

Warriors,

The Southern Wesleyan University community values “Contagious Generosity” in all we do. This “faith-filled community” also follows Christ’s example by responding compassionately to those in need.

In that spirit, our hearts are broken as we watch the devastation of Hurricane Dorian, especially in the Bahamas. As a community we want to help those individuals and families in need, and we want to do it wisely.

Through the Spiritual Life Department, **Dave Tolan**, will give leadership and coordination to our hurricane relief efforts. As much as possible, we will partner with the disaster relief efforts of **World Hope International**. WHI is well prepared and quick to respond, and is the official relief and development partner for the Wesleyan Church. On the devastated island of **Abaco**, WHI was on the ground and prepared to respond early on Monday, far ahead of almost all other nonprofit relief agencies.

[WHI Relief Team on the Ground in the Bahamas](#)

We will monitor WHI’s efforts in the Bahamas and begin organizing our campus response in relation to confirmed needs and meaningful ways to offer help. We will also monitor other hurricane affected areas closer to home as Dorian’s impact continues to unfold.

Some of the responses we are considering:

1. A campus-wide collection. This collection will be pooled and go directly to WHI serving on the front lines. WHI has a proven track record for outstanding efficiency and financial responsibility when responding to global emergencies like this. We have set up a link for those ready to make a gift on-line and will be announcing plans for an offering. To give now go to SWU’s online giving page at this link [Hurricane Dorian Relief](#) and use the drop down menu to identify this collection.
2. Relief Assistance teams of faculty, staff, and students. Over the past several years SWU has responded with almost a dozen teams for disaster relief efforts, both nationally and internationally.
3. A collection of items needed for relief assistance. Once we learn more about what is needed and the logistics to get them where they need to go, we will announce those plans.

What a blessing it is to be part of a community committed to generosity and compassion.