

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SARASOTA, FL 34237**  
**(Approved by Session August, 2009)**  
**(Revised June 2021)**

**HURRICANE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE PROTOCOL**

**A. Immediately prior to an event (2 days)**

1. Email to church members a pastoral letter and the protocol
2. Staff and property ministry team prepare offices and buildings
3. Faith Community nurses check on special needs members; deacons will help as needed
4. Staff takes steps to prepare for alternate location if necessary.
5. Staff, session & Disaster Coordinator share proposed shelter location arrangements (where they will go if unable to stay at home).

**B. During**

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**C. Immediately following an event**

1. Pastors, staff and session members are in touch with each other.
2. Faith Community nurses contact special needs members; deacons will help as needed
3. 24, 48, and 72 hours after a storm at 5:00 p.m. members who can will meet at the church for prayer, checking in, communication, coordination and need sharing.
4. Pastors, Operations Manager, Property ministry team will begin its triage (secure buildings ASAP).
5. As soon as possible, hold a church staff meeting.
6. As soon as possible, the Moderator of Session will call a Session meeting.

**D. Peace River Presbytery involvement**

1. As soon as possible, the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> contact person will call the Presbytery office (1-800-736-4488) to give initial assessment to the Presbytery Disaster Preparedness and Response team (DP&R) of their church, staff, and congregation.
2. 48 hours (the 2<sup>nd</sup> day) after a storm at 3:00 p.m., all pastors in the affected area will meet at one of the following: ► **First Bradenton**, ► **Church of the Palms**, ► **Presbyterian Center**, ► **First Fort Myers**, or ► **Moorings Presbyterian** to check-in with a coordinator from the PRP DP&R leadership team, talk about next steps, and pray.
3. 72 hours (3 days) after an event, pastors and other concerned folk will meet at the Presbyterian Center (if damaged, then Church of the Palms, Sarasota, or Moorings Presbyterian) for debriefing, prayer, and beginning recovery work.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, SARASOTA**

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