

Dr. Jerry Young, President

Disaster Relief Appeal – LA and MS

Our sisters and brothers in Baton Rouge, LA and in Southern Mississippi are facing devastating loss as they deal with the unexpected flooding in their cities. Financial relief and support are desperately needed and I reiterate the call to our Convention to be responsive to the needs of those facing such loss by contributing generously and faithfully to our Convention's Disaster Relief Fund.

While it is our intent and desire to aid persons within both states, with the massive flooding in Baton Rouge, I spoke first with the Reverend Rene' F. Brown, moderator of the association in Baton Rouge. I then instructed Mr. Warren Miller, assistant to Dr. Joe Bush, Director of Disaster Relief for our Convention, to contact both presidents and the moderators of the conventions/associations in Louisiana. Mr. Miller will be traveling to Louisiana to meet with those persons in order to assess the disaster and determine what the needs really are. Once the assessment has been completed, it is our intention to respond to help meet those needs. In the meantime, we are praying for them, their city and for all of those who have been impacted by the floods. Contact and communication with our ministerial leaders and associations in Mississippi is forthcoming so that we can determine how we can assist them as well.

I encourage all of the constituents of the NBC, USA, Inc. to support our Convention's efforts to assist these persons in need by contributing to our disaster relief fund. It is imperative that all of us give generously and with haste to the fund so that we may minister to those who have been adversely impacted by such a horrific event. With adequate funds on hand, we would be able to, without delay, "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law." (from Galatians 6;2)

Knowing that at any time, any of us could be facing similar circumstances, I pray that your hearts will be touched and you will be led by God to respond immediately to this appeal.

Send your tax deductible contributions to: National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; Attn: Disaster Relief; 1700 Baptist World Center Blvd; Nashville, TN 37207 or submit your donation online via Givelify at this link on our website: <u>www.nationalbaptist.com/giving</u>

Yours in the ministry and mission of Christ,

Jerry Young