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TO: ALL PASTORS, ELDERS, BOARD MEMBERS, ADRA AMBASSADORS, RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTORS, ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORS.

CHURCH'S DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

Let us praise the King of Heaven for the uneventful months of the Hurricane Season thus far.

Climate Services Manager at the Meteorological Service of Jamaica, Jacqueline Spence-Hemmings, says the Atlantic Hurricane Season may produce fewer storms than average and warns Jamaicans against complacency. She notes that even a below-normal season can bring multiple hazards, including drought, higher temperatures, dry conditions, and the possibility of storms and flooding. The Hurricane Season runs from June 1 to November 30, 2026.

All churches are encouraged to establish a named and active Disaster Risk Management Committee by the end of August 2026. It is recommended that the Pastor serve as Chairman of the Committee. The committee can have seven (7) to thirteen (13) members, depending on the size of the church. The Church's Disaster Risk Management Committee can include, but is not limited to, an

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

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

I look forward to your prompt response on this matter as we prepare for the remainder of the 2026 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, Secretary, Conference-Wide Disaster Risk Management Committee
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