

## Gearing Up—Hurricanes 2008



A Louisiana resident boards up his home before evacuating in preparation for Hurricane Gustav.

Jacinta Quesada/FEMA

Nearly two million people fled Gulf Coast communities preceding Hurricane Gustav which struck Baton Rouge, La., on September 1. Under mandatory evacuation orders, these communities braced themselves and boarded their homes. While the damage was not as widespread as anticipated, UMCOR is responding to the needs of those communities that took a direct hit from the storm. UMCOR stands ready to help communities prepare and cope with future storms.

### UMCOR Is Ready

With storms brewing in the Atlantic, UMCOR is helping area annual conferences coordinate their disaster response efforts in advance—helping them gear up for potential disasters. UMCOR's domestic disaster response personnel and specially-trained early response volunteer teams stand ready to be dispatched as storms develop.

Throughout the hurricane season, United Methodists are encouraged to help storm survivors by giving the relief supplies and support they will need.

## Ways You Can Help Storm Survivors

### • Purchase Flood Buckets

UMCOR Sager Brown sent more flood buckets by July 2008 than it sent in all of 2007! As a result of the high demand for flood buckets, supplies are extremely low. The cleaning materials in a flood bucket help people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane.

Please donate assembled flood buckets or give generously to **UMCOR Material Resources Advance # 901440** to purchase the needed supplies.

### • Volunteer

Contact your Jurisdictional Volunteer in Mission Coordinator for United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) to find out what teams are departing from your area and how you can become involved. Find out more at [www.volunteersinmission.org](http://www.volunteersinmission.org).

## Other Ways to Give

Your contributions to **UMCOR Advance #3019695, Hurricanes 2008** support UMCOR's response. Write the # and name of the project on your offering envelope and in the memo line of your check.

### Online

[www.givetomission.org](http://www.givetomission.org)

### By Offering

For local church and Annual Conference credit, put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday.

### By Check

Make your check to **UMCOR** and mail to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087

### By Credit Card

Call toll-free (800) 554-8583



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