



National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Disaster Relief Response– Support Services and Priorities for Funding

The Home Mission Board has been designated by President Shaw as the coordinator of our convention's various responses to those affected by Katrina. Our strategic plan is a work in progress. The following strategy at the time of this writing (9/22/2005) is being followed and I trust it will assist in your understanding of the steps we are following to assure the most effective use of the Katrina or Hurricane dollars that have been sent to our office. Some of the following steps below are subject to editing and approval by District Associations, State Baptist Convention Presidents and the President's office.

Elements contained in this strategy:

I. Process leading to approval of disbursements

- a) Approval of disbursements is by a process that secures the input of State Convention Presidents, Moderators, and, or Key pastors who reside in the impacted geographical cities.
- b) Approval for disbursements to be executed through the office of Moderators and, or State Conventions through the use of a Request for Assistance Application and grants.
- c) Grants are made to the District Associations' **Hurricane Assistance Ministries**
- d) Verification of actual needs is based on reporting mechanisms within the Moderator's District Association Office and local impacted churches

II. Response Priorities

- a) Churches and pastors that have membership in the NBC USA Inc
- b) Churches and pastors that have membership in District Associations. This can be ascertained to some extent from our National Registration listing of Churches, State Conventions, and District Associations directories
- c) Churches and pastors that have some historical relationships with affected Pastors, and who can vouch for the legitimacy of their requests.

III. The Nature of Our Responses:

- a) A minimum and maximum financial distribution based on the following formula to assure our future resource response capacity
 - 1. Disaster Relief Shelters: \$1,000.00 to \$3,000.00 dollars.

2. Churches with Disaster Relief Ministries related to temporary housing for a period of one week to one month. A Sustenance Donation between one and three hundred dollars a month
3. Families that have adopted Katrina families for a period of one week to one month: A Sustenance Donation between one hundred and three hundred dollars a month based on need.

These donations will be for a three month period.

A reporting mechanism has been established that will permit us to track the services offered by those we support. Upon our satisfaction with the wise stewardship on the part of the shelters, churches, hosts families etc., we support, they will be able to apply for additional support for another period of time, funds permitting.

- b) **Resource and Information Referral Service:** Through the NBC USA Inc. website we will assist persons in their efforts to connect with the public and private resources offered by the national community.
- c) **Training:** We will partner with existing pastoral care and counseling entities within the NBC USA Inc. network, as well as, some outside our network to provide the necessary education Clergy, Lay Caregivers need to offer comfort and encouragement to victims of natural disasters.
- d) **Permanent Housing:** This initiative is dependent upon our Housing Commission's intentional relationship and partnership with entities such as HUD, Health and Human Services, banks, etc. They are seeking to develop strategies for permanent housing through creative financing
- e) **Laymen's Auxiliary:** The Laymen have put together Disaster Relief Clean-up Teams that are going to the impacted areas.

IV. WEBSITE INFORMATION (www.nationalbaptist.com)

Currently Available:

[Resources Directory-Katrina 9/20/2005](#)

Resources Directory of services and goods being made available by people and organizations of the Convention, intended for Katrina Hurricane Disaster Relief.

[Disaster Relief Volunteers Emergency and Release Forms](#)

Emergency information, consent and release forms for people volunteering to go on-site for NBCUSA Disaster Relief Ministries.

[Katrina Volunteer Coordination Ministry](#)

Documents used for those interested in volunteering for or donating to Katrina Disaster Relief Ministries.

[Adoption Ministry](#)

Describes the Adoption Ministry of the Home Mission Board Disaster Relief Program

[Laymen Launch Clean-Up and Repair Ministry](#)

Describes the Laymen's ministry to assist Katrina victims with clean-up, removal of debris, and repairs, and how you can become a volunteer. For more details, click on the link above and review the 9/15/2005 entry.

[NBC Housing Commission](#)

The Housing Commission is assisting people in need of long-term housing, and accepting donations of property.

[Donate Online to the Convention's Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Fund](#)

Use this link to give a donation online using Mastercard or Visa.

Mail Donations to:

Home Mission Board Katrina Relief Ministry
c/o Dr. William Boone, Treasurer
PO Box 4185
Waynesville, MO 65583

Checks payable to: Home Mission Board – Katrina Fund

To access the above information, click on the hotlinks or visit www.nationalbaptist.com , click on “Ministries,” then “Disaster Relief” for the most up to date information.

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