



Relieving Disaster, Promoting Community

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So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.
2 Corinthians 4: 16-18

Dear Friends,

We have been preparing for six months to welcome volunteer teams on Abaco and Grand Bahama following Hurricane Dorian and on the island of Eleuthera to help prepare for the next Hurricane Season that begins June 1st.

We have also monitored the Ministry of Health of the Bahamas and the CDC advisories. We are in constant prayer and discernment for how to respond purposefully yet prudently to the competing dangers of weather, homelessness, and potential illness. Upon confirmation on March 15th that the Bahamas has its first confirmed case of COVID-19, the **BMH board of directors and the leadership of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church have decided to pause receiving volunteer teams thru May 20th, 2020.**

If you have a team that has booked with us in this time period, you will be contacted by the BMH office to discuss options. Please use the attached flyer in discussion with your teams. The people of the Bahamas will still need your team in the future, possibly more than ever.

We will evaluate in mid-May with regard to summer 2020 teams status for each island. We continue to monitor the situation in the Bahamas, on specific islands with direct travel options, and in our neighboring nations. As a nation of islands in a hot climate and the natural distancing that the islands provide, some aspects of daily life in the Bahamas that are often a challenge will be a blessing in containing the COVID-19 effects within our beautiful islands. If you are currently booked after May 20th please contact airlines and be aware of their policies as you make decisions. The options on the attached flyer also apply to you.

We will seek to continue to live out our mission statement of reflecting Christ's love to connect the needs and resources of the world around us and trust in how God will lead us in real and new ways in the days ahead. We pray that you will continue to partner with us in prayer, purpose, and faith.

Together In Christ,

Rev. Stephanie Gottschalk
BMH Director