

# Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba

*The Venerable Franklin Reid, B.A.*  
*Archdeacon of Antigua*



12<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

Mrs Eleanor Lawrence  
Provincial Secretariat  
Bamford House  
Society Hill  
Barbados.

Dear Mrs Lawrence,

I write on behalf of my Bishop, the Right Reverend L. Errol Brooks, Bishop of the Diocese of the North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba (DNECA).

Bishop Brooks is presently in Anguilla, one of six islands in the twelve island Diocese that has been decimated by one of the most powerful Atlantic hurricanes ever recorded. Hurricane Irma has left these islands in ruins; houses and schools in rumbles, non-functioning hospitals and airports, no electricity, no running water and infrastructures completely destroyed. Hundreds of thousands are left homeless and jobless. A whole country, Barbuda, has been displaced as a result of 95 % of the homes on the island having been totally destroyed, and in an effort to prevent more loss of life due to other impending storms, as well as to prevent communicable diseases which frequently occur after such disasters.

Presently, the Diocese is collecting funds to provide support to victims in these islands namely, Anguilla, Barbuda, St. Maarten/ St. Martin, St. Barts, Saba and St. Eustatius 'Statia'. This natural calamity has caused so much damage to their lives and we are thankful to the Governments in the respective territories as well as the many organizations and charities who have already pledged their support. However our neighbors in need require assistance NOW. With your support, we can help families who have lost everything in the aftermath of the hurricane, regain some semblance of normalcy to their lives quickly. Many families with young children are now residing in public shelters in unfamiliar and uncomfortable settings.

Listed below are just some the items needed most at this time:

- Water
- Dried Goods and juices
- Toiletries (sanitary pads, deodorants, diapers for adults and children, toilet paper, soaps, underwear for adults and children)
- Cleaning Supplies (Disinfectant sprays, paper towels, hand sanitizers)

*P.O. Box 23, Bishop's Lodge, Redcliffe Street, St. John's, Antigua*  
*Tel: 268-462-0151/461-2487 | Fax: 268-462-2090*

- Bedding (sheets, pillow cases, pillows)
- Towels and Wash Cloths
- First Aid Kits / Basic Medical Supplies

Any amount of monetary donations will be very much appreciated and will make a huge difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters whose lives have been upended. Donations can be made to the Diocese of the North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba with reference to the “Hurricane Relief Fund” using the following Wire details:

**Intermediary Bank:** Bank of America (Miami)

**Address:** 100 South East  
2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida 33131  
USA

**Routing/IBAN:** 026009593

**Swift Code:** BOFAUS3M

**Beneficiary Bank:** Antigua Commercial Bank

**Account #:** 1901721716

Thank you for your attention and kind assistance as together, we help to restore these islands to the places that we know and love.

Wishing you and yours God’s richest blessings.

Sincerely,

The Ven. Franklin Reid  
Archdeacon of Antigua