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DATE: September 1, 2020

TO: Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc.

FROM: President Joe B. Maddox

SUBJECT: Disaster Relief Items - Nashville

Brother and Sisters, there is a need for this Convention to respond to the impact of Hurricane Laura that have devastated our communities in Louisiana and Texas. I thank you for your response to other weather events and the assistance we were able to provide to our Brothers and Sisters in other areas that were affected by these devastating storms.

We will implement the Disaster Relief support structure in place to facilitate our quick response to this weather event. A critically important element to this Convention's ministry response to disasters is the life impacting donations of Disaster Relief items and assistance from the Churches, Districts and Regions of this Convention.

I urge you to solicit from your congregation the items listed below; the items are packaged as stated and prepared for pick up by ***Ewing Moving and Storage*** by **September 18, 2020**. These Disaster Relief items will be deployed to the disaster area as soon as the authorities deem travel safe in this area.

The Missions Department under the leadership of Pastor E. Wayne Jones, the Laymen Ministry led by Brother Robert Pope and the Women Ministry led by Dr. Eleanor Muirhead are coordinating with Disaster Management Ministry of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., and this Convention. The Regional Gathering Points and contact persons are identified below.

Also, your community group(s) may deliver Disaster Relief Items to the Gathering Point Churches or locations shown below in your Region. Financial donations are to be made payable to **TN BM&E Convention, Inc.** and mailed to **Post Office Box 280645, Nashville, TN 37228**. Place **Disaster Relief Ministry** on the Memo Line. **Gift Cards** are also to be forwarded to this address as well, with a note that identifies its purpose being Disaster Relief Ministry.

Disaster Relief Items

<p>Water and/or Juice Packaged Water or Juice Only</p> <p>Clothes New (in the package) Under Wear, Socks and Shoes/Sneakers</p>	<p>Toiletries Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes, Soap (Bar or Liquid), Deodorant, Shampoo, Shaving Supplies, Powder, Women Hygiene Products, Combs and Brushes, Lotion, and Back Packs</p>	<p>Household Bed Linen, Blankets, Towels, Flashlights and Batteries Cleaning Products Pine Sol/Lysol type Cleaning Solutions, Bleach, Scrubbing Pads and Brushes, Heavy Duty Towels, Protective Gloves and Masks</p>
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These newly purchased items must be packaged in a manner that enables them to be safely palletized and transported. Consider partnering with others in your area to fill the container with similar items to prevent damage or spillage during shipping. **Each container must be sturdy (such as a U-Haul or UPS boxes) with measurements of 2x2x2 or 2x2x4, secured and labelled. Please do not send or take individual or bagged items to the Gathering Points.** Donations from stores such as Sam's Club or Target are welcomed, however, please ensure the items comply with the packaging requirements.

Gathering Point Locations

Eastern Region

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 2504 Cecil Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917

Dr. Joe B. Maddox, Senior Pastor (865) 522-1267

The Jones Spence Resource Center, 1814 South Beech Street, Chattanooga, TN 37404

Rev. Elton Young, Moderator, (Contact – Ed Townsend (423) 488-0369)

Middle Region

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 1510 Mt. Olivet Road. Hendersonville, TN 37075, Dr. George T. Brooks (615)

337-6355, Dr. Harry Zimmerman (615) 519-3462

Elk River District Tabernacle, 87 Crestview Drive, Winchester, TN 37398, Pastor E. Wayne Jones, Moderator,

(931) 581-2839, Gregory Taylor (931) 308-6430

Western Region

New Hope Baptist Church of Memphis, 2356 Elvis Presley Blvd., Memphis, TN 38106

Dr. Robert J. Matthews, Senior Pastor (901) 947-2212

St. James Missionary Baptist Church, 278 Preston St., Jackson, TN 38301

Rev. Dr. Ernest Polk, Senior Pastor, (731) 868-1516

Please contact the Gathering Point prior to delivering your donated items to coordinate the best time and place to bring the items. For assistance, please contact the persons below in your region or Brother Robert Pope, President, Laymen Ministry (901) 651-2488 or Brother Curtis Jones, Vice President at Large, Laymen Ministry (865) 748-7702.

Regional Disaster Relief Coordinators

Eastern Region	Middle Region	Western Region
Brother Ed Townsend (423) 488-0369	Brother Thomas D. Butler (615) 354-7482	Brother Tommie Hooker (229) 944-5099
Brother Reginald Thompson (865) 696-0915	Reverend Steve Billingslea (615) 573-9966	Brother Victor Love (731) 394-4362
Sister Rosetta Tipton (423) 313-6710	Pastor E. Wayne Jones (931) 581-2839	Brother Huston Martin (731) 616-5442

Thank you all for your participation in this ministry work that will impact people in a manner that will help them to see the love of our Lord and Savior and the power of the Holy Spirit's work in their lives.

God bless you.