

**East Jamaica Conference
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TO: ALL PASTORS, ELDERS, BOARD MEMBERS, ADRA AMBASSADORS, RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTORS, ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORS, AND FEDERATION MEMBERS.

CHURCH'S DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

I continue to rejoice in the smooth happenings of the first few days of the Hurricane Season.

The 2025 hurricane season began on June 1, 2025, and will end on November 30, 2025. The Meteorological Service of Jamaica (Met Service) forecasts three to five (3-5) major hurricanes for the 2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season. While between thirteen (13) and nineteen (19) tropical storms could be developed, as reported by Director Mr. Evan Thompson.

We encourage all churches to have a named and active Disaster Risk Management Committee by June 29, 2025. It is recommended that the Board Chair or the Pastor be the Chairman of the Disaster Risk Management Committee. The committee can be seven (7) to thirteen (13) members strong, depending on the size of the church. The Church's Disaster Risk Management Committee can include, but not be limited to, an

1. Elder Representative
2. Risk Manager
3. Adventist Community Services Rep
4. Youth Representative
5. Health Representative
6. Treasury Representative
7. Deacon Representative
8. Deaconess Representative
9. Uniformed Rep (Master Guide or Pathfinder with experience)
10. Transportation Coordinator
11. ADRA Ambassador

During this season and beyond, let us have available a list of vulnerable members, including their names, addresses, and needs, conditions, or illnesses that should be ever before us.

I look forward to your prompt response to these matters as we prepare for the remainder of the 2025 Hurricane Season.

With God's help, we will all be safe and make it through this season and beyond.

Yours in the Master's Hand,

Sheldon Schooler, Pastor
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