

## Harvey / Irma Updates from the Board of World Mission



The Board of World Mission (**BWM**) has been receiving generous donations for Moravian Disaster Response (**MDR**) and has begun the process of disbursing funds to Texas (Port Arthur and other Texas Brethren churches) and the Eastern West Indies Province (St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, St. Maarten, St. Kitts, Tortola, Antigua).

Plans are in place for deploying MDR trailers and teams to Texas and possibly Florida, as needed.

We continue to receive updates from Cuba, Florida, Texas, and the Eastern West Indies and will pass on information as it is received. Brother Cortroy Jarvis (chair of the EWI Province and chair of the Worldwide Moravian Unity) says that the situation in St. John is especially bad; the sanctuary and manse of Emmaus Moravian Church there have been destroyed and the roof of the Bethany Moravian Church was blown off. Antigua is doing pretty well but very involved with relief efforts in Barbuda. Air travel to Tortola and St. Thomas has not been restored as yet and communication is difficult.

The Cuba Mission Province Synod will be held September 26 thru 28, despite significant damage and destruction throughout the island. BWM staff Sam Gray and members of the Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation will attend and will return with more detailed information concerning the most effective ways in which we can help.

Thank you for your prayers and your ongoing support for these important relief and rebuilding efforts.

Donations to help support MDR as it partners in the recovery can be made online by going to <http://moravianmission.org/give>

Please use the online giving form, and in the comment section, designate the donation for "Moravian Disaster Response".

Canadian churches may send donations to the following address in order to receive full tax credit for your donation, and the funds will be sent along to the BWM:

**Moravian Church in Canada**

**600 Acadia Drive SE**

**Calgary, AB T2J 0B8**

If you are interested in getting information on joining teams to help in the recovery and rebuilding efforts for this, or other disasters, please visit: <http://moravianmission.org/engage/contact-information-collection/> to enter your contact information, and the BWM will follow up with you regarding any specific opportunities to get involved.