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PNBC Disaster Relief Task Force Responds to Hurricane IAN

Hurricane IAN has been elevated to a category 4 storm. It has lashed Florida, including the Florida Coast and inland areas. IAN has also hit Georgia and just made landfall in South Carolina. In its wake, this horrific storm has caused loss of life, property damage, and even the devastation of rural and urban communities.

Hurricane IAN remains active and has gained momentum inland where it was not projected to penetrate. Also, it’s drawing moisture from the Atlantic and could very well stall in unanticipated locations. Federal, Regional, and State Authorities have described this catastrophic storm as being one of the worst in history.

President Peoples strongly encourages members of the Executive Board, Regional Vice Presidents, State Presidents, Moderators, and Pastors, to take the lead in emphasizing the importance of having strong relationships and close bonds with Regional and State disaster agencies. The significance of our churches working locally with agencies and organizations, including the American Red Cross, EMS, FEMA, and VOAD, as well as other agencies, provide an invaluable service. We must ensure our communities are not overlooked or left out when critical services and support are needed to respond to national disasters quickly.

By receiving real-time information, pastors can then be assured they are positioned best to appraise our local churches on relief and disaster matters. Additionally, the timely dissemination of information from emergency management organizations to the local community is vital to its overall safety and well-being.

As your Disaster Chairman, I am interfacing directly with the National Emergency Organizations to include President Biden’s White House faith-based coordinator in discussing the devastation and destruction of Hurricane IAN.

PNBC Pastors and State Presidents have already begun asking where they can send contributions. All contributions should be sent to the PNBC Headquarters and designated on the note line: PNBC Disaster Relief Hurricane IAN. We closely monitor hurricane IAN to keep You informed as we move forward. Let us be in constant prayer and be guided by our Sovereign God as we endeavor to do his will in carrying out the work that he would have us to do in His name.

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