you can designate money to the CPC Deacons Fund and it will go directly toward furthering relief efforts.

In the meantime, the Red Cross is critically short of blood. On Tuesday, **September 13**, from 2:30-7:00 p.m., there will be a blood drive at Historic Oakland at the Town Center Community Association, 5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia, Maryland. Call 410-730-4744 to schedule an appointment.

Please continue to pray for the victims of the hurricane and for us as Deacons as we plan our future efforts to help them.

In Christ's mercy,
Ken Plantz, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Other Ways You Can Help Victims of Hurricane Katrina

Monetary Gifts for OPC Families

Monetary gifts for OPC families who have lost their homes, possessions, or livelihoods should be designated "Hurricane Relief" and sent to:

Sharon OPC
6270 W. 6 Ave.
Hialeah, FL 33012
(305) 439-9694
(DrBoer@aol.com)

General Hurricane Relief Assistance

Contributions for hurricane relief for our OPC brothers and sisters as well as members of other Reformed congregations in the areas affected should be designated "Hurricane Relief" and sent to:

Committee on Diaconal Ministries
c/o Rev. Leonard J. Coppes, Secretary-Treasurer
9161 Vine Street
Thornton, CO 80229
(303) 287-9145
(coppes.1@opc.org)

Food and Supplies

Monetary donations or gifts in kind of basic food and life necessities may be designated "Hurricane Relief" and sent to:

Pineville OPC
Attn: Deacons
2522 Military Highway
Pineville, LA 71360
(318) 640-5642
(sawyer.1@opc.org)

Housing

Church planter, Phil Hodson, has agreed to coordinate the provision of housing for OPC and PCA families as well as other families and individuals. Offers of housing availability may be sent to:

Mr. Phil Hodson
503 Hamby Road
Longview, Texas 75605
(903) 238-6830
(philhodson@gmail.com)

To Go and Help

OPC Director of Finance David Haney will coordinate the formation of teams of interested individuals willing to go to affected areas to provide general assistance to OPC families with the clean-up or rebuilding of their homes. To make yourself available for such a help team, contact:

David E. Haney
Orthodox Presbyterian Church
607 N. Easton Road
Willow Grove, PA 19090
(215) 830-0900
(haney.1@opc.org)